



# February 6, 2022 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.



For those consecrated to God by the vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience that they may seek to live their baptismal promises more intensely and have the grace to persevere in their commitment to the Lord and serve with open hearts and willing spirits. We pray to the Lord...

For those who have responded to the prompting of the Holy Spirit to be a consecrated person that they may experience the support of the Church as they continue their growth in holiness. We pray to the Lord...

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# **Locations Key**

DMCC—New Site (SFC—St. Faustina Commons; BDR—Bishop Dudley Activity Room; JP II—John Paul II Portico; NAR-Narthex); HOG—House of Gratitude; DMCS—Divine Mercy Catholic School; GYM—DMCS Gym; IC-Immaculate Conception; KC—KC Hall; MSB—Mother Samuel Building; TC—Tomlinson Center (youth room) MCF—Minnesota Correctional Facility PLM—Pleasant Manor



# Message from Father Cory Rohlfing

St. John the Baptist was the last prophet who foretold Jesus; in fact, he was the new Elijah. Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he...For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John came; and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come" (Matthew 11:11-14). John was also the first Christian martyr. He was martyred for following and proclaiming God's moral law. His adherence to the truth landed him in prison and angered Herod's new wife, costing him his life. Servant of God Dorothy Day said that Jesus came for two reasons: "He came to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable." When we profess and proclaim the truth, we can make other people uncomfortable. While we must proclaim the truth with prudence and, above all, charity, we are called to have fortitude in the face of immorality.

Even from prison, John stayed firm in his adherence to the truth and to preaching God's word. Herod was afraid of John, perhaps because he spoke so boldly and was full of "the spirit and power of Elijah" (Luke 1:17). Even though Herod feared John, he would go and listen to him while he was in prison. John confused him, "yet he liked to listen to him." This line is so interesting and poses many questions. What did they talk about? What was it about John's manner and words that attracted this immoral king to go into the dungeon and listen to someone who had called him out for his behavior? One might imagine that John was very virtuous. He most likely spoke powerfully with truth and conviction, but also with the gentleness and love of someone who follows the Lord. How do we reflect the merciful love of the Father when we speak and act?

John was imprisoned and martyred for admonishing the king. Our consciences are meant to admonish us internally. The conscience is the voice of God's law inside ourselves. It tells us what is right and wrong and how we should follow God's will. St. John Henry Newman called it "the aboriginal Vicar of Christ" in the soul. A good morning practice is to ask Jesus to guide us by our consciences throughout the day. When people choose to suppress or ignore this voice inside them, we can be the gentle voice of the Good Shepherd for them—a voice of truth coming from outside instead of from the inside. Admonishing the sinner is a spiritual work of mercy. This must always be done with charity, keeping Christ's truth and the salvation of the person we are speaking with at the forefront of our minds.

God bless, Fr. Cory Rohlfing

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 Kgs 11:4-13 Mk 7:24-30	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 Mk 7:31-37	12 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 MK 8:1-10	Jer 17:5-8 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Lk 6:17, 20-26
8:30 am Mass DMCC George Bultman	7:45 am St. Anne's Choir Practice DMCC-BDAR	8:00 am Reconciliation DMCC	8:00 am Mass DMCC Jeannine Bongers 🕆
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		4:00 pm Mass DMCC Adam Donohue 🕆	Seraia (1911) Charit

# **PreK-Grade 12 Education**

# Rome Trip Bake Sale Fundraiser - February 6

BA students going on the Theology Department Rome Trip this June will be holding a fundraising bake sale following the 8am, 10am, and 12pm Masses at Divine Mercy Catholic Church this Sunday, February 6. Please stop by for some tasty baked treats!

Open House Events February 13: Know a student who would benefit from the gift of Catholic education? Bethlehem Academy (Gr 6-12) and Divine Mercy Catholic School (Preschool-Gr 5) will be hosting open house events on Sunday, February 13. Join us at BA from 11am-1pm; at DMCS from 12-2pm. Find more information on our websites at www.bacards.org or www.dmcs.cc.

# 2022-2023 BA/DMCS New Student Applications Now Open

BA and DMCS are excited to welcome new student applications for the 2022-2023 school year! Apply online for spots in our PreK-Grade 12 classes at www.dmcs.cc or www.bacards.org. Tuition assistance is available!

#### **BA/DMCS** Tours and BA Student Shadow Information

Family tours are offered Monday-Friday from 9am-4:30pm at both Bethlehem Academy (Gr 6-12) and Divine Mercy Catholic School (PreK-Gr 5). Contact Ginger Van Hecke at DMCS (gvanhecke@dmcs.cc or Kris Sauer (ksauer@bacards.org) at BA to schedule a tour. Student shadow days generally offered Tuesday-Friday at Bethlehem Academy for students entering Grades 6-12. Email Kris at ksauer@bacards.org to set up a shadow day.

# **School Advisory Council (SAC)**

The purpose of SAC is to advise the principal, work to support the school, educate the school and parish community about SAC and its role, and communicate to our stake holders what is being done and accomplished.

Please contact us with any questions, concerns and comments.

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# **Ministry of Mission and Outreach**

# **Pastoral Care/Mission and Outreach**

Pope Francis' February Prayer Intention: Pope Francis asks us to pray for Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women during February: We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

World Day for Consecrated Life Is Celebrated this weekend. In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day to honor and pray for women and men in consecrated life on February 2nd. It is to be transferred in parishes throughout the world on the weekend following February 2nd in order to highlight the gift of consecrated person for the whole church. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

Parish Anointing Mass: Parish Anointing Mass is on Saturday, February 12 at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. We also recognize the World Day of Prayer for the sick, an observance begun by Pope John Paul II, as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. All are welcome.

