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SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher—"where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a



ANNUAL CHILI FEED TO KICK OFF "CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK"

The 8th Grade Chili Feed Fundraiser will be held on **Saturday, January 30th**. Dinner will be from 3 pm to 7 pm in the parish hall, with social distancing seating.

The menu will be:

Adults \$6 - a bowl of chili, cinnamon roll and water.

Children 5 and under \$3 - bowl of chili, cinnamon roll and water.

We will provide drive thru carry out. Our carry out menu will be:

Quart of chili - \$7 each

Cinnamon roll (s) - \$2 for 1 and \$8 for four cinnamon rolls.

All orders will be placed online and paid for online (like what was utilized by the Fall Bazaar). Reservation times - Social Distancing Dining will be in 45 minute increments, this will allow us to seat, serve and clean before the next families are served. **The times will be: 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm, 3:45 pm to 4:30 pm, 4:30 pm to 5:15 pm, 5:15 pm to 6:30 pm and 6:30 pm to 7:15 pm.**

Carry out drive thru will be in the alley (north) behind the parish hall.

Carry out times are: 3:15 pm to 3:40 pm, 4:15 pm to 4:40 pm, 5:15 pm to 5:40 pm, 6:15 pm to 6:40 pm and 6:40 pm to 7:00 pm.

Hopefully, these times will allow us to focus on the carry out and not interfere with our dining room service.

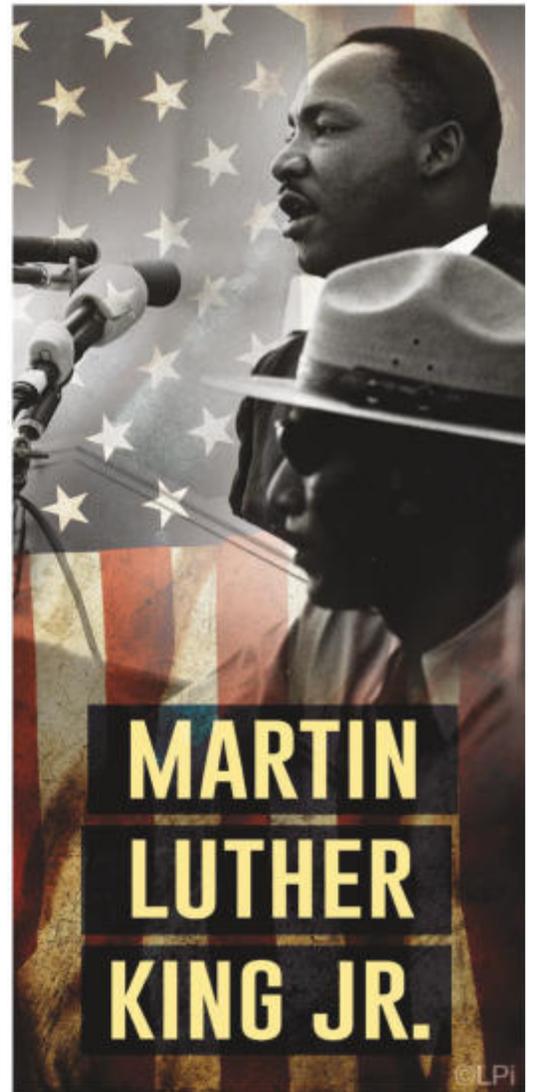
The Online Order Form information will be in next weekend's bulletin.



KANSAS MASS & MARCH FOR LIFE

In recognition of the National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn and the 48th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, please join the Bishops of Kansas in prayer via the Livestreamed Kansas Mass for Life on **January 21st** at 10:30 a.m. --www.livestream.com/ArchKCK/KSMassforLife. All are welcome to join the Kansas March for Life in-person beginning at 12:00 pm in front of the Topeka Performing Arts Center, 214 SE Eighth Ave, Topeka. The march will end at the Capitol steps for the Kansans for Life Rally. Plans are subject to change due to COVID restrictions and possible inclement weather, so please check the archkck.org/prolife website for details and updates.

On **Thursday, January 28th**, Archbishop Naumann will be the main Celebrant and Homilist of the National Prayer Vigil for Life in Washington DC. EWTN will televise the Vigil starting at 7:30 pm CST. Watch the National March for Life in DC on **January 29th**, also televised by EWTN starting at 11:00 a.m. Visit www.marchforlife.org for more details.



*The time is
always right
to do what
is right.*

— DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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RESPONDING to the Call

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Christ is Anything but Ordinary

We're about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

Are you bored yet?

Here's a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call.

In today's Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist's testimony: "What are you looking for?" He's asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, "Come, and you will see." Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

Remember what you are looking for. Come, and you will see.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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ATTENTION MEN OF Mater Dei Parish

Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God? Be a better husband? Become a more loving father? Build friendships with other like-minded men? And seek to be the best man you can be?



Then Come Join... That Man is You!

