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#### **GET READY FOR EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL**

In 2019 a Pew Research Center Survey found that only 31% of Catholics believed that "during the Catholic Mass, the bread and wine actually become the body and blood of Jesus." Nearly seven out of ten Catholics believed that the bread and wine were merely symbols of the Body and Blood of Christ. Sadly, 43% of those Catholics surveyed believed both that the bread and wine were just symbols and that their belief accurately reflects what the Catholic Church officially teaches! Wrong, wrong, wrong! [You can check out an article about the survey here: https://www.pewresearch.org/facttank/2019/08/05/transubstantiation-eucharist-u-scatholics/]

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops have taken note of the shocking amount of ignorance and rejection among many self-professed Catholics regarding the Church's teaching about the Holy Eucharist. If the Eucharist truly is "the source and summit of the Christian life" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1324) then we cannot afford to misunderstand and undervalue this great mystery.

With hopes of promoting the beautiful truth about the Eucharist the U.S. Bishops have announced a three year national "eucharistic revival." To learn more about this project check out the website eucharisticrevival.org.

The mission of the National Eucharistic Revival is "to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist." The vision of the National Eucharistic Revival is "to inspire a movement of Catholics across the United States who are healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist—and who are then sent out on mission 'for the life of the world.""

The Eucharistic Revival will take place in three phases. June 2022-June 2023 will be a "Year of Diocesan Revival." During this upcoming year the Rockford Diocese as disciples. Let us follow him with renewed devotion! will have many initiatives to help launch this revival. June 2023-June 2024 will be a "Year of Parish Renewal." This

year will focus on efforts to increase Eucharistic devotion at the parish level through adoration, missions, preaching, etc.

This will also lead up to a National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis in July of 2024.



Finally, July 2024-July 2025 will be a "National Year of Mission" where the entire American Church will be sent out on mission to share the gift of our Eucharistic Lord with our local communities and beyond.

Will this Eucharistic Revival bear good fruit? Or, will it just be yet another Church revival movement that goes largely unnoticed? That depends on you and me. I am excited about the possibilities. I must admit, I do not want to wait until June of 2023 in order to get things going here at St. Mary. We are already planning to have Eucharistic teaching and devotion be a central theme to all that we do over the next few years. You will see a special focus on the Eucharist spread throughout all of our ministries and programs: Sunday homilies, religious education, youth ministry, RCIA, Bible studies, our service to the poor, etc. You will be hearing more about our plans in the coming weeks and months.

One of our first initiatives will be to continue to promote our beautiful Our Lady of Perpetual Help Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. It is such a grace that our chapel is open 24/7. However, we have many hours where Jesus is left alone. St. Mary is one of the largest parishes in the Diocese of Rockford. There is no reason why our chapel should ever be empty. We will be talking about how Eucharistic adoration can change your life and bring a new vibrancy to our parish.

We will launch the Eucharistic revival with our Corpus Christi pilgrimage today. In the Holy Eucharist Jesus accompanies us and goes before us on our journey





Fr. Britto
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Jerome Koutnik
present:
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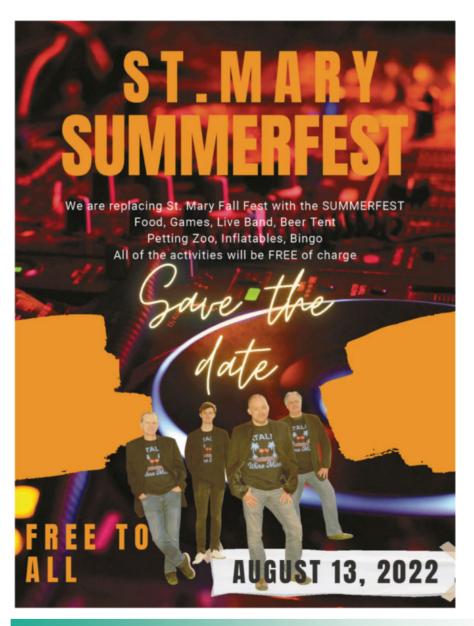
#### AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ADULTS TO REVISIT THEIR FAITH

Wednesday, June 22—What do Catholics believe about suffering?

Wednesday, June 29—What do Catholics believe about Heaven, Hell, and Purgatory?

Wednesday, July 6—What do Catholics believe about the Eucharist?

All sessions will begin at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall.



