



SAINT MARY'S IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Sunday, October 11, 2020

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Sunday

7:30am

9:30am

12:00pm (Español)

Monday through Friday

6:15am

Confessions and Adoration

Thursdays

5:30pm-6:30pm

Saint Mary's Immaculate Conception and Saint Frances Cabrini Parishes invite you to

PRAY THE ROSARY

THROUGHOUT OCTOBER

OCTOBER 7 OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY



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FROM FATHER NATHAN



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

Praised be Jesus Christ! I recently had the opportunity to offer a short formation session at Saint Francis de Sales Seminary with the men who are in their 2nd Year of Theological studies about contemporary issues related to sexual ethics

and Catholic teaching. It was a very large topic for such a short amount of time with these very bright young men who are preparing to be priests, but we did cover some important ground in our time together.

At one point in the discussion I offered the observation that as our modern world has grown more and more removed or insulated from regular contact with raw nature, it has altered our views on personhood, and on the reality of suffering. Not long ago, most of the people who lived in this country were either farmers, or, if they lived in cities they had probably grown up with direct exposure to the agrarian world. Much of this began to shift with the 1950's/60's moves to the suburbs, and the succeeding generation (which would be my own) being raised more and more in a zone of low-exposure to the cycle of life and death that defines so much of the natural world. As time has passed we have steadily built a reliable infrastructure, now including a whole virtual world which is fundamentally unnatural, that shelters most of us from the gritty reality of all that is hard about the created world. In short, we have grown very accustomed to what I would term a "sanitized" existence, where all is well-controlled.

In such a climate, we forget that things change, births are supposed to be un-planned, sickness is ultimately an unstoppable force, and that death is everywhere. We also forget that in the natural world where there is so much sickness, death, and a lack

of control, it is compensated for by a tremendous abundance of life and fertility. Life is a truly tenacious force and in its own cycle it masters death, if it is not tampered with, or rendered infertile.

For the Christian, the suffering, dying, and rising of the natural world that used to shape humanity without exception (until our recent un-natural era) finds it's fullest expression in the Cross and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. His entry into the natural cycle of dying and rising, and his gift to us of himself in the sacraments, allows us to move up to the next level of the cycle, so that our death leads to a rebirth in the life to come. Christ is what moves us through suffering, through death, and in to new life.

To a world that no longer lives close to nature, except these days through hyper-controlled and well-equipped camping and hunting (read "leisure") activities that, if they don't go well bring no harm, it is difficult to grasp the necessity of these points, of Christ's death and life. It is also very difficult to confront suffering when we are so used to controlling all of it, even thinking we can escape it.

All of the above is part of why I love the changing of the seasons, especially the Fall. All around us now the world is dying back, as it must do at this time every year. It is delightful to see the plants and trees not resisting or arguing with this simple reality, except by doing what they have always done, which is getting ready for the seeds and growth of what will come next.

Persons can only push back the boundaries of nature so far before we usher in a type of Hell for ourselves on this earth. Maybe as we watch the leaves fall now, we would be wise to meditate upon this simple fact, and also on the gift of Christian revelation that shows us the true path of personhood, and opens up for us the only real pathway from death into new life.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Drive-Thru Fish Fry

Friday October 23 at Saint Mary's 4pm-6:30pm

Presentation by Father Nathan

"Does God Have a Plan? Lessons from Isaiah In Exile"

Saint Frances Cabrini Church

Monday, October 26 (7pm) and repeated Tuesday, October 27 (9am)

Community Blood Drive

Monday, October 26

2pm-6:30pm in Mother Cabrini Hall

Morning of Prayer for our Country

Saturday, October 31 8am-12noon

Saint Frances Cabrini Church

Women of Christ Morning Retreat

Saturday, November 7 at Saint Mary's

8am-12noon

SEE ALL THE DETAILS ON OUR WEBSITE

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 12

6:15am +Albert & +Mildred Theisen

Tuesday, October 13

6:15am +Norman & +Genevieve Matenaer

Wednesday, October 14

6:15am +Roy & +Mark Jashinsky

Thursday, October 15

6:15am +John Bruhn

Friday, October 16

6:15am Deceased Members of the Zauner & Theisen Family

Sunday, October 18

7:30am +Franklin & +Rosemary Brown

9:30am +Kenneth & +Marcella Vass

12:00pm(Spanish)Pro Populo

Mass Intention Openings:

Sunday, November 1st at 12:00pm

Sunday, November 29th at 12:00pm

Thursday, December 31st at 6:15am

NOW HIRING

**Saint Mary's PT-MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT
SFC-PT-BEFORE/AFTERCARE TEACHER**

MASS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Sunday, November 8th - 3:00pm in the church

As in previous years, the names of those who died in the past year are automatically included.

If you wish to include the name and picture of a loved one, please call the Parish Office at 262.338.5600 or drop off the name, picture, and date of death to the parish office by Monday, October 26.

PARISH CONTACTS

Please see the website for a complete staff listing

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PARISH HAPPENINGS

Wedding Banns

I Lisa Costa and Nicholas Wagner

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to

Sarah Wollner and Anthony Artymiuk

who were married on October 10th.

May God bless your new life together.

Blest Art

Blest Art will be visiting Saint Mary's Parish on Sunday, October 25th after the Sunday Masses.

SCRIP SALES!

Scrip is being sold after Masses each weekend.

CHURCH CLEANING

Our next church cleaning will be Saturday, October 31, at 7am.

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:

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