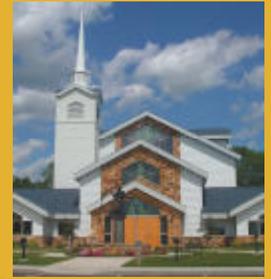




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Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." - Mt 28:18-19

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

May 29 through June 6

Sat., May 29	4:00p	SM	BJ Wogernese
	6:00p	SR	† Becky Eckman
Sun., May 30	8:30a	SR	Parishioners of SM & SR
	11:00a	SM	Family Faith Formation
(Misa en español)	1:00p	SM	Priest Intention
Mon., May 31	No Mass		
Tue., June 1	8:00a	SR	† Mary Gallick
Wed., June 2	8:00a	SM	For the Farmers
Thu., June 3	8:00a	SR	PCCW Members
Fri., June 4	9:00a	SM	† Paul C & Clara Bauer
Sat., June 5	9:00a	SM	Priest Intention
	4:00p	SM	† Daniel Redlich
	6:00p	SR	† Matt Klobucar
Sun., June 6	8:30a	SR	† Dorothy Scheuermann
	11:00a	SM	† Marilyn Hayden
(Misa en español)	1:00p	SM	Parishioners of SM & SR

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday	7:00p–9:00p	SR
Saturday	10:00a–12:00p	SM

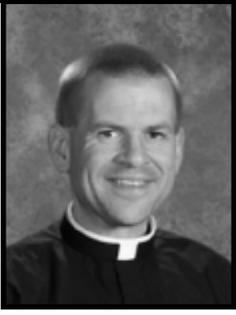
EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION & ADORATION

Tuesday	5:00p–9:00p	SM
Thursday	5:00p–9:00p	SR

OFFICE HOURS (CLOSED MAY 31ST FOR MEMORIAL DAY)

Mon-Thurs	9am-noon or by apt	SM
Sun	noon-3pm	SM
Tues/Thurs	9am-noon or by apt	SR

Reflections from Fr. Derek Sakowski



Forgiveness: Learning to Count the Cost

Jesus teaches us to be merciful like the Father, to forgive from our heart. The “Our Father” is a daily reminder that we must seek to forgive if we ourselves desire to be forgiven. Easier said than done!

Sometimes we just don’t want to forgive. The hurt can be so deep. The damage can

be so lasting – or perhaps ongoing.

Even those determined to forgive can feel stuck. Just when we think we have finally let it go, some little event of daily life sets off a reaction in us, exposing new layers of bitterness and resentment. Will it never end?

Today I suggest a shocking concept: in order to forgive, we must learn to count the cost, yes, even when counting the cost involves feeling angry. Allow me to explain.

The Bible often describes forgiveness in terms of writing off a debt. In the Old Testament, God instructed the Jews to observe a Year of Jubilee every 50 years. It was to be a year of liberation and consolation, a year of setting slaves free and writing off old debts.

In Matthew 18, Jesus offers us the parable of the unforgiving servant. He owes his master a vast sum of money, impossible to pay back, and his master writes off the entire debt. The same servant goes out and throttles a fellow servant who owes him a mere pittance. Jesus offers the moral of the story: that we who are forgiven so much by God must go forth and forgive from our heart.

But let’s not lose the image of writing off a debt. To write off a debt, I must name what is owed. Then I can declare that I release the other person from the debt.

This is where so many of us get stuck in our unforgiveness. When it comes to serious betrayal, cruelty, abuse, or neglect, the wound can be so deep and painful that we prefer to ignore it. It’s so much easier to turn to a cliché like “forgive and forget” or “move on with life” or “water under a bridge.” But if we minimize or deny just how serious the pain is, we leave ourselves unfree to write off the debt. Part of us will hold on to the resentment and bitterness. It will keep leaking out until we finally face it. If we are obstinate, it may even lead us to harden our heart and block ourselves from ever receiving or giving love again.