## BROWN SCAPULAR ENROLLMENT

Saturday, July 16th, following the 8:00 AM Mass

On Saturday, July 16, 2022 after the 8:00 AM Mass we will be having an Enrollment in the Brown Scapular Confraternity.

To be eligible for the scapular promise, one must be enrolled in the Brown Scapular Confraternity. This is a simple ceremony which can be performed by any priest. The



members of the Confraternity have the added benefit of sharing in all the spiritual benefits of the Carmelite Order.

Bring your Brown Scapular to be enrolled.

Bring your Brown Scapular to be enrolled. A limited amount of Scapulars will be available free of charge.



#### Monday, June 20

8:00 AM ★ Rose Nigro; Living & Deceased Members of the Jung & Lynch Families

Tuesday, June 21, St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious 8:00 AM 

Michael Newcomb; Stanley Grzech & Arthur Schultz 12:00 PM ♣ Louis Montenegro; 1961 Class of Marian Central

**High School** 

Wednesday, June 22, St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Ss. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs

8:00 AM ★ Jacklyn Rottjakob; Barbara Gaudette

Thursday, June 23, THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

8:00 AM ♣ Raymond Kasprzak; Special Intention

12:00 PM ₮ Mary Jane Polka; Special Intention of Elle Van Hootegem

Friday, June 24, THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

8:00 AM ♣ Chuck Knudtson; Special Intention of Ma. Rosario P.

Saturday, June 25, The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM ♣ DeMay & Simonini Families; Francis Rodrigues 

Sunday, June 26, THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM ★ Charles Toribio; Michelle Conley

9:00 AM ★ James Barrett Murray; Cassidy Rodgers

10:30 AM 

Thomas Dunn; Ernest Masucci

12:00 PM ₹ Jennifer Anderson; Special Intention of Conrado S. Lota, Jr.

5:00 PM ★ The People of St. Mary Parish

## May God **BLESS**

The families of Sawyer Barbara Balduf, Tomaso Adriano Giannelli, Joseph Martin Bieze, Lexi Grace Babinski, Jordyn Jade Babinski, Beckham Paul Deckert, and



Ariana Ann Tufano, all of whom were recently welcomed into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism.

### PRIEST CELEBRANT

\*\*Subject to change without notice\*\*

Saturday, June 25 5:00 PM— Fr. DiTomo Sunday, June 26

7:30 AM— Fr. DiTomo

9:00 AM— Fr. Paril

10:30 AM— Fr. Koutnik

12:00 PM— Fr. Paril

5:00 PM—Fr. Koutnik



The Sanctuary Lamp next to the Tabernacle is burning this week For Stan Barnas.



The Flowers next to the Tabernacle this week are For Emil Paruolo.



The candles in the Adoration Chapel are burning this week In Memory of William Arado & the Gorgos & Arado Families; For the Special Intention of Matthew; In Memory of Tony Jay Tutay; And For the Special

Intention of Matthew.

## ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM

Eternal rest grant unto John Rolfe, Andrew Clinton, Godofredo Abay, Jr., Adalberto Orozco, and all our

deceased family members and loved ones.



## CLOTHING DRIVE

The next St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive will take place on the weekend of June 25th & 26th

The next St. Vincent de Paul Clothing
Drive is set up for the



weekend of June 25 and 26. We will be loading donations onto two box trucks from the SVDP West Chicago operation. We will be accepting donations at all the Masses or until the trucks are full, except the 5:00 PM Mass on Sunday. The trucks will be parked on the west edge of the parking lot and there will be traffic cones and signs directing you to the drop off point for your clothing donations. Thanks in advance for your continued generosity.

## It will be a **Clothing Drive** and therefore we **cannot accept**:

- Car Seats or Cribs and Baby furniture
- Upholstered furniture, Sofa Sleepers, Mattresses, etc.
- Major Appliances including microwaves, refrigerators, etc.
- Electrical Appliances small or large: No TVs, computers, computer equipment, printers, monitors, scanners, fax machines, modems, cable boxes, etc.
- Magazines and Books
- Outdoor Grills
- Window Blinds and curtains
- Garden Equipment, mowers, trimmers, tractors, etc.
- Paint and any Hazardous Chemicals and Materials
- Batteries, auto, marine, household, etc.

We are in need of volunteers to assist with the upcoming Clothing Drive. Please arrive by the trucks in the parking lot 45 minutes before Mass begins.