COVID 19 Grief Support Group: February 15: 4-5:30 pm. This group, via Zoom, will be facilitated by: Kelly Grosklags, LICSW,BCD, FAAGC. Brighter Days Family Grief Center is pleased to offer this free event. Join a safe virtual setting for adults (18+) who have experienced the death of a loved one from COVID-19. The group will begin with Kelly speaking on unique grief and then using breakout rooms to meet others in a smaller setting. Please bring a candle to light at the end of the group! Space is limited, so please register early—info@bdgc.us.

#### CCW

CCW will meet this Monday, February 7 at  $6:15~\mathrm{pm}$  in the St. Faustina Commons. We will be looking ahead to Lenten soup suppers and the March  $5~\mathrm{retreat}$ . Please join us for the meeting.

Be sure to put the March 5 retreat to your calendar. This will be a wonderful start to our Lenten journey. Nancy Jo Sullivan is the guest speaker on "When Everything Changes: Following the Footsteps of Mary". The morning begins with the 8:30 am Mass and will conclude by noon.

# **Respect Life**

Last Wednesday the Church celebrates the Presentation of the Lord Jesus in the temple. Simeon and Anna two elderly people who lived in the temple, had dedicated their lives to prayer and fasting and so their strong religious spirit rendered them able to recognize the Messiah. Simeon, after many years of prayer, was able to now joyously surrender himself to God. In the venerable Simeon, Jesus' presentation in the temple reminds us that prayer and contemplation are most effective and so we must never cease in our prayerful diligence asking the Lord to hear our pleas and remove the scourge of abortion from our nation.



Pregnancy Options Life Care Center is always in need of donations; call the center for more information! Diapers are always needed! www.pregnancyoptionsfbo.org - (507-332-7644)

The Restful Waters Ultreyas will be held at DMCC during 2022. We will meet in the Faustina Commons the second Friday of each month starting at 7:00pm.

Save the date - Friday, February 11th: Fr. Cory will be speaking. Please join us.

### St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, the disciples decide to leave everything to follow Jesus. We are also called to follow Jesus, who tells us that "whatever you do to the least of mine, you do for me."

Your gifts of time and money to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Food Shelf can bring the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

# **Divine Mercy Sunday**

When our three parishes officially became one, several parishioners met to discern a name for our new church. After much deliberation and voting, the name Divine Mercy was chosen. This occurred in 2002 when Archbishop Harry Flynn officially declared that we should be one parish.

When St. Faustina was canonized in 2000 under the direction of fellow countryman Pope John Paul II, he proclaimed the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday. This year we celebrate our namesake and devotion to Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 24th at the 3:00 p.m. Mass. More information to follow.



#### **Sons of Thunder**

Tuesday Nights at 7:00 PM at DMCC Farmhouse

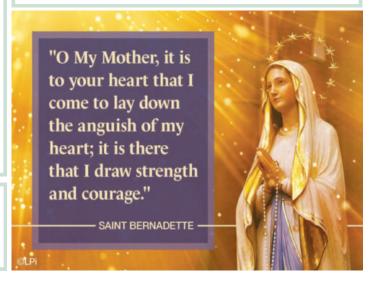
Men of the Church,

You are invited to join a men's group formed to help us grow in our walk with God, to answer His call, and to give us an opportunity for fraternity. We call ourselves Sons of Thunder. This was the name Jesus gave two of his disciples, James and John (Mark 3:17), when he appointed the Twelve. This group will meet weekly on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM.

What to expect: Opening Prayer, Reading of following Sunday's Mass Readings, Refreshments, & Fraternity.

Please plan on joining us for about an hour or so. After closing prayer, we will have refreshments and social time.

We look forward to seeing you.



# **Ministry of Communion**

# **Adoration Chapel**

Mother Samuel Building 104 Second Ave SW

Heavenly Father increase our faith in the Real Presence of Your Son, Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. We are obliged to adore Him, to give Him thanks and to make reparation for sins. We need Your peace in our hearts and among nations. We need conversion from our sins and the mercy of Your forgiveness. May we obtain this through prayer and our union with the Eucharistic Lord. Please send down the Holy Spirit upon our parish to give them the love, courage, strength and willingness to respond to the invitation to take an hour at our Perpetual Adoration Chapel. Amen

Current available hours:

Friday 6-7 a.m.

Friday 2-3 p.m. (prayer partner needed)

Saturday 1-2 p.m.

Saturday 8-9 p.m.

Please contact Libby at 507-331-0860 if you can take an hour.



# Seven Sisters Apostolate-**Praying for our Priests**

United in prayer and mission...that our prayers may find the heart of every bishop and priest..... eternal gratitude continues as you each remember to offer a wee Hail Mary for me every day.... "One Ave Maria makes hell tremble" (St John Vianney). Pray that I will not 'spoil the beautiful work that God has entrust-(St Teresa of Calcutta)

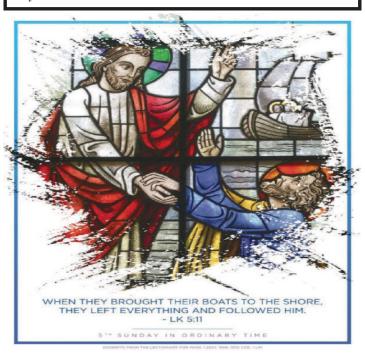
# **Ministry of Administration**

# Stewardship of Tithing: Financial Gifts

Information unavailable at time of printing.

# **Community News**

Lion's Club Annual (Pre-Pre) Super Bowl Breakfast on February 6 from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm at the American Legion. Served by the Emeralds Dance Team. Cost: \$9/adults and \$4/youth 12 and under. All you can eat. Take out is also available.





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