



A YOUNG FATHER REMEMBERS HIS FAMILY'S FIRST WEEKEND BACK AT MASS. AND, A PROFOUND AWARENESS.

Eric Clayton writes a weekly online column for which he recently received first-place recognition from the Catholic Media Association. A link to his column is featured in every week's Quick Things. That alone is reason to 1) make sure you're getting the Quick Things email and 2) to open the email and find the news and helpful links it contains. I'm sharing this recent column with Eric's permission and encouragement.

-Fr. TomL

I REMEMBER THAT FIRST Sunday Mass we attended in-person after so many months of YouTube prayers said in pajamas on our couch. It was actually the first Sunday Mass we ever attended as a



family of four, our youngest having been born in the early days of the pandemic. We didn't know what to expect, how the girls would behave.

It was chaos.

We passed coloring pages and crayons and snacks and board books and stuffed animals and little figurines of Sesame Street characters up and down the pew for about an hour. I don't know what the readings of the day were; I don't

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"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

Sylvia G. Dunstan



1. All who hun - ger, gath - er glad - ly;
 2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers,
 3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er;



Ho - ly man - na is our bread. Come from wil - der -
 Seek - er, be a wel - come guest. Come from rest - less -
 Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li -



ness and wan - d'ring. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
 ness and roam - ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
 ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full - ness,
 We that once were lost and scat - tered
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble



All a - round us is our food. Taste and see the
 In com - mun - ion's love have stood. Taste and see the
 Live their days in grat - i - tude. Taste and see the



grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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JOINING OUR PARISH: Fr. Tom is eager to talk with you about parish membership. Contact him at frtom@stanneswausau.org or 849.3930.

CELEBRATING BAPTISM: We gladly welcome children to faith through the waters of Baptism. To learn more about celebrating your child's baptism, send an email or call Fr. Tom. Parents celebrating the baptism of their first child are asked to complete a baptism orientation seminar.

CELEBRATING MARRIAGE: We eagerly welcome couples seeking to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage. Contact Fr. Tom to talk about scheduling your wedding and to learn about marriage preparation.

CARING FOR THE SICK: If you or a loved one are seriously ill or anticipating surgery, please call or email Fr. Tom to schedule the celebration of the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

RECONCILIATION: This sacrament of God's healing mercy is celebrated at 9 a.m. Saturday, and by appointment with Fr. Tom.

Glory to God

Mass of the Angels and Saints, Steven Janco

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on
earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

Cantor, then All (Last time)

A - men.

1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Psalm 68

Collegetown Composers Group

God, in your good - ness, you have
made a home for the poor.

Gospel Acclamation

Mass of the Angels and Saints, Steven Janco

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Profession of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

“I Will Rest in You”

Vallimar and Frank Jansen

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The composers of this hymn, Vallimar and Frank Jansen, will be with us for three Advent evenings of song and reflection—Dec. 12-13-14.

I will rest in you, O Lord; I will
rest in you, O Lord. I will lay down be-fore you my
heav-y bur-dens; I will rest in you, O Lord.

Mass of the Angels and Saints

Steven Janco

Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of
hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Mystery of Faith

We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro -
fess your Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

Amen

A - men, a - men, a - men.
A - men, a - men, a - men.

Stewardship

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL, Jesus challenged the social structure of the Pharisees and teaches his hosts and their guests some profound lessons in humility. Pharisees maintained deep social divisions between who they considered “holy” and “unholy,” rich and poor, honored and despised. They didn’t invite someone to a banquet or dinner who couldn’t reciprocate. And the lowly, the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind had no capacity to reciprocate. Good stewards realize that if they embrace a humility that allows them to be generous to those who cannot repay them, they give evidence of having the kind of heart that will enjoy the Lord’s intimate friendship. This week let’s reflect on our attitude towards those who cannot repay our generosity. What is the extent of our hospitality toward others? Are we generous with those who cannot repay us?

— *International Catholic Stewardship Council*

BECAUSE OF EARLY bulletin deadlines, recent giving and attendance information will be shared in next week’s bulletin.

This Week

MONDAY 29 AUG / 1 Cor 2:1-5/Mk 6:17-29

TUESDAY 30 AUG / 1 Cor 2:10-16/Lk 4:31-37
• 7 AM - Communion Service

WEDNESDAY 31 AUG / 1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44
• 8:15 AM - Mass +Marvin Wesenick & Petra Regis

THURSDAY 1 SEPT / 1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11
• 7 AM - Mass +Lorraine Doering

FRIDAY 2 SEPT / 1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39
• 7 AM - Mass +Poor Souls

SATURDAY 3 SEPT / 1 Cor 4:6b-1/Lk 6:1-5
• 9 AM Reconciliation

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 3/4 SEPT

Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

- 4 PM Saturday +Vernon & Kathryn Nauman
- 8:30 AM Sunday +Barbara Kerwin -LIVESTREAM
- 10:30 AM Sunday +Lorraine Doering
- 6 PM Sunday -People of St. Anne

Links to the daily readings listed above, as well as video and audio reflections can be found at stanneswau.sau.org.

KNEELING & STANDING: Please remember that people at pews with kneelers, if able, are asked to kneel after the Holy, Holy and to stand at the Great Amen. People at chairs without kneelers, if able, are asked to remain standing - out of reverence - throughout the Eucharistic Prayer.

