



SAINT MARY'S
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Sunday, July 18, 2021
16th Sunday in 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



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FROM FATHER NATHAN



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

Praised be Jesus Christ! The last week of July has been dedicated by the United States Bishops for many years now to the promotion of Natural Family Planning (NFP). For those not familiar, NFP is a way to allow married couples to more easily conceive children, or to plan to do so, by carefully learning the natural fertility rhythms of the body. Something of the reverse is therefore the case as well in that a married couple can be mindful of the same fertility rhythm in order to avoid conceiving a child if they prayerfully discern that it is not opportune to do so at a particular time.

For many years NFP was written off by large sectors of people in and out of the Church as something of an odd, Catholic loophole that substituted as a practice to regulate births in a framework of Church teachings that has never allowed (and still does not allow) the use of contraceptives or sterilizations. Nonetheless, every year in late July the Church does attempt to raise the NFP flag to look for takers, no matter how silly we may have looked over the years doing so in the face of a staunchly secular culture.

However, NFP seems to be enjoying a better status of late, even if the progress is slow. One thing that has always been true about it is that it is remarkably consistent with Catholic teachings about the meaning of human sexuality. Our teachings that contraception and sterilization are morally illicit are in fact accurate. As the wider cultural scene gets more and more wildly off course on matters of sexuality, gender, children, identity, etc, etc, more and more people are realizing what we have said all along: that once procreation is no longer viewed as integral to sexuality then all Hell breaks loose. Indeed it has done so in a major way since the advent of widespread artificial contraception in the 1960's.

NFP has also enjoyed a rebirth with the rise of the Green Movement. Artificial contraception is medically very nasty stuff and as medicine seeks to grow more natural in its approaches, people are realizing in greater numbers why NFP is healthier and also usually cheaper. Not only that, when learned well it is extremely accurate. Also, as couples get married later in life and have children later in life, and for a host of other reasons, fertility problems seem to be on the rise meaning that these days if one is going to get pregnant at all, one is well-advised to learn NFP.

Lastly, the Church has also been saying for a long time that the fertility rates in the West in our highly contraceptive and birth-controlling culture are dangerously low for the survival of society and our way of life. It may look good for a decade or two to suppress births and play god with low fertility, especially as everyone watched their standard of living rise. However, it now seems to finally be hitting home that we have a serious problem on our hands with our demographics. We need more young people if we are going to maintain the life that we have always known.

No one can find enough workers right now. So much of the infrastructure that we are all used to runs on people. Our shortage of workers right now is only partially the result of outrageously high unemployment benefits. A major contributor is that for too many years we did not have enough children and now we are going to pay the price in a major way. It is not wise to mess with fertility in the manner and scale that artificial contraception has allowed us to do.

Natural Family Planning is not easy. However, it is an indispensable element of what it means to ensure that our world and population is truly focused on the good of the human person as God has created us. It would be a real blessing if its popularity (finally) grew.

AN NFP MESSAGE FROM SFC PARISHIONER, DR. MARY SCHNEIDER...

NFP week is a time to celebrate family, grandparents, parents, and children. But, what about the couple who is struggling with the pains of infertility? They may not feel that Natural Family Planning (NFP) week is a time to celebrate. Couples who struggle with infertility know life is precious and many Catholic couples will do just about anything to have a child including putting a second mortgage on their house to participate in medical procedures like in vitro fertilization (IVF). IVF and other artificial reproductive technologies (ART) bypass the unitive and procreative act and are not sanctioned by the church which is something couples may or may not know. So why talk about infertility during NFP week? Because NFP is not Catholic Birth Control; it is so much more! It is a tool for couples to learn more about their fertility health and the woman's health in general. Couples who learn to chart their cervical mucus, basal body temperature and/or urine hormones can learn to identify how their charts reflect the status of their health. Serious medical conditions such as: endometriosis, poly-cystic ovarian disorder, reproductive cancers, and other endocrine disorders can be identified through fertility charts. The fertility charts can also identify the most fertile time to get pregnant. In a study of 150 women who wanted to get pregnant 100% of them were pregnant by 24 months with focused intercourse ([Bouchard, Fehring & Schneider, 2018](#)). These women charted urine hormones using an NFP method known as the Marquette Method of NFP.

The Marquette Method of NFP is taught by healthcare providers at Marquette University College of Nursing Institute for NFP.

To learn more contact Dr. Mary Schneider at mary.schneider@marquette.edu



"Helping couples live with their God-given gift of fertility."

***Additional info regarding NFP is available in our e-bulletin this week.**

Bouchard, T. P., Fehring, R. J., & Schneider, M. M. (2018). Achieving Pregnancy Using Primary Care Interventions to Identify the Fertile Window. *Frontiers in medicine*, 4, 250. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fmed.2017.00250>



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 19
6:15am +Peter & +John Geib
Tuesday, July 20
6:15am +Mary Wohlwend
Wednesday, July 21
6:15am +Elmer, +Angeline, & +Donna Bader
Thursday, July 22
6:15am +Desire "Doc" Lutz
Friday, July 23
6:15am +Edna Langenecker
Sunday, July 25
7:30am +Pam Richards
9:30am +Nick & +Joanne Habersetzer,
+Joe & +Fran Willger
12:00pm(Spanish)+Fernada Mireles Vazquez &
+Socorro Mireles Vazquez

CATHOLIC FORMATION

**The Seven Signs of the Gospel of John
With Father Nathan...**
saintfrancescabrini.com/
seven-signs-of-the-gospel-of-john

Registrations are being accepted for the 2021-22 year

REP * Confirmation * First Communion
RCIA * Adult Confirmation
stmaryparishwb.org

Summer Opportunities!

The Way for middle school youth

Last class: Wednesday, July 21

Saints in Training for elementary school kids

July 26-29 at SFC

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Please see the website for a complete staff listing

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PARISH HAPPENINGS

Welcome to our Family of Faith:

The Zimmer Family

SCRIP SALES

No Scrip Sold in July. Sales Resume in August

CHURCH CLEANING:

Our next church cleaning is July 24 at 7am. Come and join the fun. Light is the task when many share the toil.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord: CHOIR IS BACK!

The 7:30am choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings and the 9:30am choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings. Interested in joining please contact Beth at bhabersetzer@wbparishes.org or call 338-5600.

Saint Mary's Annual Rummage Sale

Friday, October 29th and Saturday, October 30th.

Start saving your treasures now! Help will be needed!

For questions and information: SMICrummage@gmail.com

Journey Ministry

"We Are All Wonderfully Made" A retreat of faith for children ages 6-14 with developmental and cognitive disabilities.

Saturday, August 14 from 9-11:30am at Saint Mary's

The Journey Ministry is also taking registrations and looking for volunteers to mentor and to help out.

Contact Christina 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 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.

Signing for hearing impaired

2nd Sunday of the month at the 9:30am Mass

Miscarriage Ministry

Please contact Julie Braun at 262-338-2366

Bulletin, E-bulletin, Website, 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 for details and to get involved.

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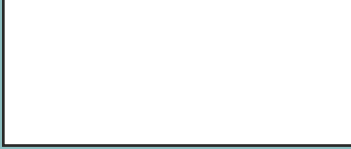
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