## LOST AND FOUND BOX

We have a Lost and Found Box at the top of the stairwell on the east side of the

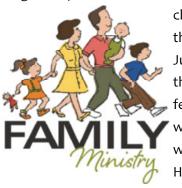


narthex. Unclaimed items will be donated to the SVdP Clothing Drive on June 25th and 26th.

## FAMILY MINISTRY EVENT: FAMILIES AND FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, June 26th, 10:00 AM, Parish Hall

Eager to spend time with other families with young



children at St. Mary? Join us in the Parish Hall at 10:00 AM on June 26th (immediately after the 9:00 AM Mass) for fellowship and snacks. A freewill donation for the snacks will be graciously accepted. Hope to see you there!

## MONTH THREE— DEVELOPING BABY/ SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

Your baby is quite active in the womb now—although

feel him/her for another couple of months. If his/ her mother's womb had

his/her mother won't

a window, you could watch your spiritually adopted baby squint, swallow and move his/

her tongue. He/she can



make a tight fist if you touch his/her palm. He/she is breathing fluid which he/she continues until birth. He/she obtains the oxygen his/her body needs through the umbilical cord. The baby you are praying for weighs one ounce.

### DIOCESAN APPEAL 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you!

We're just beginning the annual Diocesan Stewardship Appeal. We need everyone's participation to reach our goal! This once-a-year appeal goes to support our diocesan ministries such as Seminarian Education, College Campus Ministry, Youth and Young Adult Office, Family Life Office, Catholic Charities and many other important diocesan programs. Let's all participate to the best of our ability and we should be able to make our goal. May the Lord's blessings be upon our ministry here at the parish and also upon our Diocesan Church. For those who may have been away last weekend, we do have pledge envelopes in the Gathering Area in the back of church.

Target Goal: \$213,775.00
Percentage of Goal: 70%
Amount Paid: \$108,876.33
Average Gift: \$269.16



Amount Pledged: \$150,458.42
Number of Households 5851
Number of Donors: 559
Percentage Participating 10%



### SUMMERFEST "DESSERTS OF THE WORLD"

Saturday, August 13th, 12:00-9:00 PM

Calling all bakers, chefs, and cooks! We need you to create international dessert treats for St. Mary's Summerfest!

Think crunchy, creamy, sweet, moist, sugary, delicious, beautifully decorated or simply plain! Did your mom or grandmother make a treat passed down by your ancestors? Please recreate it and make it for our Summerfest Dessert Table! Start developing YOUR dessert and respond below by July 13th. Your final recipe should be emailed by August 1. We are going to make your recipe available to those who want it by identifying it with a QR code. Questions?

Contact Jeannie at jeanniemccloskey@gmail.com or (331) 200-0651.

Yes! I,		from		
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My email address:		My phone:		
Please email completed information to jeanniemccloskey@gmail.com or call her at (331) 200-0651, or drop				
completed form in the collection basket no later than July 13, 2022.				





## BABY BOTTLE **FUNDRAISER**

**Return Filled Bottles** June 25th & 26th Please return filled baby bottles to our volunteer tables the weekend of June 26<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately there is no room to store the baby bottles in the interim, so please refrain

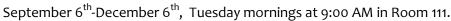


from returning baby bottles earlier. Any questions, please email melisanchz@gmail.com.

REGULAR CONFESSION TIMES OFFERED AS FOLLOWS: Tuesdays, 6:00-6:30 PM; Wednesdays, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM; Saturdays, 8:30-9:00 AM and 3:30-4:30 PM

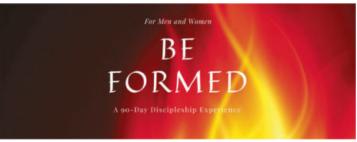
### BE FORMED

Would you like to learn more about the Sacraments? The Church Fathers? Then come join us for Session Five of Be Formed entitled, The Sacraments and the Church Fathers. This 14 week course will begin September 10<sup>th</sup> and run through December 8<sup>th</sup>. Our small group will start meeting



This is part of the Diocese of Joliet's mission to create on fire disciples of Jesus Christ. We will get daily Gospel reflections and weekly instructional videos from Fr. Burke Masters. Workbooks are available to purchase or download when you register. Registration is free and is now open. To register go to dioceseofioliet.org click on Offices, Christian Formation, Adult Formation, Be Formed, click to register. You have to register to receive the videos via email.

