

JULY 11, 2021

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Outreach Ministry Hours

Monday and Wednesday
9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Confessions

Saturday 3:30 pm or by appointment.



Past, present, future; Jesus continues to call and send out disciples for the sake of the Kingdom.

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. — M K 6 7. 13

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Can you find Fr. Jim?

CONVENTUAL FRANCISCANS
- SAINT BONAVENTURE PROVINCE -

MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, July 12th

8:00 am For the People of St. John the Baptist and Sacred Heart Parishes and Their Benefactors

Tuesday, July 13th

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Wednesday, July 14th

8:00 am + Doris Schlotter

Thursday, July 15th

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Saturday, July 17th, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm + Sally Waite

Sunday, July 18th, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am + Sy Madix

10:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC



Prayers for Those in Nursing Homes
Millie Frese, Sue Thompson

Prayers for the Sick
Kay Bailey, Connie Brown, Evan Calvert, Susan Cooper, Phyllis Fehr, Cornelia Harpenau, Roy Harrold, Bev Hartsock, Mary Hirsch, Linda Kilgarriff, Patty Lecomte, Steve Lighthall, Mike Mannix, Tina Mannix, Jon Menter, Joni Mollet, Melissa Nagy, Fran Runyen, Bill Sargent, Angie Walden, Cale Wayne, Rita Williams, Brett Willits, Florence Workman, Charles M. Yeagle.

Collection Counters this week are **Silvia Comfort and Donna Hall.** Thank you for serving in this way.



Saturday, July 3rd 4:00pm and Sunday, June 4th 8:30am

Sunday Collection	\$2,819.00
Envelopes	\$447.00
Loose	\$3,266.00

St. Bonaventure Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Feast Day - July 15)



Bonaventure, Franciscan, theologian, doctor of the Church, was both learned and holy. Because of the spirit that filled him and his writings, he was at first called the Devout Doctor; but in more recent centuries he has been known as the Seraphic Doctor after the "Seraphic Father" Francis because of the truly Franciscan spirit he possessed.

Born in Bagnoregio, a town in central Italy, he was cured of a serious illness as a boy through the prayers of Francis of Assisi. Later, he studied the liberal arts in Paris. Inspired by Francis and the example of the friars, especially of his master in theology, Alexander of Hales, he entered the Franciscan Order, and became in turn a teacher of theology in the university. Chosen as minister general of the Order in 1257, he was God's instrument in bringing it back to a deeper love of the way of St. Francis, both through the life of Francis which he wrote at the behest of the brothers and through other works which defended the Order or explained its ideals and way of life.

Bonaventure so united holiness and theological knowledge that he rose to the heights of mysticism while yet remaining a very active preacher and teacher, one beloved by all who met him. To know him was to love him; to read him is still for us today to meet a true Franciscan and a gentleman.

Communion to the Homebound

Thank you to those who have already said yes to bringing Communion to the homebound:

Debbie Darrow, Marilyn Hight and Maggie Jewitt

There is still time to let us know you are available. These ministers will arrange with the homebound of our parish a day and time that is best for both to bring Communion. All arrangements will be agreed upon by minister and homebound person. A commitment can be as simple as once a month. Please call the Parish Office to volunteer.



Christopher A. Buraglio
January 18, 1987 - July 4, 2021

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Chris Buraglio**, son of parishioners Dennis and Jean Buraglio, who was buried from our parish this weekend. Chris received all of his sacraments here at St. John's

Church and was a life long resident of Clinton. He was a young man gifted with a good knowledge of technology that came almost as a second nature to him. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

We also pray for the soul of Charles "Pete" Ware who was buried last week. Pete was a regular attendee of our monthly Mass at Liberty Village Nursing Home.

May they rest in God's loving peace.

Monthly Second Collection

Prior to COVID 19, there were a considerable number of people who would approach the Parish for assistance with power bills, rent assistance or perhaps temporary housing. We would do our best to help those who came to our door. Because of the pandemic and increased government aid the number of requests has greatly decreased. It is not the purpose to build up a fund and not have the monies collected go to the intended purpose. In one sense this is good news. So what about the monthly second collection?

