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Divine Mercy Sunday

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday—4:00 PM
Sunday—8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Pax Christi Adoration Chapel Hours:

Sundays—11:00 AM until 11:00 PM
Wednesdays—7:00 AM until 11:00 PM

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Congratulations to the following who recently had their children baptized:

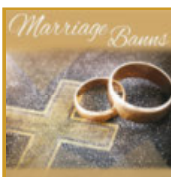


Julius & Christa Venzke
on the baptism of their son, **Everest Jade.**

Justin Cyzan and Maria Rosa
on the baptism of their son, **Shadow Carias.**



We would like to welcome Duane and Deborah Kreft who have recently joined the parish.



Rachel Starzinski and
Bernie Guralski
April 30, 2022.



Divine Mercy Devotion will be Sunday, April 24 at 2:00pm.

Tootsie Roll Drive The Knights of Columbus Council #16280 based in Marathon, will be at the entries of the church for the weekend Masses April 30 and May 1. The event, known as the “Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities,” is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and over the course of several very successful decades of fundraising has become known simply as the “Tootsie Roll Drive.” There will be Knights at the entrances with their aprons and cans handing out Tootsie Rolls and requesting donations from passers-by. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Parish Stewardship for April 10, 2022

Average amount needed in weekly stewardship envelopes..... \$13,300.00

Adults Env. & Online	\$ 17,931.64
Students.....	\$ 32.86
Plate	\$ 1,054.36
Automatic Direct Donation avg.....	\$1,711.75
Total for the week.....	\$ 20,730.61



Congratulations to **Nora Soczka** who made her First Holy Communion on April 16th.

Congratulations to the following children who will be making their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 24 at 11:30am:

Nataly Bailon	Eve Martin
Colton Bohn	Kirby Martin
Harper Deaver	Oliver Martin
Hanna Dodson	Vaida Mechelke
Alaia Erdman	Emmett Murkowski
Brennan Erdman	Charles Peck
Thorsten Frahm	Harvey Podjaski
William Gruetzmacher	Nola Rasmussen
Johnathan Hummer	Katherine Riehle
Azalea Jacobson	August Schliepp
Zayla Johnson	Natalie Schroder
Anna Kaldunski	Alyssa Schulz
Jozlyn Laher	Boden Seubert
Corbin Lawrence	Abigail Seubert
Augustine Loepfe	Henry Szymanski
Adam Marek	Teagon Vang

Week at a Glance

- Wed., Apr., 27** GSRE 5:45pm
- Wed., Apr., 27** Gr 10 HSRE 6:30pm
- Wed., Apr., 27** .Communal Rosary 7:00pm

Spiritual Adoption Program

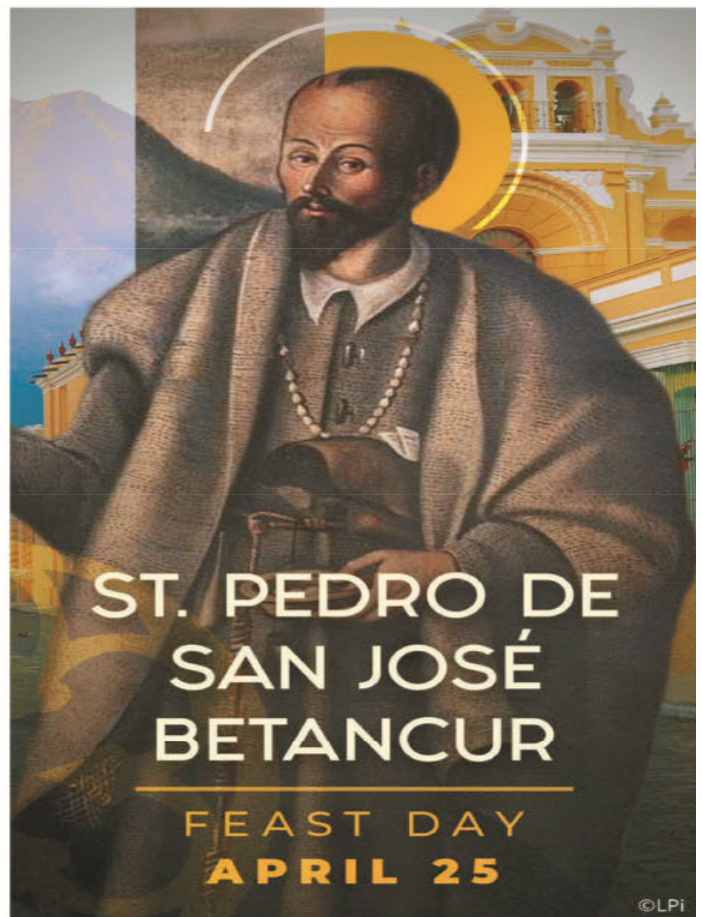
Month 3

Though I am too small to be felt by my mother, I reach peak frequency of movement during my third month. My sex can be visually determined, and my eyes, ears and face begin to display distinctive characteristics. I can kick, turn feet, curl and fan toes, make a fist, move thumbs, bend wrists, turn head, open mouth and press my lips tightly together. I am now about 3 inches long, weighing approximately 2 ounces. Fine hair is beginning to grow on my upper lip, chin and eyebrows. I can swallow and respond to skin stimulations. I can even suck my thumb! Thank you for your prayers!