St. Mary Huntley has a small group under Mary Lou Manion. For any questions please contact Mary Lou at mmanion@stmaryhuntley.org or (847) 669-3137 ext. 117



## FLAME OF FAITH Intentions 2022

If you've visited the Adoration Chapel of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, you've probably seen the four sanctuary lamps

that burn constantly before the Blessed Sacrament. They are a sign of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist exposed upon the altar of the chapel for adoration. If you would like to remember a loved one or have another prayer intention remembered for one week, please fill out your name and phone number with the name and intention for your candle and return it to the parish office. Your \$10 donation will help us maintain the chapel and provide the candles we'll be using.

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To be remembered in the Adoration Chapel for one week. Please accept my donation of \$10 for each intention for the Flame of Faith Candle to burn for one week in our adoration chapel.

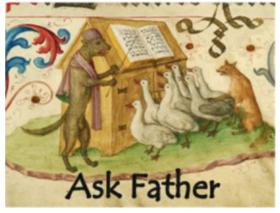
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### Ask Father

Question: "Is it true that we shouldn't eat one hour before Mass? I grew up with 'the rule', and am curious if it is doctrine. - John"

Answer: Thanks for your question, John. The Eucharistic fast is not a matter of doctrine. Rather, it is a Church discipline that is found in the Church's official code of law. Keep in mind, disciplines can be changed.

The custom of a Eucharistic fast arose after the third century and was mandated by early Church councils.



Fasting is a way to help one spiritually prepare to receive the Eucharist. We show reverence for the Eucharist by respecting the fast. The 1917 Code of Canon Law mandate a total fast from midnight until the reception of Communion at Mass. The Eucharistic fast was reduced to a three-hour fast in 1957. Finally, in 1964, the mandatory Eucharistic fast was reduced to one hour before reception of Holy Communion (note: that is one hour before you receive Communion and not one hour before the start of Mass). In the current Code of Canon Law (the 1983 Code) we read that "a person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least on hour before holy communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine" (Canon 919). If one normally receives Holy Communion around 40 minutes into the Mass then you really would need to start fasting a mere 20 minutes before the start of Mass. Of course, this is just the bare minimum required. If you want to show greater devotion and sacrifice you are always free to fast longer before receiving Communion. Also, Canon 919 paragraph 3 states: "The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour." —Answered by Fr. DiTomo

## JOIN THE \$100 CLUB

The \$100 Club has been established to help defray the cost of Summerfest! We are not looking for the fest to be a fundraiser—we are simply looking to get closer to a break even point. All who join will have their names listed on the \$100 Club Honor Board in the narthex of church prior to and at Summerfest on August 13th. Summerfest is meant 100% to be an evangelizing event!



We really want everyone who attends to be able to participate in all of the attractions, games, and contests free of charge. The only cost to anyone will be food and drink.

The Knights of Columbs will be doing the cooking and serving up beverages so families will find it more affordable than food trucks. Deacon Lincoln and his band, The Pagemen, will be playing again this year for our entertainment. Fun will be had by all!

If you want to be part of the \$100 Club, please put your contribution in an envelope marked "\$100" Club and drop it off at the parish office, place it in the collection basket, or mail it to St. Mary Church, 10307 Dundee Rd., Huntley, IL 60142. Don't delay, join today!

# The Mission of Cor Jesu invites you on a PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI WITH FR. JEROME KOUTNIK

October 17-24, 2022



Cor Jesu is excited to announce that we are hosting a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi with Fr. Jerome Koutnik October 17th through the 24th, 2022. Limited spots are available. The cost is \$4,000 per person, double occupancy or \$4650 per person for single occupancy. A

\$200.00 deposit is due by June 22nd. To reserve your spot, please email info@corjesumission.org or call (815) 575-9480. Visit www.corjesumission.org/ministries for more information.

## PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO CITY WITH FR. DITOMO AND DEACON JIM

September 1-6, 2022

Visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico

City. The pilgrimage also includes visits to the tomb of Blessed Miguel Pro and the incorrupt body of St. Sebastian, and an excursion to the beautiful mountain city of Puebla. The cost is \$2,199 per person, which includes airfare, hotel, and most meals. For more details and to register, visit



www.pilgrimages.com/dcnconrey Questions? Contact Deacon Jim at jimconrey@gmail.com



### HELP AFTER ABORTION

Is your soul aching? Do you feel broken, sad, and alone? There is hope after abortion. Contact the Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Ministry for steps to healing at ProjectRachelRockford@gmail.com or (815) 387-3379 or Visit www.hopeafterabortion.org for more information. All



inquiries are confidential. Peace starts here.