“Counting the cost” means giving ourselves permission to feel deeply angry at those who have hurt us and (-*gasp*-) even at God himself. He can handle it! If a flawed parent can handle the anger of an unruly child, surely our heavenly Father will love us tenderly when we come to him upset and in pain. If you don’t believe me, I urge you to read the Book of Job or to pray some of the Psalms. God delighted in Job and David precisely because they

came to him with an open heart: no wearing of masks, no pretending or protecting. God healed their hearts.

Unfortunately, in the name of being Christian, many make the mistake of viewing anger as a bad thing, a shameful thing, an unacceptable thing. It is not uncommon for Christian families to train their children that they must never express anger. So the children learn from their parents to minimize or deny, to pretend like they’re not actually angry. Their anger turns to passive aggression and breeds toxic relationships that never seem happy.

Yes, there are destructive ways of expressing anger that we should avoid. Lashing out at others physically or verbally is a bad thing. Damaging people or property is a bad thing. Stubbornly holding a lifelong grudge is a bad thing.

But anger can also be a healthy emotion, an important part of the human experience. Like it or not, it is often there – and will stay there – until we finally face it and resolve it. The same holds true for even more painful emotions such as shame or fear, which often lurk beneath our anger and fuel it.

It is so much easier to avoid our wounds – especially for those of us who pretend that we are in control. If we have been hurt, and hurt badly, we instinctively resist and avoid the prospect of going toward the painful emotions. We fear that once we start feeling them we may never stop. We will lose control. The pain will never end. And so forth.

That is why it is so important to draw close to God and others in our pain – not just anyone, but those who are truly trustworthy – those who will empathize and encourage and accompany, challenging us without trying to “fix” us. With communal support, our wounds will not be too much for us. We can face them. We can name them. We can claim them. Then we can call upon Jesus to heal us and set us free.

All too often, our Christian communities have been dysfunctional, not seeking to heal the whole person. Instead of showing empathy and accompaniment to the broken-hearted, instead of weeping with those who weep, we try to fix them with rule-following. Or we help them numb their pain with more socially acceptable drugs like busyness or volunteering. Like Job, they just need someone to acknowledge their pain and be with them.

When we find authentic community with others and with God, we can probe the depths of our wounds. We can “count the cost.” And then – calling on Jesus – we can truly release it all. We can forgive from our heart.

Check out Father’s blog at www.abideinlove.com

Job Opportunity

Stewardship

Marriage Prep & Wedding Coordinator

This is a part-time position, usually involving Saturday weddings and Friday rehearsals, in addition to meeting with couples prior to the wedding. Interested candidates should send a résumé and cover letter describing interest and experience with Marriage Ministry to Jacqueline Van Hemert, Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation, at JacquelineEVanHemert@gmail.com. Please include in the subject line "Marriage Prep and Wedding Coordinator".



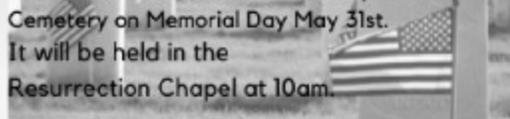
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Memorial Day Mass May 31st

Mass will be offered at the Calvary Catholic Cemetery on Memorial Day May 31st. It will be held in the Resurrection Chapel at 10am.



Knights of Columbus (SM)

Meeting Monday, June 7th at 7pm
 Saint Mary's McGivney Room
 Officer's Meeting at 6:30pm

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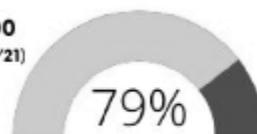
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You're Invited...

Sundaes on Sunday are back at St. Raymond's!!

Let's finally, in person, welcome Fr. Peter to our parish!

Let's finally, in person, welcome the new staff members
who serve both our parish and St. Mary's!

Let's finally, in person, welcome each other back to our
home parish!

Saturday and Sunday, June 5 and 6, Sundaes will be served
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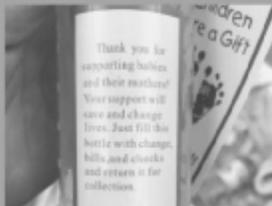
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MASS & CONFESSION

Upcoming Schedule Changes

- RESUMING: Friday June 4th
Friday Masses at 9am at St. Mary's will
be open to the public.
- MOVED: Weds. June 23rd Daily Mass
at St. Mary's will be at 9am
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