Holy Rosary Catholic Church

March 13, 2022

We continue to study the capital sins to help us discover our Predominant Fault. Then we can focus our efforts to fight this weakness by practicing the virtues which oppose it.

Before we receive Eucharist, theologians encourage us to ask God to advance us in the practice of one of the virtues. These virtues strengthen us in this battle against temptation.

This week we study the virtues which oppose the capital sins of Sloth and Gluttony.

Sloth is likened to "a friendly pickpocket."

We become so accustomed to this sin that it fools us into thinking *there is no sin*. It might even hide itself in busyness about everything but the one thing necessary: eternal life. God has given us the gift of our free will to fight back and conquer!

Some remedies to fight against sloth:

Don't flee from sloth, resist it!

* Regarding the duties of my state in life. With honesty I ask: where am I most negligent in fulfilling my duties?

+ I make a plan on how I will remedy this. Where do I need

to put forth effort? I ask a friend to hold me accountable.

- + I choose to fulfill these duties promptly.
- + Each day I thank God for my life (including its duties).
- + When I fall, I do not give up but persevere!

+ I raise my "standard" and strive to follows rules perfectly.

To triumph over spiritual sloth,

† I look at myself seriously: Am I lukewarm? Do I give God my best effort? Am I so busy "serving God" that I don't have time to pray or get to know Him?

+ I choose to <u>not</u> accept mediocrity in my spiritual life, so I make a plan on what I will do to grow in my faith and actively work toward embracing God's will. Slow but steady is best. + I train myself to think of God and the things of God often throughout the day until it becomes a habit and grows into a deep love for God and a desire to fulfill His will in my life.

+ I carve out a time for prayer each day, and I meditate on eternity often and on the reality of Purgatory and Hell.

Faith, Hope, Love - ask for these as you receive Eucharist

Practice sacrifices/purification Go to Confession regularly Embrace love and obedience

"Gluttony seeks self not God"

Gluttony becomes a serious sin when I am so wrapped up in seeking the delights of eating/drinking/etc. that it becomes foremost in my life and in my thoughts to the point that I am willing to abandon God and what I know is right in order to obtain more of this pleasure.

Some remedies to battle gluttony include:

Temperance moderates & balances attraction for pleasure

- ⁺ Helps control my actions and pursuit for pleasure
- + "Moderates the sorrow or distress caused by a lack of such
- goods" (St. Thomas Aquinas, Summa, 141-3)
- + Strengthens my exercise of free will
- + Helps restrain my appetite so I partake of pleasurable goods according to the needs of life not sensual pleasure

+ "Ensures the will's mastery over instincts & keeps desires within the limits of what is honorable." (*Catechism of Catholic Church*, 1809)

Prudence sets boundaries and limits

- + Shows what is best in each situation and how to act
- + Shows the right way to achieve what is best
- + "Knowledge of what to seek and what to avoid" St. Augustine

Fortitude takes away the dread of suffering; gives tremendous strength so I can to do what I am being counseled to do

Practice Self-Control and Mortification

+ Resisting gluttony usually doesn't work well, so instead I strive to see God as my end and only source of joy and fulfillment
+ I practice abstinence in small ways throughout the day as a form of prayer; I do acts of selflessness to help others
+ Imagine myself as eating/drinking in God's presence
+ Memorize/pray this verse often: "So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." 1Cor 10:31

To triumph over spiritual gluttony

+ I choose to pray, fast, give alms, and make sacrifices for Jesus even when it doesn't seem that I "get anything out of it."
+ I question my motive: am I doing this for love of God/neighbor - or am I doing it for the good feeling and consolations God gives?

Liturgies for thisWeek Monday, March 14 **No** Liturgies



Tuesday, March 15 9:00 am Liturgy of the Word & Communion

Wednesday, March 16 9:00 am ⊕Dawn Selner + Mike Sevcik

Thursday, March 17 9:00 am Liturgy of the Word & Communion

Friday, March 18

9:00 am ⊕Deceased Members of the Wojta & Stangel Families 9:45 am to 4:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration 4:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 19 4:00 pm ⊕Norbert Wotachek + Tony Fiala

Sunday, March 20

9:45 am Sacrament of Reconciliation 10:15 am IMary Baumeister, Nancy Lazansky & Cheri Kubec



Saints & Heroes Collection: Patrick: Brave Shepherd of the Emerald Isle





Parish Suppor

For the Week of March 6, 2022

Sacrificial Giving	\$8,348.50
Offertory Collection	\$514.00
Building & Maintenance	\$170.00
School Support	\$425.00
Ash Wednesday	\$771.16
Retirement Collection	\$50.00
Easter Flowers	\$160.00



This Week . . .