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats have provided healing to an untold number of women and men suffering the aftermath of abortion. September 23-25 Weekend Retreat. Please contact Colleen Harmon at (309) 264-1489 or rvrpeoria@gmail.com

November 11-13 Weekend Retreat. Please contact Mary Mead or Chris Galvin at (608) 821-3177 or Rachel@madisondiocese.org

### NEW IN THE PARISH?

Please call the Parish Office at (847) 669-3137 and we can register you right over the phone. We look forward to hearing from you soon.



## THE SINGLES GROUP

For ages 55+



St. Mary's Singles Group invites Singles, Widows/ Widowers, Divorced, and Never Married, to join our Ministry. Our mission is to bring together Catholic singles for fellowship, socialization, spirituality, and volunteerism.

Tuesday, July 12th, 6:30 PM.

Morretti's Pizzeria 220 N Randall Road Algonquin, IL.

Please RSVP by Monday, July 11th at 12:00 Noon by calling or texting Dianne at (573) 280-9340 and leave your name and message. Thank you.

Separate checks always.



To add or remove the name of a sick person, please call the parish office at (847) 669-3137. In order to keep the list current, names will remain on the list for two (2) months. After that time, if you would like a name to remain on the list, we ask that you call the parish office again to renew the listing.

♥ John & Helen ♥ Art Andres ♥ Tony Bange ♥ Kelly & Jake Barna ♥ Barb Becker ♥ Tom & Diane Benbennick № Craig & Chris Boggs № Cindy Caba № Denise Clark № Barbara & John Curzon № Maria Cybolski A Raymond Dempsey Ally Diorio Michael Domek Stephanie Durel Viola Fischer Cynthia & Cory Fosco & Suzie Frausto & Claudine Gerbel & Joann Ginoza & Clara Hall & Maddie Helm &

Gerard Hoeffler 🕸 Judy Hurt 🕸 Ben Jans 🌣 Andrew Jean 🌣 John Keck 🕸 Elaine Kelly 🕸 Kennedy Family 🕸 Audrey Kerin 🕸 Robert Kinder № Evelyn Knill № Kolby Kranz 👁 Arthur Lyons 🗣 Stacey Magnusson 🗗 Nico Manzo 👁 Bob Masini 🕸 Mike Melbourn 🕸 Dorothy Merkelz 🏝 Jim Mitzel 🕸 Bill Morton 🕸 Joey Mueller 🕸 Tina Nebergall 🕸 Linda Nolan 🕸 Ron Pacelt 🕸 Elizabeth Perez & Louis Platek & Tina & Tony Pollastrini & Ray Pozdol & Larry Prange & Thomas Prims & Miguel Reyes & Carla Scott & Patricia Shanaberger & Annette & Cecilia Small & Carolyn Smith & Cynthia & Cory Sosco & David K. Steffey & Paul Steinhoff ♥ Rick Taylor ♥ Kenneth Warner ♥ Ann & Ray Wolski ♥ Doris Wood ♥ Bob Wyler ♥

Please pray for our men and women in the armed services, and all our "First Responders"—those in the police, fire fighters, and paramedics/EMTs.



## STAY INFORMED ABOUT **CURRENT PARISH NEWS!**

Keep in touch with us

Just text the word HUNTLEY to 84576 and fill in your name. Or sign up online at stmaryhuntley.flocknote.com.

If you think you should be receiving our flocknotes, and you are NOT, then simply add mail@flocknote.com to your contact list for your email provider. (Also, make sure to check your spam / clutter file.)

### FIND US ON SOCIAL **MEDIA**



Facebook: @stmaryhuntley



Instagram: @stmaryhuntley

## Watch Us On YOUTUBE!

### St. Mary is now live on YouTube!



Go to YouTube.com and type "St. Mary Catholic Church Huntley" in the

search bar to find our YouTube channel. Our 9:00 AM Sunday Mass is livestreamed and recorded each week.

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Listed to the right in red are the days and times when adorers are needed in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Adoration Chapel. For more information or to sign up, contact Deacon Lincoln at (847) 257-6242 or dcnlincoln @gmail.com or Mary Lou Manion at mmanion@ Stmary huntley.org or (847) 669-3137, x117.

