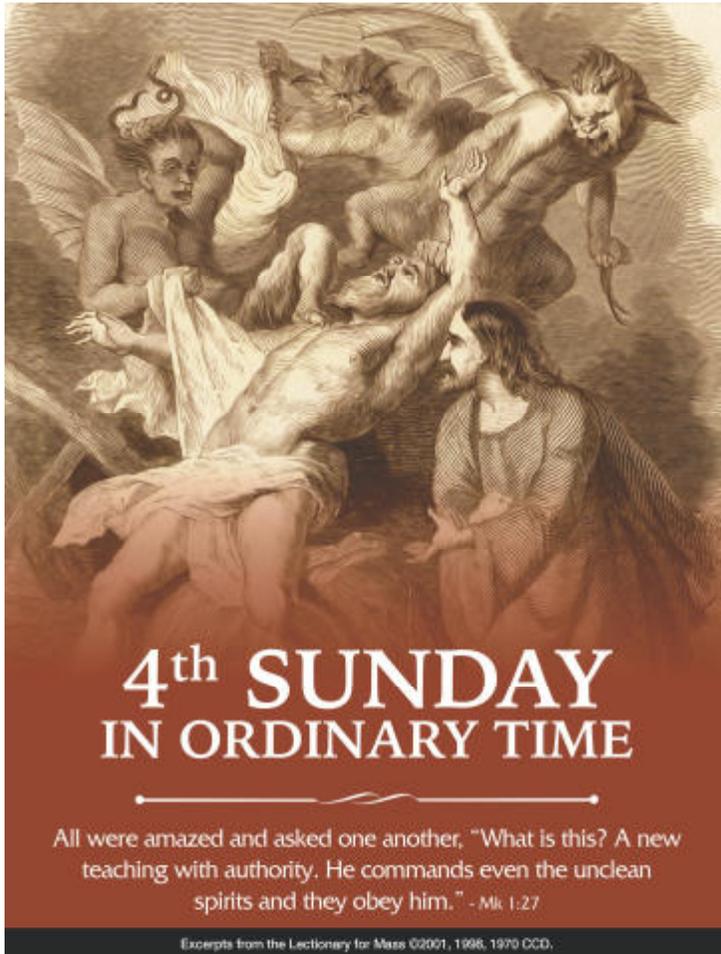




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ST. WILLIAM AND ST. LAWRENCE PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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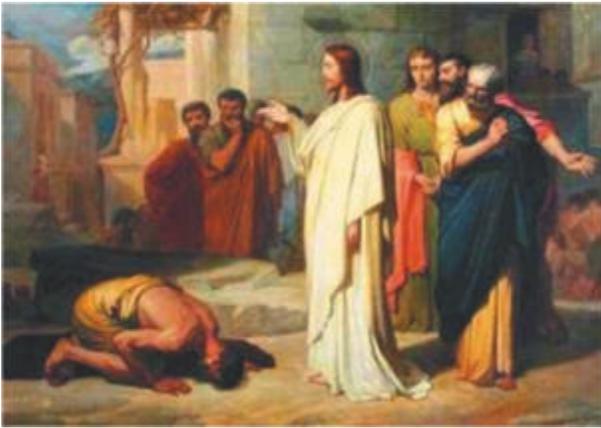
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**A Message from Fr. Augusty
IV Sunday in Ordinary Time -
Deuteronomy 18:15–20;
1 Corinthians 7:32–35; Mark 1:21–28**



Jesus teaches at the synagogue with authority. People were astonished by it. His very presence makes an impact on the place and on the people and even agitates some. Those who live a life away from God find it uncomfortable to be in his presence.

In today's Gospel, among all those united to pray and study the sacred scripture, there is a man with an unclean spirit. A person who lives a moral disorder is not clear in the eyes of God and even in his own eyes. As every human being is created in the image and likeness of God, every immoral disorder causes an obscurity in the life of one who lives that way. By being possessed by the unclean spirit it makes one lose one's own dignity. Every moral disorder stains the image of God in us.

The presence of Jesus bothers the man with an unclean spirit. It agitates him. All of a sudden he cries out to Jesus, thus revealing to everyone that he was a slave of an evil spirit, by saying "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" (Mark 1:24)

Jesus is the light that overcomes the darkness but the darkness does not want to accept him. He is the sun that warms, but the cold tries to resist the ardor of that sun. That is the reason the man with an evil spirit resisted him. He knows that he has to surrender before Jesus, and that made him cry out to Jesus. His cry becomes a kind of strange witness to the presence of Jesus. He recognizes Jesus as the Holy one of God. In the presence of Jesus this time he can not lie, disguise, or cloud his own conscience. The presence of Jesus in and around us is powerful and no one can resist it. A word of Jesus is enough that the evil spirit is forced to leave the man. The power of a word from the Word that became flesh has the power to conquer all evil.