Tuesday, March 15 - Board Meetings 6:30 PM Finance Council 7:30 PM Parish Council

Wednesday, March 16 - Faith Formation 6:30 PM

Wednesday, March 16 - RCIA 6:30 PM

Sunday, March 20 - Children's Liturgy at the 10:15 AM Mass

Monday, March 21 - Rosary Society Meeting 5:45 PM Rosary - Fr. Mike Hall 6:00 PM Meeting



We are accepting donations for Easter flowers for decorating our worship space during the holy season. There are no special envelopes for this, so if you would like to donate in memory of a loved one, please mark your envelope as such.

Easter Egg Hunt - Easter Sunday after the 10:15 AM Mass



We are accepting donations for wrapped Easter candy that will fit into plastic eggs. Please drop off at the parish office. Anyone interested in helping with the Egg Hunt please contact the parish office.

Blessings to All. We invite you to celebrate the life of the child during the 40 Days For Life Event taking place March 2nd-April 10th. Please stop by the tables in the entrances to take a Pro-Life item with you to celebrate your birth and those of your loved ones. Also, join us on Saturday, April 9th at Harbor Park in Kewaunee as we Celebrate and Promote Life. Sign up sheets on the tables.

Altar Servers 4:00 pm Alexandria Steiner & Olive Kolmorgen March 19

March 20 10:15 am Ryle Dax & Kile Gerold

4:00 pm Joe Steiner March 19 March 20 10:15 am Donna Moran

Music

Lectors

- March 19 4:00 pm Mary, Jim, & Volunteers
- March 20 10:15 am Alternatives

Ministers of Hospitality

March 19 4:00 pm Oscar & Donna Moran Cindy & Randy Vanness March 20 10:15 am Dale Berkovitz & Tom Stangel Dan Jerabek & Francis Wojta

Confession Opportunities March 16: 6 PM - 8:15 PM Parish 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM Faith Formation

March 30: 9:40 AM - 10:15 AM Parish 10:15 AM- 10:40 AM HR Students

March 31: 5 PM - 7:15 PM Parish "Keeping the Lights On"



The Bishop's Appeal:

- *Is an opportunity for the faithful to practice financial stewardship to support the Church of Green Bay.
- *Funds Church ministries and programs to share the Word of God with people of all ages and to meet a variety of other needs through Catholic Charities.
- *Helps bring the face of Jesus to more than 300,000 people every year.

Our goal for 2022 is \$34,267. To date 70 families have responded contributing \$15,000, 9 are Crozier families.

Please prayerfully consider giving a gift. Thank you in advance for your support.

Readings for the week of March 13, 2022

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36 Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36 -38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19 -31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18 10 20 21/04 21:22 42 45 46

18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5,

27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9 *Morgan:* January 19th my daughter received her 1st Reconciliation. I had attended the retreat several weeks earlier where Deacon Chuck encouraged all the parents to receive the sacrament also, but I never intended to go. I had never felt comfortable going to Confession. My last Confession had been to Fr. Dan during my faith formation years over 20 years earlier.

Once I got to church, I knew I was going to Confession – it was something that I needed to do to help my daughter grow in her faith. I was a little hesitant but knew that I needed to be a good role model. I didn't have a clue what I was going to say but there was a sheet in the confessional and I followed along. This was the first time I went behind a screen, which allowed me to be more open. The words came quickly as did the emotion.

I've always heard about the relief you can feel after you have confessed your sins and been forgiven, but I had never experienced it personally until now. A weight was lifted, and I felt more at peace. It was oddly refreshing.

Kory: I came to the 1st Reconciliation service to be of support to my girlfriend's daughter, Rhiannon, totally unaware that I would be going to Confession that night. It's probably been 30+ years since I've gone to Confession. Over the years I've thought of going to Confession, but it never materialized. When I went into the confessional, I chose to open the screen and go face-to -face, which was nerve-racking at first. My confession involved something from my earlier years.

Talking with Fr. Jim was soothing. By the end, it was like I was talking with an old friend. It wasn't like I expected at all. During the Confession we moved forward to what was going on in my life today, which was a surprise to me. So not only was it a Confession, but it was also spiritual guidance. The feeling I got from Confession was uplifting to finally get it off my conscience. I did not expect to have that connection with Fr. Jim. Confession was not as stressful as I thought it would be. I would recommend it to anyone who has thought about Confession but has not made the time. Make the time because even though I still think of what I confessed, it doesn't weigh me down like it did before.

When will you go to Confession again? During Lent. We will try to go to Confession at least twice a year.

Words of encouragement to anyone who hasn't been to Confession in a long time: If you haven't been to Confession in a long time, just push yourself to do it. If it feels uncomfortable, it's ok. You will be surprised when the weight of what you were carrying is lifted. There is no need to carry it any longer. Let God help you.



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