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Is there something you've always wondered about concerning the Catholic Faith, but you never knew who to ask? Ask Father! Just type or write your question, put it in an

envelope marked "Ask Father" and mail it here to "Ask Father", St. Mary Church, 10307 Dundee Road, Huntley, IL 60142, or drop it in the collection basket. You may sign your question if you wish. Answers will be printed in future bulletins.

Questions will be answered at Father's discretion.

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## **Seasons of Hope**

A Christ Centered Bereavement program.

July 1st through August 5th

Please join us at either 9:00 AM or 7:00 PM for this six week program.

We will be meeting in Room 110/St. Ignatius Room.

For more information or to register please contact
Mary Lou at (847) 669-3137 ext. 117 or
mmanion@stmaryhuntley.org

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4

#### LIVE STREAM MASS TIME

Visit our YouTube channel: St. Mary Catholic Church Huntley to watch the Mass live at 9:00 AM or you can view the recorded version any time later.



## THAT MEAN I HAVE DEMENTIA?

Wednesday, July 6th, 1:00-2:00 PM

Have you ever forgotten why you walked into a room or

where you put your keys? If this sounds like something you have done in the past and you are worried you my have Alzheimer's Disease, this event

is for you. Join us as we look at

silverado communities enriching lives through exceptional care and unmatched service

some of the most common types of dementia, early signs and symptoms, brain fitness tips, and selected scripture that may be helpful to family caregivers. Questions? Contact Vicki at

Vicki.Montgomery@Siverado.com





ELIZABETH M. KELLY

LOVE LIKE A SAINT

Cultivating Virtue with Holy Women

## Attention all Women of the Parish: Please join us for our MAGNIFY BOOK STUDY

Saturdays, June 25th, July 23rd, August 27th, September 24th, October 22nd, November 12th, and December 10th, 9:00-11:00 AM, Kreutzer Room (lower level of the church)

In Love Like a Saint, you are invited to be inspired by remarkable saints—virtuous, flawed, and real women who teach us how to surrender to God and be open to His grace. The women you will meet in this book have cultivated virtue through a life of surrender and love in the midst of deep sorrows and trials. They are students, wives, employees, friends, and will be your companions in your faith journey.

For more information, or to register, please contact Mary Lou at mmanion@stmaryhuntley.org or (847) 669-3137, x 117. She has some books available for purchase in her office (\$15.00). You may purchase your own book at Word Among Us Press or Amazon. There is a Kindle option.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

Everything seems to be getting more expensive ... but not the St.



Mary Golf Outing! The cost of golfing this year has dropped. For just \$85 (\$10 less than last year), you get 18 holes of golf, range balls, cart, and lunch, plus pizza after you finish. Plus, there will be a number of contests and raffles, including a golf ball drop with the Huntley Fire Department. Registration and details are available at StMarysGolfOuting.com

The golf outing is set for Friday, September 9th, at Whisper Creek Golf Course in Sun City. The event is a four-person, best-ball scramble and starts at noon.

This year, the golf outing will benefit Rachel's Vineyard retreats at Cor Jesu, and first responders.

Can't make the golf outing? Consider making a donation or sponsoring a hole! To make a donation, go to StMarysGolfOuting.com and look for the Donate Now button. For sponsorship options, including a custom hole flag for your business, please contact Brian Hayes at brianhayes97@msn.com

**ROSARY AND HOLY HOUR:** The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly Rosary and Holy Hour at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, June 21st, in the church. In addition to praying the Rosary, there will be Eucharistic adoration and confession. Please join us.



## MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID COURSE

Saturday, July 16th, 9:00 AM-4:30 PM



How much do you know about Mental Health?

ental Health?

★ Identify signs and symptoms of mental illness (anxiety, psychosis, depression)?

Do you have the knowledge and skills to:

- ★ Recognize the need for, and engage in, a variety of self-care activities to minimize the effect of mental health challenges (Early, Worsening, and Crisis stages)?
- ★ Assist someone having a panic attack or someone talking about suicide?
- ★ Connect yourself or someone you care about (or any person) to an anonymous mental health screening tool, services, or resources?

We are offering National certification in Mental Health First Aid skills (a 3-year certification). This course increases mental health literacy while building confidence and strength in your ability to care for your mental wellbeing. Choose to be empowered with mental health education and help reduce the stigma of mental illness.

