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Mass Schedule

Monday through Saturday : 8:00am
Saturday Anticipatory: 4:30pm
Sunday: 8:00am
10:30am
6:00pm

Reconciliation

Tuesdays 5:30pm and
Saturdays following the 8:00am Mass

**JESUS CHRIST
IS LORD**
Philippians 2:11

CHALLENGE YOURSELF THIS LENT



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GO TO DAILY MASS

Monday through Friday: 6:15am at Saint Mary's
Monday through Saturday: 8am at Cabrini
Tuesdays & Thursdays: 12noon at Cabrini

GO TO CONFESSION

Tuesdays @ 5:30pm at Cabrini
Thursdays @ 5:30pm at Saint Mary's
Saturdays following the 8am Mass at Cabrini

PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saint Mary's Church
Wednesdays at 12noon
Fridays at 6:30pm
(includes reflection by Father Nathan)
and 7:45pm in Spanish with Father Carlos



Sunday, March 27, 2022
4th Sunday of Lent



Dear Friends at Saint Frances Cabrini Parish and Saint Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish:

Praised be Jesus Christ! In our post-Christian Western world, it is easy to lose perspective on the problems that constantly confront us. Most of us raised in our era of boundless faith in progress, science, medicine, data, and processes do not realize

how deeply we have internalized the mindset that every problem is fixable. Most of us do indeed believe that all problems can be overcome with enough money, time, legislation, policies, education, and technology. To borrow from old Christian terminology, we really do believe that we can create heaven on earth. "Salvation" to the modern mind is simply what will occur after enough collective human endeavors across the generations have finally eliminated whatever diminishes life.

As time passes, and the continual onslaught of new problems never ceases, a widespread attitude of frustration, fear, and even despair creeps across the globe. This is what comes of the shaking of our faith in our own know-how, and the faltering of what we once thought was the inevitable march of "progress." Recent years have brought into clear focus the extreme limits of our faith in "progress," provided that one is willing to pay attention and to allow one's faith in human know-how to be shattered.

For all of our medical might, the world was slammed by a pandemic that (let's be honest now) has defied all of our efforts to stop it. If it is at all diminished in parts of the world it is because it burned itself out like a wildfire that finally ran out of fuel to consume. After decades of government programs to eliminate hunger, poverty, and human misery it is clear that we have not done so. Perhaps more people are being fed, but the most recent twist in that storyline is that we are simply feeding the poor on junk food that is ruining their health. After years and years of alarm ringing about climate change, we would be wise to recognize that there is not much we can do to stop it. After decades of a post-World War II international bureaucratic network of alliances and globalization, thinking really big wars were now behind us, the last month has shown us that war is never, ever going to go away. It would seem our modern project to eradicate misery has failed. If one is willing to be honest. Such honesty comes hard because it represents the toppling of an entire cultural quasi-religious set of dogmatic notions, with its roots going back several centuries into the so-called Enlightenment Era, by which we taught ourselves the myth that man is the amazing master of his own destiny.

One must exercise some caution with the above critique, it is true. There is nothing at all wrong with striving for health, for peace, for a cleaner environment, and for the feeding of the multitudes. All of that is good, and all of it is charity. Certainly we do benefit from so many of the human efforts to improve ourselves and our world in ways that are noteworthy and praiseworthy. No one should be upset about the ability to drink cleaner water or breathe cleaner air, for example.

The crux of the modern problem is that we have de-coupled all of our attempts at improvement from the core tenets of revealed Christian faith, and when one does that it ushers in serious consequences. A Christian does the best he or she can to alleviate the sufferings and the problems of the world, but we do so knowing that the world is fallen. It is not going to be perfect until the Second Coming. Short of that, a believer should not have such hubris as to think we can eliminate social ills. They are not going to get eliminated. Jesus himself said so: "The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me" (Matthew 26:11). If one knows that, then one works toward improvement in ways that do not cross the boundaries of the moral law and do not attack the human person. One does so without losing faith, hope, or charity because one always has perspective on the limits of our abilities.

A Christian knows that only in heaven are all problems solved, and that no one goes there without taking the outstretched hand of Jesus Christ. Only he can solve every ill, and he is not going to solve them now. We do take our stabs at betterment through the works of mercy and cultural conversion, but ultimately in this life we know that we will suffer inevitably. Christ suffers with us and makes it a pathway to him, but he does not take it away. Our merely human attempts to eradicate suffering have unfortunately only produced different types of suffering. We do not have the power to take it away. That is what heaven is for.

As one reads more headlines about dire predictions for the climate, for pandemics (current or future), for poverty, for war, etc, one is confronted with the startling reality that even though these are all real problems, the current cultural discourse offers no solutions to them. Yes, there is much talk of policies and technological fixes, but a cursory glance around the wreckage of the modern world leaves one with the sinking sensation that these are not real fixes. Which means the modern cultural language offers no real hope for the future. Which explains everyone's sour mood these days.