COMMUNITY MEALS will resume Sept. 15. These are meals served at St. Matthew Church to people of the community who need and appreciate a nutritious meal and camaraderie. St. Anne parishioners will serve Community Meals in alternating months.



People are needed to help at the meals and to prepare desserts. If you can help make this happen or to learn more, send an email to candbgiebel@gmail.com or dparlier77@gmail.com.

NEW NEIGHBORS:

There are 27 million refugees in the world, many in camps for years, some for decades; all of them hoping to be welcomed somewhere, by someone, someday. The agency working to re-settle refugees in Wausau is seeking sponsoring organizations to join this effort. It's what two groups of St. Anne parishioners have been doing for the past six months welcoming new neighbors from Afghanistan.



The process of welcoming refugees begins with learning about the plight of refugees and considering what refugee sponsorship entails. An informational meeting to initiate this discernment process will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8 in the Gathering Space. If you are interested in learning more, please plan to attend.

FALL BOOK CLUB: In anticipation of a multi-year focus on the Eucharist by the U.S. Bishops, parishioners are invited to join a fall discussion of "Eucharist," a book by Bishop Robert Barron. What is the Eucharist, what are its many dimensions, what does it mean to be a eucharistic people? These are among the questions Bishop Barron addresses and the group will discuss in every-other-week gatherings at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays on Zoom beginning Sept. 20. If you're interested, send an email to Fr. Tom and purchase the book from a local bookseller or online.



THE SUNDAY READINGS will be read, discussed and prayed over in a weekly gathering at



6:30 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Sept. 20 in the Gathering Space. It's a great way to anticipate hearing the readings proclaimed at Mass and to gain a deeper awareness into the meaning and power of God's word. All are welcome!

"Take Your Place at the Table"

Collegetville Composers Group

Take your place at the ta - ble; _____
 serve one an - o - ther in just-ice; _____
 do this and you _____ shall live.

Verses

All:

...do this and you _____ shall live.

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Omer Westendorf

1. Sent forth by God's bless - ing, Our true faith con - fess - ing,
 2. With praise and thanks - giv - ing To God who is liv - ing,

1. The peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
 2. The tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we em - brace.

1. God's sac - ri - fice end - ed, O now be ex - tend - ed
 2. Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er car - ing,

1. The fruits of this Mass in all hearts who be - lieve.
 2. We claim as our fam - ly all those of each race.

1. The seed of Christ's teach - ing, Our in - ner souls reach - ing,
 2. One bread that has fed us, One light that has led us

1. Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
 2. U - nite us as one in the life that we share.

1. God's grace shall in - cite us, In love shall u - nite us
 2. Then may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing

1. To fur - ther God's king - dom and an - swer the call.
 2. Give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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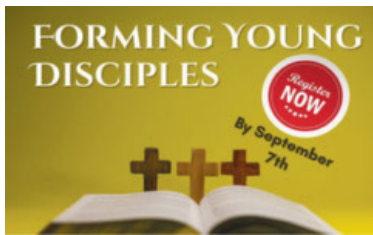
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know what the message of the homily was. I assume both consisted of sounds that made up words that made up sentences that culminated in the persistent background noise that I kept trying to focus my split attention on.

Mediocre success at best.

But what I do remember distinctly – and I said it then, you can ask my wife – is this: I didn't realize how much I missed the prayers that make up the Mass. Those I could say, I could tune into it, even when scooping colored pencils out from under the kneeler and negotiating a whispered peace over a Sesame Street character swap.

Those prayers that we so often mumble our way through, that we might be tempted to dub filler in an hour packed with songs and Scripture and the source and summit of our faith. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy... Mumble, mumble, mumble.

No – in that moment, I realized that these prayers weren't just the audible connective tissue between one part of the Mass and the next, these words were holy anchors. And for me, in that moment, they were holding me fast in the spiritual turmoil of that liturgical experi-

ence.

I look at them – say them – differently now, even if I still fall back into mumbled words and distracted focus. Together, in community, they hold us fast, guide us forward. Like heavy, solid hiking boots that keep us steadfast and balanced as we traverse a majestic mountainside. How tempting it is to get lost looking over the edge!

Spiritual anchors, though, are necessary not just in our Sunday prayer but in the liturgical ebbs and flows of our life, our day-to-day living out of our vocation as people of God.

I wonder what the equivalent of filler words are in your life. Is there something you do each day that feels obligatory, uninspiring, monotonous? Perhaps it's a daily task or tedious commute or even some aspect of your own prayer practice. Now, I wonder if, rather than mumble your way through whatever that thing is, what if you really sank into it? What if you looked at this routine as a spiritual anchor point, something that God is using to help you hold steady amidst the chaos of everyday living?

Might you see it differently? And what is God inviting you to see as a result?

REGISTRATION is under way for Forming Young Disciples, the parish's Wednesday night program for children in kindergarten through Grade 10. The deadline is Sept. 7. Complete information is at stannesausau.org/youngdisciple.

MAKING IT HAPPEN: Parishioners are invited to share in the important ministry of forming young disciples. To learn more, send an email to johns@stannesausau.org or leeannl@stannesausau.org, or watch the recent Quick Things conversation "Why Be a Catechist?" There's a link at the web site.

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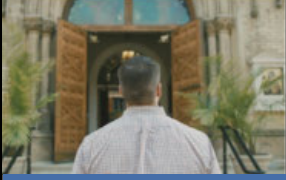
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