Bring your own lunch—coffee and water will be provided. The cost is \$49.00 per person which includes a 231 page manual. Registration is required. Space is limited to 35 people. Please contact Mary Lou Manion, Director of Pastoral Care, at mmanion@stmaryhuntley.org or (847) 669-3137, x 117 to register.

# The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship



#### Part I of II: Our Call as Catholic Citizens

This brief document is Part I of a summary of the US bishops' reflection, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, which complements the teaching of bishops in dioceses and states.

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship is the teaching document of the Catholic Bishops of the United States on the political responsibility of Catholics. It provides guidance for all who seek to exercise their rights and duties as citizens. As Catholics, we bring the richness of our faith to the public square. We draw from both faith and reason as we seek to affirm the dignity of the human person and the common good of all.

Everyone living in this country is called to participate in public life and contribute to the common good. In *Rejoice and Be Glad* [Gaudete et exsultate], Pope Francis writes:

Your identification with Christ and his will involves a commitment to build with him that kingdom of love, justice and universal peace.... You cannot grow in holiness without committing yourself, body and soul, to giving your best to this endeavor.<sup>2</sup>

As Catholics, we are part of a community with profound teachings that help us consider challenges in public life, contribute to greater justice and peace for all people, and evaluate policy positions, party platforms, and candidates' promises and actions in light of the Gospel in order to help build a better world.

## Why Does the Church Teach About Issues Affecting Public Policy?

The Church's obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of our faith, a part of the mission given to us by Jesus Christ. As people of both faith and reason, Catholics are called to bring truth to political life and to practice Christ's commandment to "love one another" (Jn 13:34).

The US Constitution protects the right of individual believers and religious bodies to proclaim and live out their faith without government interference, favoritism, or discrimination. Civil law should recognize and protect the Church's right and responsibility to participate in society without abandoning its moral convictions. Our nation's tradition of pluralism is enhanced, not threatened, when religious groups and people of faith bring their convictions into public life. The Catholic community brings to political dialogue a consistent moral framework and broad experience serving those in need.

## Who in the Church Should Participate in Political Life?

In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. As Catholics, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to any political party or interest group. In today's environment, Catholics may feel politically disenfranchised, sensing that no party and few candidates fully share our comprehensive commitment to human life and dignity. This should not discourage us. On the contrary, it makes our obligation to act all the more urgent. Catholic lay women and men need to act on the Church's moral principles and

become more involved: running for office, working within political parties, and communicating concerns to elected officials. Even those who cannot vote should raise their voices on matters that affect their lives and the common good. Faithful citizenship is an ongoing responsibility, not just an election year duty.

## How Can Catholic Social Teaching Help Guide Our Participation?

In the words of Pope Francis, "progress in building a people in peace, justice and fraternity depends on four principles related to constant tensions present in every social reality. These derive from the pillars of the Church's social doctrine, which serve as 'primary and fundamental parameters of reference for interpreting and evaluating social phenomena." The four principles include the dignity of the human person, the common good, subsidiarity, and solidarity. Taken together, these principles provide a moral framework for Catholic engagement in advancing what we have called a "consistent ethic of life" (*Living the Gospel of Life*, no. 22).

Rightly understood, this ethic does not treat all issues as morally equivalent; nor does it reduce Catholic teaching to one or two issues. It anchors the Catholic commitment to defend human life and other human rights, from conception until natural death, in the fundamental obligation to respect the dignity of every human being as a child of God.

Catholic voters should use Catholic teaching to examine candidates' positions on issues and should consider candidates' integrity, philosophy, and performance. It is important for all citizens "to see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically, and to choose their political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self-interest" (USCCB, *Living the Gospel of Life*, no. 33). The following summary of the four principles highlights several themes of Catholic social teaching for special consideration: these include human rights and responsibilities, respect for work and the rights of workers, care for God's creation, and the preferential option for the poor and vulnerable.<sup>4</sup>

#### The Dignity of the Human Person

Human life is sacred because every person is created in the image and likeness of God. There is a rich and multifaceted Catholic teaching on human dignity summarized in the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church. Every human being "must always be understood in his unrepeatable and inviolable uniqueness . . . This entails above all the requirement not only of simple respect on the part of others, especially political and social institutions and their leaders with regard to every man and woman on the earth, but even more, this means that the primary commitment of each person towards others, and particularly of these same institutions, must be for the promotion and integral development of the person" (no. 131). The Compendium continues, "It is necessary to 'consider every neighbor without exception as another self, taking into account first of all his life and the means necessary for living it with dignity' (Gaudium et Spes, no. 27).