If we look carefully around the world in which we live today it is not that hard to find, how even the name of Jesus makes some uncomfortable. His presence irritates those who live in sinfulness and causes moral disorders, whether it is in defense of life or family. For them, the lives of authentic Christians who do not fear to profess their faith openly and live Christian values, irritates them. They look at Christians as dangerous because they know that all that they themselves

want is just to have power and make laws for their own benefits, knowing deep down in their hearts it is not right. Very often the enemies of Christ are not those who deny him, but all those who ask him as did the man possessed with the evil spirit: "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?"

To be a Christian there are costs. Christ himself said: if you want to be my disciple deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me. He does not want to be the Lord just of part of our private life but he wants to be the Master, Savior and Liberator of our whole life. We can tell him yes or no, but we can not be lukewarm. In the Book of Revelation it says: "I know your works; I know that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth." (Revelation 3:15-16).

Jesus does not always agree with what we think, want, and choose. Because of that, in certain moments, maybe his presence becomes bothersome to us. We can allow many evil spirits to interfere in our decisions. Very often it is we who open the doors for these spirits and let them take hold on our life decisions. We let these spirits hold onto us by living a life away from the sacraments and prayer, and by being in continuous search for the satisfaction of our selfish pleasures. These spirits make us say: "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Leave us alone! We know who you are—the Holy One of God! But we prefer to live by ignoring you." But it will not change the mind of God. He is always in search of us. The road to reach us is never too long for him. He gives us thousands of occasions to rid ourselves of the evil spirits living within us. When Jesus rebukes those evil spirits they immediately all become silent! We are made to be possessed by the Spirit of God. Saint Paul reminds us: "Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" (1 Cor 3:16). We are the temple of God! God wants us to be happy and we will be happy only when we encounter our God! When we become a dwelling place of the Spirit of our loving God!

Prayer: Lord Jesus you are the Master! Your words are authoritative because they are true and are not separated from life. They not only touch the senses, but they go deep down into the heart. They are like a two-edged sword! Even then, how many times I fail to understand your words in my life. You have been misunderstood. Your words have been manipulated many times, used for other purposes, hidden, banned, ridiculed or condemned just because they are words of truth and challenged me.

But today I pray to you with all my humility: Free me from the terrible spirit of pride. Free me from the thirst of worldly passions. Free me of riches not just of material things. Free me from all that is superfluous. Free me from all that has only an end in itself. Save me from all these poisons of evil spirits by making me meet my brothers and sisters who know the antidotes because they are closer to you than I am. Jesus, you are my shield, you are my mighty salvation, you are my strength and my song. You are the rock on which I am safe, the bulwark that saves me, the medicine that heals me. Make me obey you out of love, only of love alone may I obey you! Amen.



These are the people that signed up for the Matthew 9 Mission, for the days of 29-4 of every month. They will pray the rosary for vocations to the priesthood. If you would like to sign-up, call the office.

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- 29 Fr. Augusty Valomchalil
- 30 Joey & Tara Moore
- 31 Dianne Ballard
- 1 Mary Lou Payne
- 2 Alicia & Steve Kurz Family
- 3 Sr. Mary Celine Weidenbenner OSU
- 4 Benita & Kenny Turner

SAINT LAWRENCE CHURCH

- 29 Marty & Kelly Lanham
- 31 Rhonda Smith; Joan Hayden
- 1 Marie Brandle
- 2 Sarah Boarman
- 3 Kenny & Debbie Lanham



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	8:00 a.m. SW	Imogene Fitzgerald (dec)
Tue.	8:00 a.m. SW	Elizabeth Hamilton (dec)
Wed.	8:00 a.m. SW	Catherine Higdon (dec)
Thurs.	8:00 a.m. SW	Doe Hamilton (dec)
Thurs.	6:00 p.m. SL	Jake & Frances Payne (dec)
Fri.	8:00 a.m. SW	Fabe & Audie Payne (dec)
Sat.	8:00 a.m. SL	Lois Johnson (dec)
Sat.	4:00 p.m. SW	Edwin Payne (dec)
Sun.	6:30 a.m. SW	Rosie Clary (dec)
Sun.	8:00 a.m. SL	Parishioners
Sun.	10:00 a.m. SW	Diddle, Johnny, & Carl Lanham (dec)
Sun.	12:00 p.m. SW	Danny Lanham (dec)



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STEWARDSHIP

"Our return to the Lord": In thanksgiving for the blessings we have received from God, last weekend we chose to return a portion to the Lord"

With the restriction due to the Coronavirus there will be baskets to drop tithing envelopes in after Masses. You may still leave envelopes in the door at the church office or mail them.