Wednesday Mornings - 6:00 am to 7:30 am. Spring Sessions of "All Things New" will resume on **January 20th** at Rossiter Hall OR Zoom option.

Contact: Kyle meadi8r@yahoo.com

Week 14 - Sober Intoxication of the Spirit

Wednesday, January 20th

- ✚ Speaker: Mark Hartfiel
- ✚ The Intoxication of the Spirit
- ✚ The Virtue of Humility
- ✚ The Condescension of God
- ✚ The Analogy of Water
- ✚ The Annunciation: Filled with Grace
- ✚ The Litany of Humility

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Formed will continue to do so and that many more of our parish family will join us. (FORMED provides the very best Catholic content from more than 60 organizations to help parishes, families and individuals explore their faith anywhere. Supporting thousands of movies, children's programs, ebooks, audio, parish programs and studies direct to your browser, mobile or connected device.)

For our parish to continue to have access to Formed.org after February 10, 2021, we will have to renew our subscription at a cost of \$2,000.00. If you are able to donate toward this subscription it would be greatly appreciated. Checks should be made out to Mater Dei Parish with Formed.org in the memo line. Cash donations should be clearly marked for Formed.org with your name so you can be credited for the donation. Thank You and we pray for God's Blessing for all of you. Evangelization Committee

The Mater Dei Parish Community offers the following families our heartfelt sympathy on the death of their loved ones. Your family will be remembered in our prayers.



...to Caree Clark upon the death of her father, **STEVEN PAUL CLARK** on December 31st at the age of 69.

...to Jim Lederer upon the death of his wife, **GERALDINE ANN LEDERER** on January 1st at the age of 69. Condolences also to her daughters, Dr. Anne Hawks and Lara Geiken and her mother, Pat Cummings.

May God open his arms and welcome them home and continue to be your strength and consolation.

Day of Prayer for the

LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION A SPIRITUAL WORK OF MERCY

Over 30 years ago, Roe v. Wade legalized abortion throughout the entire nine months of pregnancy which has resulted in over 60 million abortions since 1973. The late Archbishop Fulton Sheen encouraged the spiritual adoption of an unborn child to help bring an end to this tragedy. A "Spiritual Adoption" is done by praying the following prayer daily for a period of nine months so that one particular, but unknown, child's life be spared abortion and allowed to live:

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of [choose a name for the baby you are 'adopting' and insert here], the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion." ~ Prayer of Archbishop Fulton Sheen

While this child will remain unknown to you, God knows who the child is and your prayers will make a difference for the baby and for both of the parents. At the end of the program (Sept 2021), you can donate gifts of baby items to a local pregnancy center to celebrate the birth of the child.

PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE! JANUARY 21-29, 2021

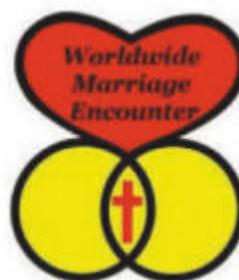
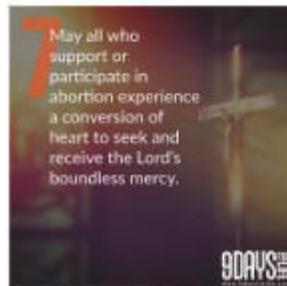


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9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Please visit www.9daysforlife.com to join the novena (either via text or email) and for additional information.



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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture



Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call. Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. "Come, and you will see."

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don't need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

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HAYDEN ANNOUNCES THEIR CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PLAN - Hayden has completed their first draft of their Continuous Improvement Plan. Take a look to see what Hayden is working on! You can find the plan on the Hayden Website: (Link Below)

<https://sites.google.com/haydencatholic.net/cip-annualreport/welcome-letter>



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COLLECTION REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2021

Receipts for December 24, 2020 to December 31, 2020	Fiscal Year to Date	
White Envelopes	\$8,534.00	\$219,506.51
Banking	\$983.00	\$130,763.08
Plate	\$1,104.00	\$6,149.04
Total Collections	\$10,621.00	\$356,418.63
Amount Budgeted for Collections	\$16,865.38	\$455,365.26
Income Over/-Under Budget	-\$6,244.38	-\$98,946.63



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Location of Blessed Sacrament

Question:

Why do parishes have the Blessed Sacrament in a separate room?

Answer:

While many Catholics of a certain age have memories of the Blessed Sacrament being housed in the tabernacle on the high altar of the church, many parishes in the decades since the Second Vatican Council have chosen to build a separate space — a reservation chapel — where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. Although this practice is not universal, it is in keeping with the guidance offered by the US Bishops in their document *Built of Living Stones* (see nos 77-78). The goal is to create a space that is separated from the nave and sanctuary, but which is “integrally connected with the church” which can foster “reverence and can provide the quiet and focus needed for personal prayer.” This can be especially important for communities that have continuous eucharistic adoration, allowing people to come and pray in a space separate from the normal activities of parish life.