Every political, economic, social, scientific and cultural program must be inspired by the awareness of the primacy of each human being over society."

#### Subsidiarity

It is impossible to promote the dignity of the person without showing concern for the family, groups, associations, and local realities-in short, for those economic, social, cultural, recreational, professional, and political communities to which people spontaneously give life and which make it possible for them to achieve effective social growth.6 The family, based on marriage between a man and a woman, is the fundamental unit of society. This sanctuary for the creation and nurturing of children must not be redefined, undermined, or neglected. Supporting families should be a priority for economic and social policies. How our society is organized—in economics and politics, in law and public policy—affects the well-being of individuals and of society. Every person and association has a right and a duty to participate in shaping society to promote the well-being of individuals and the common good.

The principle of subsidiarity reminds us that larger institutions in society should not overwhelm or interfere with smaller or local institutions; yet larger institutions have essential responsibilities when the more local institutions cannot adequately protect human dignity, meet human needs, and advance the common good.7

#### The Common Good

The common good is comprised of "the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfilment more fully and more easily."6

Human dignity is respected and the common good is fostered only if human rights are protected and basic responsibilities are met. Every human being has a right to life, a right to religious freedom, and a right to have access to those things required for human decencyfood and shelter, education and employment, health care and housing. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities—to ourselves, to our families, and to the larger society.

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. An economic system must serve the dignity of the human person and the common good by respecting the dignity of work and protecting the rights of workers. Economic justice calls for decent work at fair, living wages, a broad and fair legalization program with a path to citizenship for immigrant workers, and the opportunity for all people to work together for the common good through their work, ownership, enterprise, investment, participation in unions, and other forms of economic activity. Workers also have responsibilities—to provide a fair day's work for a fair day's pay, to treat employers and coworkers with respect, and to carry out their work in ways that contribute to the common good. Workers, employers, and unions should not only advance their own interests but also work together to advance economic justice and the well-being of all.

We have a duty to care for God's creation, which Pope Francis refers to in Laudato Si' as "our common home." We all are called to be careful stewards of God's creation and to ensure a safe and hospitable environment for vulnerable human beings now and in the future. Pope Francis, consistent with St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI (World Day of Peace Message, 1990 and 2010), has lifted up pollution, climate change, lack of access to clean water, and the loss of biodiversity as particular challenges. Pope Francis speaks of an "ecological debt" (no. 51) owed by wealthier nations to developing nations. And he calls all of us to an "ecological conversion" (no. 219), by which "the effects of [our] encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in [our] relationship with the world around [us]".10 Indeed, this concern with "natural ecology" is an indispensable part of the broader "human ecology," which encompasses not only material but moral and social dimensions as well.

#### Solidarity

Solidarity is "a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to . . . the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all." It is found in "a commitment to the good of one's neighbor with the readiness, in the Gospel sense, to 'lose oneself' for the sake of the other instead of exploiting him, and to 'serve him' instead of oppressing him for one's own advantage."11

We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. Our Catholic commitment to solidarity requires that we pursue justice, eliminate racism, end human trafficking, protect human rights, seek peace, and avoid the use of force except as a necessary last resort.

In a special way, our solidarity must find expression in the preferential option for the poor and vulnerable. A moral test for society is how we treat the weakest among us-the unborn, those dealing with disabilities or terminal illness, the poor, and the marginalized.

#### Conclusion

In light of Catholic teaching, the bishops vigorously repeat their call for a renewed politics that focuses on moral principles, the promotion of human life and dignity, and the pursuit of the common good. Political participation in this spirit reflects not only the social teaching of our Church but the best traditions of our nation.

#### Notes

- Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 1913-15.
- Gaudete et Exsultate, no. 25.
- Evangelii Gaudium, no. 221
- These principles are drawn from a rich tradition more fully described in the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church from the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2005), no. 160. For more information on these principles, see Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, 2016, nos. 40ff.
- 5 Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, no. 132. This summary represents only a few highlights from the fuller treatment of the human person in the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church. For the fuller treatment, see especially nos. 124-159 where many other important aspects of human dignity are treated.
- 6 Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, no. 185.
- Centesimus Annus, no. 48; Dignitatis Humanae, nos. 4-6.
- Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, no. 164
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- 10 Laudato Si', no. 217.
- 11 Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, no. 193. (See Mt 10:40-42, 20:25; Mk 10:42-45; Lk 22:25-27)

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