January 24, 2021	<u>St. William</u> envelopes	<u>St. Lawrence</u> envelopes
Regular Collections	\$ 6,338.00	\$ 1,505.00
Loose	\$ 43.00	
Children's		
Total	\$ 6,381.00	\$ 1,505.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 2,800.00
Collections Year to Date**	\$ 239,429.20	\$ 84,089.00
Budget Year to Date**	\$ 288,000.00	\$ 84,000.00
Over (Under) YTD**	\$ (48,570.80)	\$ 89.00
Support Life	\$ 25.00	
Flowers		\$ 70.00
GYM PARKING LOT REPAIR		\$ 11,145.00
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT BALANCE		\$ 787,108.39



SACRAMENTS

- CONFESION:** **St. Lawrence** Saturdays 7-7:30 am. **Gym** Saturdays 3-3:30 pm.
- BAPTISM:** Parents requesting Baptism for an infant or child under age 7, contact Kara Bekebrede, at the parish office. Baptismal preparation is required and is held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month **by appointment only**.
- ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Anyone having surgery or wishing to receive the Sacrament is asked to call the Parish Office.
- COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS:** Any home-bound parishioner wishing to receive Communion or a pastoral visit is asked to call the Parish Office. Please notify the Parish Office upon admission of a family member into nursing homes or hospital.
- HOLY MATRIMONY:** At least one party must be a registered member of this parish. Do not set a wedding date before meeting with the Pastor. Please call for an appointment with Fr. Augusty at least six months before scheduling the wedding. The bride and groom must be free to marry in the Catholic Church before a date can be selected.

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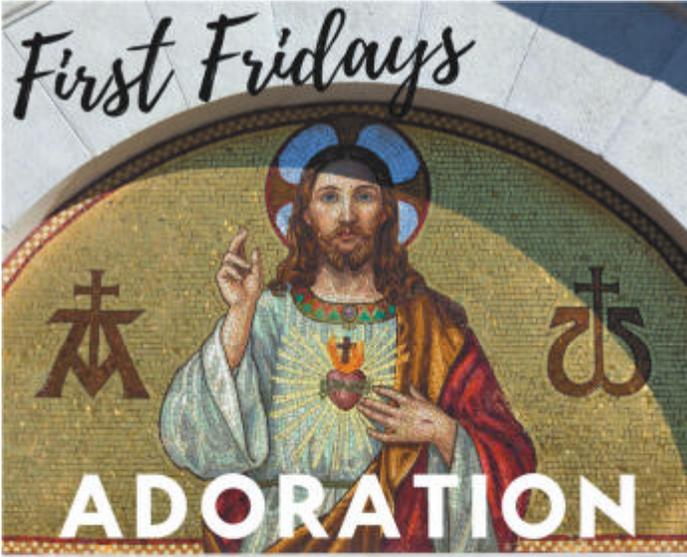

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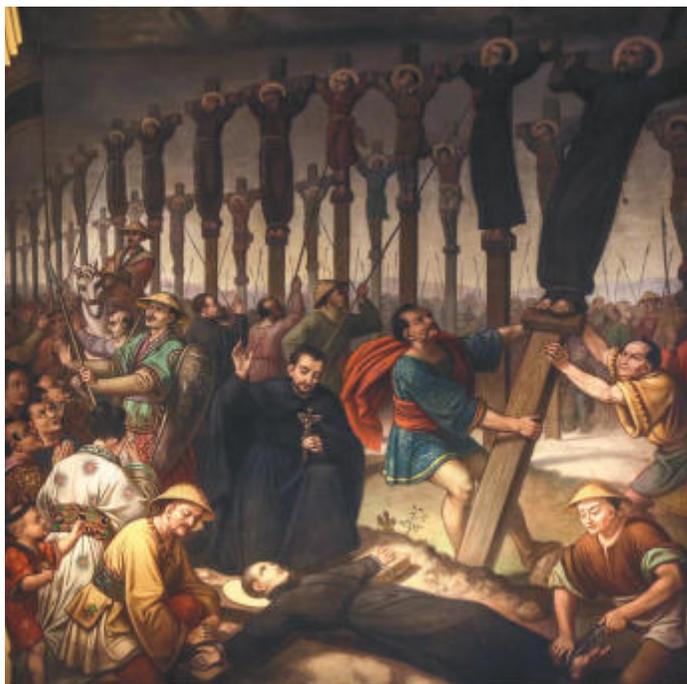