A Christian culture, on the other hand, seeks to carefully balance the need to strive in charity to confront these problems with the God-given talents that we have, along with the need to understand that we are still going to die, that there is heaven, that Christ is with us, and that when our attempts at fixing inevitably fail, God is still going to be there to help us. He will be there even if the seas rise and flood our coasts. Which means we do not panic and despair about our problems.

All of us who are believers need to hang on tight to our doctrines as we live now through the necessary collapse of the post-Christian, Enlightenment-era tower of Babel that we have in our cultural DNA. It is collapsing under the weight of the truth of Revelation that we cannot escape. As its collapse and failure becomes complete, Christianity will be there to help the world try again, reminding the world that God is still there to help us, and that he has been there all along.

WEST BEND ADORATION CHAPEL: WBADORATION.ORG



Just a few more spots are needed to be filled before we can open!
Interested in signing up, but hesitant about a weekly commitment?
Contact us about sharing a commitment with another adorer!

Please contact Jody with any questions: adoration@wbparishes.org or 262-343-3486.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 26, Lenten Weekday

8:00am Celebrant

Saturday, March 26, Anticipatory, Fourth Sunday of Lent

4:30pm Bennett Reak +

Sunday, March 27, Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00am Robert & Margaret Bartz +

10:30am Ron Knoeck +

6:00pm People of Saint Frances Cabrini and
Saint Mary's Immaculate Conception

Monday, March 28, Lenten Weekday

8:00am Lawrence Mehrens +

Tuesday, March 29, Lenten Weekday

8:00am Bob Puerling +

12:00pm Roxanne Hildebrandt +

Wednesday, March 30, Lenten Weekday

8:00am Helen Baierl +

Thursday, March 31, Lenten Weekday

8:00am Lawrence Mehrens +

12:00pm Leo & Michael Tousey & Katie +

Friday, April 1, Lenten Weekday

8:00am Ann Marie Littlefield +

Saturday, April 2, Lenten Weekday, Saint Francis of Paola

8:00am Celebrant

Saturday, April 2 Anticipatory, Fifth Sunday of Lent

4:30pm Tom Thelen +

Sunday, April 3, Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00am Donald Pryor +

10:30am Francis Peters +

6:00pm Arlene Heller +

HAITI MISSION—PRAYERS NEEDED!



Our Haiti Mission Team is in Haiti from now until April 3rd. Please keep them and our Haiti Mission in your prayers!

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8am-4pm. Friday: 8am-12noon.

Eucharistic Adoration : wbadoration.org

Baptism — For information on having your child baptized, please contact Julie Braun in the parish office (Ext 114).

Marriage — Please contact a Parish Priest at least six months in advance of the anticipated wedding date.

Miscarriage Ministry- Contact Julie Braun. (Ext. 114)

Bulletin — Contact Tammy Waech at twaech@wbparishes.org. Please refer to our Communications Policy on our website.

E-Bulletin. A weekly email is sent to subscribers with the bulletin contents. To subscribe, go to our website and sign up.

Parish Social Media-

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Twitter: [@WBParishes](https://twitter.com/WBParishes)

Haiti Mission-haitianmission.com

Journey Ministry: journeycatholicministry.org

FORMED.ORG: Search for Saint Mary's Parish (shared account).

SFC PRAYER GROUP

SFC Prayer Group-

Rosary is prayed Monday through Saturday at 7:30am in the church. This group also prays the Divine Mercy Chaplet following the 8:00am Mass around 8:45am. Rosary on Sunday at 10am prior to the 10:30am Mass. Vespers on Tuesday evenings at 6pm.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

WELCOME TO SAINT FRANCES CABRINI!

Please welcome to our family of faith...

Lisa Jacak & family

CINNAMON ROLLS ARE BACK!:

We will be selling after Masses on April 9th and 10th.

CALL TO LEADERSHIP...

Pastoral Council Nominations Being Taken now!

Please consider nominating yourself or another eligible parishioner. Please send your nominations to the parish office or directly contact any current council member.

Discernment will be scheduled in May and new members will participate starting in June.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Do you enjoy knitting and crocheting? Join us for the next prayer shawl ministry meeting on Monday, March 28th at 1pm in the John Paul Room in the lower level of the church.

Please call 262-573-6200 with questions.

THANK YOU!

For your generous donations to Family Promise this past week!

SFC SUMMER CAMP

Camp registration for incoming 4k-8th grade opens on April 4th! Camp Cabrini will be offering weekly field trips and weekly themes full of fun activities for all age groups. Campers will also be attending Mass twice a month. All campers will receive a camp t-shirt. Create new friendships and make wonderful memories! Registration deadline is May 20th. For more information and registration forms please contact Andrea at Little Saints Early Learning Center. 262-384-3210 or amorris@wbparishes.org

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See the website for a complete staff listing

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