A reminder:

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

Prayer by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Central America's first saint, St. Pedro de San José Betancur (1626-1667) was born a poor shepherd in the Canary Islands. His family lands were seized because of debt, and he worked as an indentured servant until his early adult life when Pedro left his home to travel to Guatemala. His money for the journey ran out long before he arrived. He was destitute when he did arrive and was forced to join the bread line the Franciscan Friars had for the poor.

In 1655, he joined the Third Order of St Francis. Pedro began to serve the poor, the enslaved, immigrants, abandoned children, anyone that needed him. In 1658 he was given a hut which he made into a hospital for the poor. This small start grew into a shelter for the homeless, a school for the poor, an inn for priests, and several small chapels in poor areas. He was supported by many patrons and was joined in his work by both men and women, who became the Bethlehemite Brothers and the Bethlehemite Sisters.

Pedro prayed for the souls of those in purgatory, walked through the streets of rich neighborhoods ringing a bell and calling the wealthy to repent, and ministered to prisoners. Most accounts credit him with beginning the tradition of posadas, a procession in which people representing Mary and Joseph ask for lodging from their neighbors. This tradition continues today in Mexico and Central America. Because of his work with the poor and marginalized Pedro is often referred to as the "Saint Frances of the Americas". St. Pedro was canonized on July 30, 2002, in Guatemala City, Guatemala by Pope John Paul II.

FYI: If interested, there is an article by Leila Miller, a pro-life author, who writes about the sins of gay surrogacy. You can find the article on the following website: <https://www.leilamiller.net/blog/2022/4/12/the-ten-sins-of-gay-surrogacy>



Please remember our diocesan seminarians in prayer. In particular this week we pray for Alex Radtke.

Parish Stewardship for April 17, 2022

Average amount needed in weekly stewardship envelopes..... \$13,300.00

Adults Env. & Online	\$ 15,886.09
Easter	\$ 9,975.00
Students	\$ 33.50
Plate	\$ 3,289.91
Automatic Direct Donation avg	<u>\$1,711.75</u>
<i>Total for the week.....</i>	<i>\$ 30,896.25</i>

Our Mission and Identity

Our parish, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, grows only in Christ and through the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Flowing from these gifts, we dedicate ourselves to live and proclaim the Gospel message of Christ's love. To live Christ's love may at times be difficult. Nevertheless, it is our goal.

We are called to reach out to our parish family, to the needs of the local community, the diocesan Church, the universal Church, and to the global community. We do this by being attentive to the voice of God found in the Sacred Scriptures, in the Sacred Tradition of our Catholic faith, and through an informed conscience which we try to cultivate.

In light of our baptism, we try to be Christ centered in every aspect of our faith life.

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Pax Christi Adoration Chapel

The Adoration Chapel can ONLY be described as a wonderful gift. It is the gift of being close to the presence of the Lord Jesus as we contemplate His love for us.

During the Holy Mass, the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. During times of Adoration when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, we see the consecrated bread and the consecrated wine which have truly become the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. In one sense, this is a miracle in our midst – that Jesus would come to us in this way. But often that is the way of the Lord – a silent and unobtrusive way. He comes to us in silence, remains within us and invites us to carry Him into the world around us. None of us can ever fully understand how this occurs, but we do know why it occurs. It happens because God loves us and loves this world so deeply. He wants to remain with us and we with Him.

If you are willing to give the Lord even a bit of your time by adoring Him in the Blessed Sacrament, you will find these words to take on new meaning:

Come in faith, Remain in hope, go out in love.

The effects of adoration: Here is a comment from one of our parishioners who has a weekly hour of adoration. “In the past, I never had a personal relationship with Jesus. I knew of him, I knew about him, but I didn’t know him. I didn’t really love Jesus because you can’t love someone you don’t know. The first time I went to adoration, I was bored out of my mind and spent most of the time looking at my watch. During my second visit, I didn’t pray at all. The third time, however, I was at a low point. Adoration has improved every aspect of my life. I’m no longer in a state of constant worry about situations I have no control over. I don’t know what the future holds, but I find great comfort in knowing the One who does.”

***Currently the Adoration Chapel is open on Sundays and Wednesdays.**

SACRAMENTS and SPIRITUAL LIFE

Weekend Mass

Saturday at 4:00PM

Sunday at 8:00AM and 10:00AM

Weekdays

Holy Mass is offered most days. A Communion Service is scheduled at 8:00AM on weekdays when the Mass is not celebrated.

Baptism

Preparation classes will be held each month in the church meeting room. Pre-registration is required by calling the parish office.

Reconciliation

Anytime by request.

Marriage

Couples desiring marriage should contact the pastor at least six months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick

Anytime by request.

•Regular visits are made to the hospital. Families may notify the parish office when a parishioner is hospitalized.

•If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please call the Religious Education Office.

•If you are interested in the religious life, the diaconate, the priesthood or lay ministry, please contact the pastor for further information.

•All adults (anyone beyond high school age) living within the parish and regularly participating in the liturgy may register as parishioners. To register, please contact the pastor.

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