The practice of reserving the Eucharist in a separate space — or in a dignified location away from the altar where Mass is celebrated — is that it emphasizes the importance of the liturgy itself, which is the “source and summit” of the life of the Church.

As with many things in the Church, the practice of placing the tabernacle in the sanctuary or in a separate chapel is not universal (as can be seen in visits to historic churches in Rome and other places). The important thing is that as communities question where to place the tabernacle, they listen to the voice of the Church, explore the ancient and varied liturgical tradition of the Church, consider the needs and life of the community, and also take into account the architecture and limits of the spaces they might already have.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Jacob Askins	Sandra Grabauskas	Jason Ortiz
Margaret Barr	Joyce Green	Dan Osborn
Tom Becher	Danny Halperin	Kay Payne
Lela Becker	Marie Hammon	Orlyn Peterson
Lorine Bloodworth	Pat Hanrahan	Mary Pineda
Marlene Gatesman Boboige	Maureen Harris	Maddy Reynolds
Bill Bond	Reid Harrison	Jamie Robinson
Marcy Bowen	Chelsea Hernandez	Celia Rodriquez
Ashley Brock	Kathy Hestand	Nellie Rodriguez
Toni Brown	Roy "Jim" Hillebert	Isaiah Roeder
Marianne Brownlow	Bonnie Hisey	Elizabeth Romero
Aiden Burkhart	Jim Hisey	Jerry Rose
Robin Burns	Scott Holmes	Joselyn Salsbury
Pam Busch	Teresa Jenkins	Sam
Cheryl Cafferty	Larry Johnson	Mary Anne Satterthwaite
Bill Callies	Pauline Johnson	Sharon Scheck
Rev. McCoy Caraway	Bryce Kalas	Julia Seago
Bill Cole	Amy Kelly	Jim Simons
Timli Cole	Maxwell Kelly	Janice Slusser
Mindy Darling	Sam Kelly	Melanie Sutphen Stafford
Mark Dechand	Shirley Kelly	Robert "Bob" Stich
Marie DeLong	Theresa L.	Bob Swafford
Mary Denise Dexter	Michaela Lake	Kelly Terrill
James Duncan	Kathe Langer	Don Thompson
June "Melody" Duncan	Gretchen Lindabury	Tracie Sutphen Thornton
Becky Boboige Egan	Margaret Longstaff	Nancy Tudor
Heather Endsley	Jesus Luna *	Kenny Unterberger
Jackie Erwin	Vivianne Marousek	Ren Valdivia
Seraphina Espinoza	John Marr	Sierra Van Sickle
Kent Evans	Davonta Martinez	Austin Vail
Rachelle Florez	Tim McCarthy	Paul Warfield
Joseph Frederick	Frannie Miller	Debra Weaver
Janice Gill	Lindsay Miller	Ken Weber
Betty Glettig	Margaret Moore	Becky Welch
Mary Godfrey	Royce Muller	Ruthie Welsh
Alexis Gomez	Brantley Ness	Sandra Williams
Lisa Gonzales	Cheryl Ness	Yvonne Yanek
Madison Good	Jack Nork	Bibi Zweig

*Added to Sick List this week

Please keep in your prayers our family members serving in the Military

Schuyler Baum - Navy
Jacob Crawshaw - Air Force
Ethan Figgs - Navy
Christopher Jones - Army
Joseph Immenschuh - Army
Mike Liotta - National Guard
Mark Lojewski - Army
Eddie Lyons - Navy

Clayton Mettleton - Air Force
Benjamin Metzger - Army
Peter Oberle - Navy
Mason Pakerson - Air National Guard
Stephen Schmidt - Marines
Dylan Treadwell - Army
Garrett Wilson - Navy
Tyler J. Wilson - Air Force

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday, January 18, 2021

8:00 AM Anne Herman † MDHN
 12:00 PM Mary Booth † MDA

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

8:00 AM Cecilia and Roy Warner †† MDHN
 12:00 PM Stella Kline † MDA

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

8:00 AM Helene Estes † MDHN
 12:00 PM Charles Birbaumer † MDA

Thursday, January 21, 2021

8:00 AM Peter Ziegler † MDHN
 12:00 PM Edward Halprin † MDA

Friday, January 22, 2021

8:00 AM Joanne Nolte † MDHN
 12:00 PM Anna Evan † MDA

Saturday, January 23, 2021

5:00 PM Joseph McCaffrey † MDHN

Sunday, January 24, 2021

8:00 AM Lucille McDermitt † MDHN
 10:30 AM Rita Seago † MDHN
 5:00 PM Mater Dei Parishioners MDHN

Fr. John Pilcher - Pastor
 Deacon Chris Seago
 Deacon Bob Ortiz

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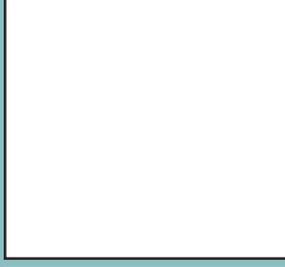
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