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St. Paul Miki & Companions

This week we celebrate the feast of St. Paul Miki and his 25 companions who were all martyred together. Not too long after St. Francis Xavier had brought the faith to Japan, Paul was born in the 1500s to a Japanese military leader. He was highly educated, and was on track to become a samurai, but instead joined the Jesuits in 1580. Known for his eloquent preaching, he converted many to Catholicism, yet didn't live long enough to become a priest. Things became difficult when the ruler of Japan at the time, Toyotomi Hideyoshi, started persecuting Christians. Many Jesuit missionaries had come from Europe to evangelize, so Hideyoshi believed Catholicism to be a spy network for Europe. Even though Catholicism had been well established among the Japanese people and many priests were Japanese natives, he still believed it to be a foreign influence and started killing them. Paul was rounded up in a Christian hunt with 25 other people. These 25 others included priests, workers, artists, and even children. Their captors cut off their left ears as a sign of disrespect and forced them to march 600 miles to Nagasaki. They sang God's praises the whole march, and many spectators were converted through their witness. When they finally reached Nagasaki, they went to a hill overlooking the town, and the guards set up crosses. Paul and his companions were then crucified on the crosses with their hands and legs tied and their necks bolted by iron. Crucifixion is death by asphyxiation because your body becomes too weak to hold yourself up, so you cannot breathe and suffocate to death. On the cross, Paul, ever the preacher, realized this was his most glorious position and preached. He openly proclaimed that he was Japanese, not foreign, and was only being killed for being Catholic and proclaiming Christ, which he was proud of. He also forgave his executioners after the model of Christ, encouraged his companions in their final struggle, and prayed his blood would fall on his fellow men as fruitful rain. As they awaited death, they sang the Canticle of Zachariah. After they finished, their executioners thrust spears into their sides and killed them all. They were the first martyrs



of Japan in 1597. All the Catholic priests were killed or deported, and no trace of Catholicism was left. However, almost 300 years later in the 1860s, Catholic missionaries returned to Japan. After they had established themselves for a while, they started having people ask them strange questions. They asked, "do you pray in honor of the lady?" and "does your father live in Rome?" It took the missionaries a minute, but they realized these Catholics were asking about Mary and the Pope. When they answered yes to the people, they started crying and rejoicing that priests finally returned! They had stayed in hiding for so long, even using hollowed out Buddhist statues to hide rosaries and crosses. Today, Catholics only make up one percent of the population of Japan, but they are most numerous in Nagasaki, the same place Paul and his companions were martyred. His blood did fall as fruitful rain, and Catholics today in Japan can practice their faith in peace. Even non-Catholics have adopted Christian customs like Christmas, exchanging wedding vows in chapels, and St. Valentine's day. May we also be willing to give our lives for the faith! St. Paul Miki and companions, pray for us!



HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

February 1-7

February 1	Linus & Suzanne Murphy	35 years
February 3	Mike & Mary McBride	43 years
February 5	Derek & Samantha Crisp	16 years

There is no greater force against evil in the world than the love of a man and woman in marriage. After the Holy Eucharist, it has a power beyond anything that we can imagine.

February 1, 2021

Today's readings: Hebrews 11:32-40; Mark 5:1-20

Example is the best education

Each day of Catholic Schools Week is the celebration of a component of Catholic education. Today we look at the experience of community. Through the relationships and interactions of service activities in the community and class trips to other environs, students get to practice the values they learn in their Catholic education and experience what it feels like to be making the world a better place. Plus they get a chance to observe others in community service and come to appreciate how they can continue caring for others their entire lives. Today, be an example of service to others.

"[A]nnounce to them all that the Lord in his pity has done for you."

February 2, 2021

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Today's readings: Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

Teach a faith that grows on you

Mary and Joseph bring their beloved firstborn to the temple at the appointed time, so Jesus can enter into the covenant with Yahweh that Jews have revered since Abraham. Not unlike infant Baptism today, it was—among other things—a powerful ritual of belonging that put the child on the right path to growing in faith. As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week—with the focus today being squarely on “the student”—may we never forget or neglect the promise of every young soul, so receptive to our efforts to plant the seeds of faith.

"The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom."