Our parish has needs that a second collection would help with without creating a large project. For example, we need to explore replacing the cooling system for the classrooms in the lower hall. These units are as old as the Hall and are beginning to show wear. I would propose that the monthly second collection would be designated as your support for general Parish Maintenance. As with the collection for the Parish Outreach, I ask that you be as generous as possible as we try to maintain our Parish facilities.



Friar Casimir CYPHER: A Conventual Franciscan with the Littleness of a Child, Simple, and Willing to Serve

On June 25, 2021, the Diocese of Juticalpa-Olancho in Honduras celebrated the 46th anniversary of the death of Friar Casimir CYPHER with great joy and hope.

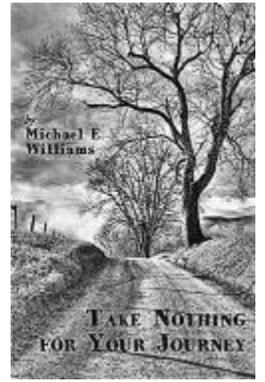
On June 25, 1975, Friar Casimir, along with thirteen other people, was brutally humiliated, sav-

agely tortured and killed. His body was thrown down a well.

Bishop José BONELLO, OFM, Bishop of Juticalpa, Honduras and the friars have been gathering testimony and all the other elements needed, so that, in the near future, the life and witness of Friar Casimir might be presented to the Church as a model for following Jesus, which the faithful may imitate. The evidence recounts the events surrounding Friar Casimir's martyrdom. The bishop spoke about Friar Casimir's love of creation as revealed in his various writings. Finally, the bishop invited everyone to be mindful of Friar Casimir's story and to bear fruit in the life of faith and Christian commitment following the example of Friar Casimir's life. He reminds us that to be a Franciscan is to have the littleness of a child, to be simple and willing to serve. The people of Central America together with the Bishop of the Diocese are preparing the necessary evidence, in the hope of asking the Holy See to begin the process toward canonization.

Note: Father Casimir was a member of the Province of Saint Bonaventure. Before volunteering to serve in the Missions he served the parochial vicar at the Franciscan Parish of St. Anthony of Padua Rockford, Illinois.

In our contemporary culture, the lists of our needs have expanded far beyond food. We need this new gadget and that new app. We have to have good credit and we have to have a car. And we have to have a nice home and nice clothes. This is all expected. You can't show up to work looking like a bum. And, very few American cities, as opposed to European ones, are so configured as to permit one to live without a car.



In the Gospel, Jesus was speaking to his apostles. We know that the Vatican sent every cardinal a first class round-trip ticket to fly to Rome for the conclave in 2013, and that Cardinal Bergoglio turned in his for a coach class ticket. In 2003, when he was named the Archbishop of Boston, *Cardinal Sean O'Malley* (a Franciscan) sold the palatial residence of previous Archbishops. Other examples: *Coadjutor Archbishop Bernie Hebda* of Newark chose to live in a dorm at Seton Hall. *Archbishop Cupich* chose not to live in the grand – and somewhat grim – residence his predecessors had called home, also choosing a room at the cathedral rectory. This is the message of Pope Francis - do not live in grand surroundings; do not drive fancy cars. Lead your flock by example, and simplicity of lifestyle.

Where is the truth that the Lord wants us to rely on Him, and only Him (and the sandals) as we walk through life, not on riches, not on plans, not on force of personality or grit, but on grace, pure grace, the grace of His accompaniment? We Americans are raised on myths about self-reliance, taught to consume products that promise increasing levels of autonomy, and acclimated to a culture that is drowning in consumerism. John Steinbeck knew this already in 1959 when he wrote to Adlai Stevenson, *"if I wanted to destroy a nation, I would give it too much and I would have it on its knees, miserable greedy, and sick."*

Like the Twelve, we are called to embrace God's mission and serve. We must move out and go to be with the others to serve and share the good news. But we don't arrive as heroes or messiahs, we come to companion and be a guest. We are equal with those who we help, as we unite with their experience of daily life and receive their hospitality. As we give messages of hope and healing, we receive. This is real solidarity and interdependency. It is a radical way of loving ones neighbor, for this "walking with" will not make us into the rich, famous or accomplished. In order to really live the Gospel in this way of mutuality we



may need to change our life around. We may need to change our mind about what it means to help and to serve in the name of God. We may need to make changes in our life in order to be present to others in the ways that God needs us.

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