



SAINT MARY'S
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Sunday, August 30, 2020

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Sunday

7:30am

9:30am

1:00pm (Español)

Monday through Friday

6:15am

Confessions and Adoration

Thursdays

5:30pm-6:30pm

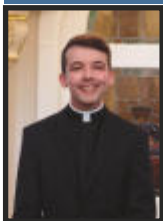


In the Heart of Barton

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FROM FATHER CARLOS



Dear friends,

A few Sundays ago, the Collect (opening prayer) for Mass implored: “grant, [O God, that] with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure.”

Truth is, there are good things in this life that we treasure and enjoy: the very gift of life itself, health, friends, family, nature, and a beautiful work of art, among others and the believer approaches these good things in a very unique way. We recognize that their goodness ultimately comes from God, “without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy.” We also become aware that they are a gift and also a transient one: they were given to us by God so that the goodness in them may draw us back to God himself. These good things are not meant to be an end in and of themselves but rather the things whose goodness we enjoy in life should develop in us an ever-greater desire for the one whose nature is Goodness itself.

In our frailty, however, we might tend to turn “the good things that pass” into absolutes by creating inordinate attachments that end up turning us into slaves of the very things that were given to us by God to make us free. How can I know if I have an appropriate relationship to the good things that are in my life? If I may suggest, ask yourself the question: am I aware that these good things are passing? Are they leading me to “hold fast... to those [things] that ever endure”? Does the love for my life and health, for my

friends, family, nature, and that beautiful piece of art make me think more often of heaven, eternal life and, ultimately, of God himself or not?

The point here, I believe, is not choosing between God and the truly good things of this world. The mere placing of God and the good things in life against each other is a fallacy. The goodness that is in all things, God allows us to enjoy as a gift of his mercy and kindness. Truth is, however, that these good things are “passing,” only God remains, and this is why it is necessary that we develop appropriate relationships with these good things including people.

The wider context of this message is the Gospel. Saint Mark (8:36) speaks of the truths above mentioned: “What profit is there for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” Placing the things that we value, appreciate, and enjoy in perspective and giving them a proper place in our lives might feel like a sacrifice. We are not, however, rejecting them to choose God. This would be an affront against God himself whose goodness is present in all things. We are, instead, developing an ordinate relationship to them so that they may lead us to life and to the only Good One, God, who is “Lord and giver of life.” This is truly, as we prayed at Mass two Sundays ago, a “glorious exchange: by offering what [God] has given us [we pray that] we may merit to receive [God’s] very self.”

TWINNING UPDATE:

Get all the latest updates about our friends in Honduras at:

www.stmaryparishwb.org/twinning-san-gaspar

See you at the West Bend Farmer’s Market on October 17!

JOIN US!

Families and single persons 18 years and older are encouraged to be registered at the parish in order to receive the services the Church offers to all members of our Parish Family.

To register, please download a registration form from our website or contact the parish office.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 31

6:15am +Bernie Hoppa

Tuesday, September 1

6:15am +Steve Chapman

Wednesday, September 2

6:15am +Roy & +Mark Jashinsky

Thursday, September 3

6:15am +Bud Rinn

Friday, September 4

6:15am +Mary Wohlwend

Sunday, September 6

7:30am +Jim Bauer

9:30am +Kara Kanieski-Butler

12:00pm(Spanish) *Please note new time*

+Marvin & +Marie Kordosky

Mass Intention Openings:

Tuesday, September 22nd, at 6:15am

Monday, September 28th, at 6:15am

**Please note that beginning*

Sunday, September 6, 2020, the Spanish Mass

will have a 12noon start time.

THE RETURN OF SCRIP!

Scrip will again be sold after Masses each weekend.

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Goal: \$29,876

Collected: \$26,735

Needed: \$3,141

PARISH CONTACTS

Please see the website for a complete staff listing

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MASS ON LABOR DAY

Monday, September 7, 2020

9am at Saint Mary's

CATHOLIC FORMATION SIGN-UPS!

Have you signed your kids up for Religious Education Classes?

Have you registered for First Communion or

Confirmation Classes this year?

Interested in joining the Catholic Church as an adult?

CLASSES ARE FORMING NOW!

See the website and contact Mary Abel or Julie Braun today!

JOURNEY PROGRAM

The Journey Program is accepting registrations for the

2020-2021 formation year at this time. We are also looking for

mentors! Check out JourneyCatholicMinistry.org or our

Facebook page at JourneyProgramWC. Please contact Christina

Spindler, Director of the Journey Ministry at

262-338-2366 ext. 124 or cspindler@wbparishes.org

PARISH INFORMATION

New Members

Welcome! Please call the parish office or visit our website.

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:30am-12noon

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Contact Julie Braun at 262-338-2366 X114 for more information.

Baptism

Contact Julie Braun for information on Baptism Preparation Classes, preferably before the child is born.

Marriage

Please contact the pastor as soon as you are considering marriage, but no less than six months prior to the desired wedding date.

Communion for the Homebound

Call the parish office.

Sacrament of the Sick

Celebrated the last Sunday of the month after both Sunday morning Masses. Or call the parish office to arrange a visit.

Miscarriage Ministry

Please contact Julie Braun at 262-338-2366

Bulletin, E-bulletin, and Pulpit announcements

Contact Tammy Waech twaech@wbparishes.org.

Sign up for our E-bulletin on our website.

Parish Social Media

Facebook: @ImmaculateConceptionWestBend

Twitter: @WBParishes

Honduras Mission: visit:

www.stmaryparishwb.org/twinning-san-gaspar

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