February 3, 2021

Today's readings: Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15; Mark 6:1-6

One nation, under God

Catholic schools have made a unique contribution to the nation, and today we can recognize and celebrate that contribution. At their very best, Catholic schools train students to grow both as members of the Catholic church and as productive citizens of the nation. By “rendering to Caesar and to God,” Catholic schools in the United States have managed to achieve that rare combination in world history, the development of a relatively harmonious church-state relationship that has endured for centuries. See the NCEA website for suggestions on how to celebrate the nation during Catholic Schools Week.

"Many who heard him were astonished. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him?'"

February 4, 2021

Today's readings: Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24; Mark 6:7-13

Line things up

Catholic schools prepare students to discover their vocation, so they can grow to use their gifts in service of church and world. Over the years, our notion of “vocation” has broadened significantly. A word that once designated those who take religious vows or are ordained into ministry is now used more broadly. No one defined vocation better than essayist and theologian Carl Frederick Buechner: “The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and

the world's deep hunger meet.” Are the two aligned in your life? And if not, how can you bring them into alignment?

“Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two.”

February 5, 2021

Today's readings: Hebrews 13:1-8; Mark 6:14-29

Thank those who opened your mind

Where would any of us be without our teachers? They did everything from helping us with our “three R's” to opening our minds to new ways of seeing the world. The really great teachers taught us how to learn for ourselves and thus set us up for a lifetime of discovery and fulfillment. When was the last time you thanked a teacher? Today is the day Catholic Schools Week pays special attention to the faculty, staff, and volunteers that make it possible for these great schools to function. See the NCEA website for suggestions on how to give thanks and recognition.

“The Lord is my helper, and I will not be afraid.”

February 6, 2021

Today's readings: Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21; Mark 6:30-34

Make faith a family affair

We close Catholic Schools Week by recognizing the central role in Catholic education played by the family. The Second Vatican Council called the family “the domestic church” because it is in the home that faith is first formed and nurtured. Whether you live alone or with others, your home can be a sacred space of prayer and spirituality. Creating sacred space in your home includes prayer and scripture readings at meal times and before bed; praying the Rosary; placing a crucifix in a prominent place; and family traditions based on the liturgical seasons. Look for ways to recognize the family's role in Catholic education and also ways to make your home a domestic church. Have at it!

“The Apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught.”



To be a servant of Christ
is to be truly free.

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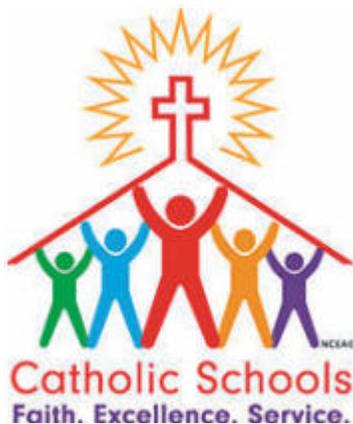


Upcoming School Events

- Jan. 18** 18-25 Week of Christian Unity
- Jan. 31– Feb. 5** Catholic Schools' Week
- Feb. 3** Live Streamed school Mass on Facebook at 9:00 AM
- Jan. 31– Feb 5** Book Fair

Catholic Schools Week

Jan. 31-Feb. 6



We are so thankful for our parish community. Without the support of St. William and St. Lawrence Parishes, MCCS could not continue to provide a Catholic education to our parish family.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Due to Covid-19 restrictions we are not able to do many of the usual celebrations during Catholic Schools Week, but please join us for the school Mass on Feb. 3 at 9:00 AM. The Mass will be live streamed on Facebook. We look forward to the day when our parents, grandparents and friends can join us again.

Please continue to pray for your Catholic School. We certainly believe that your prayers have protected our students and staff this year.

Contact the school office to order SCRIP cards of sign up for the mobile APP-Raise Right



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Jenny Lashbrook

25 Years of Service to

Mary Carrico Catholic School



There is no better time to celebrate Mrs. Lashbrook than during Catholic Schools Week. Mrs. Lashbrook began her teaching career at MCCS. She has taught most of the children at MCCS right now and she even

taught one of our teachers!

If you would like to share a memory with Mrs. Lashbrook or say thank you to her you may reach her at jlashbrook@marycarrico.org Teachers love to hear from past students and parents!!

Thank you Mrs. Lashbrook for your love of our students, staff and school! You are a blessing!



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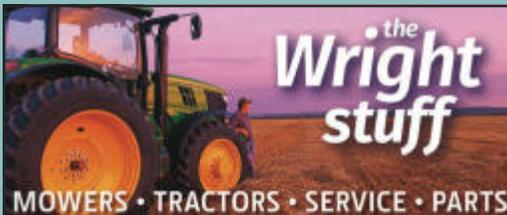
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