

Franklin Hardin County Catholics

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 30, 2022

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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[He said to them], "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" - Lk 4:21-22

Dijo: "Hoy mismo se ha cumplido este pasaje de Escritura que ustedes acaban de oír". Todos le daban su aprobación y admiraban la sabiduría de las palabras que salían de sus labios, y se preguntaban: "¿No es éste el hijo de José?" - Lc 4, 21-22

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Look for "St. Mark-Iowa Falls"

Set up an account (Spanish available)

Questions?

Contact Brenda Strayer at St. Mark.

Wisdom from a Saint

"Everything and everyone is won by the sweetness of our words and works."

— Saint John Bosco

A Note from Fr. Kevin

January 30, 2022 – St. Francis de Sales

This past week included the feast day of St. Francis de Sales, who I desire to learn much more about and read much more of his writings.

He was the Bishop of Geneva in the late 1500s, during the heated time of the Protestant Reformation. Thus, he had to do a lot of clear teaching about Catholic Christianity, during a time of much confusion. But it was not just that he was smart and knew his faith well and able to teach the Catholic Faith with clarity; but also, he taught with warm charity. That many people, Catholic and Protestant alike, were moved not only by his clear teaching about the faith, but his charm, warmth and kindness. That he was a genuinely kind and loving man; and people, friends, and opponents of his alike, experienced this in him.

There is a story that once when he was on a journey, he was chased by wolves, and had to climb a tree to get away from them and stayed there all night. The next day a Protestant family found the exhausted bishop sleeping in a tree and took him to their home and cared for him. They were all so moved by his warmth and kindness towards them – as they cared for him – that they all converted to the Catholic faith.

Furthermore, in his deep care for his people, Francis de Sales helped guide many people learn how to live out holiness during their busy lives as working people, spouses, and parents in the world.

We have many of his writings and letters to his people in various circumstances and walks of life, encouraging them to holiness, suggesting spiritual practices, but also, reminding them to be kind, patient and gentle with themselves. He even wrote some guidelines for people trying to live holiness in the world, which is now considered a catholic spiritual classic, titled “An Introduction to the Devout Life.”

Finally, he also modeled holiness in his friendship with another Saint, Jane de Chantal. After she was widowed, Francis de Sales became her spiritual mentor and spiritual father, and they developed a deep friendship that inspired both to deeper holiness. They are often looked to as a model of what a true healthy and holy Christian friendship can be.

May we look to St. Francis of a model of how to share the truth with love and charity; to be reminded that we can live out holiness in our ordinary everyday busy lives; and a model of what deep loving friendship can look like. St. Francis de Sales, pray for us!

Peace,
– Fr. Kevin

PS: After Masses this weekend, the priests will be offering the St. Blaise blessing of throats, as his Feast day is Feb. 3.

PPS: Wednesday, Feb. 2 is the Feast of the Presentation. We will have a special 6:30 p.m. Mass on Wednesday Feb. 2 that will involve a special blessing of candles. While those in St. Mark’s Faith Formation Program will be there, it is open to ALL and ALL are invited to come and be a part of the special Mass!



Monday, January 31	<i>Saint John Bosco</i>	
8:30 AM	† Arlene Thuente	St. Mary, Ackley
5:30 PM	†	St. Mark, Iowa Falls
Tuesday, February 1		
8:30 AM	† Summer Jo Pearson	St. Patrick, Hampton
Wednesday, February 2	<i>The Presentation of The Lord</i>	
8:30 AM	† Nina Schmitz	St. Mary, Ackley
6:30 PM	† Steve Weber	St. Mark, Iowa Falls
Thursday, February 3	<i>Saint Blaise & Saint Ansgar</i>	
9:30 AM	† Fran Kadolph	Care Center, Eldora
5:30 PM	†	St. Mark, Iowa Falls
Friday, February 4		
12:00 PM	† Holy Souls in Purgatory	St. Mary, Eldora
Saturday, February 5	<i>Saint Agatha</i>	
5:00 PM	†	St. Mark, Iowa Falls
Sunday, February 6	<i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
8:00 AM	† Charles Fogarty	St. Mary, Ackley
8:00 AM	†	St. Mark, Iowa Falls
10:30 AM	† Robert & Dorothy Konz	St. Mary, Eldora
10:30 AM	† Harold & Peggy Gallagher	St. Patrick, Hampton
5:30 PM	For the People	St. Patrick, Hampton (Spanish)

SACRAMENTAL RITES & INFORMATION

Sacrament of Reconciliation

30 minutes prior to any weekend Mass in the linkage or by appointment.

Marriages

Contact Fr. Kevin a minimum of six months prior to the desired date of marriage. The couple will need to meet with Fr. Kevin before either Church or other parish facilities are reserved in the Parish Calendars. This includes those couples who wish to have a visiting Priest as their Celebrant.

Funerals

Please contact Fr. Kevin before setting the time and arrangements for the Vigil and Mass with the funeral director.

Please contact the Parish Offices for:

- ◆ Anointing of the Sick
- ◆ Communion Calls
- ◆ Initiation Sacraments for Adults & Youth
- ◆ Baptisms: Parents are required to complete a Preparation Program prior to their child's Baptism.

Baptism

† Congratulations to **Jackson Eugene Brood** baptized at St. Patrick, Hampton on January 23. Jackson is the son of Kaleb and Michaela Brood.

May God bless all washed in the waters of Baptism.

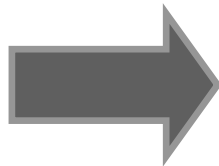
In Remembrance

† **Julio Hernandez de la Rosa**, of St. Mary, Ackley, entered into eternal rest on January 17. His funeral was January 20, 2022 at St Mary, Ackley. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Archdiocesan Synod Survey Coming This Week

This week all registered parish households will be receiving an important letter and survey from Archbishop Jackels. The survey, which will take about ten minutes to complete, will allow you to give input on how to measure parish viability and vitality to help with long-range parish planning. The survey can be completed by all and returned in the envelope provided. However, if you have access to the internet you are asked to complete it electronically. You can access the survey, in English, Spanish or French at www.dbaqarch.org/survey or by scanning this QR code with your smart phone camera and click on the link that pops up on your phone.



St. Mark's Turkey Dinner Is Back!



February 13, 2022 at St. Mark
Carry Out ONLY
Price is \$10/meal



Tickets can be bought in advance from
any St. Mark's parishioner or at the door



Live stream of Mass

www.franklinhardincatholic.org/livestream
YouTube Channel: Franklin Hardin Catholic

Parish Office Hours

Monday & Friday.....9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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 Social Justice.....Robert Harms/Keith Galpin
 Parish Life.....David Keninger
 Altar SocietyLinda Sudtelgte
 Building & GroundsJeff Frazier
 Music.....Pam Griffel/Julie Wojick

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

February 6 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 8 a.m.

Lector: Denise Sprain, Cindy Richtsmeier
 Ushers: Richard Bloom, Duane Sudtelgte,
 Jim Wessels, Mike Bonewitz
 Altar Servers: Gisselle Flores, Sophie deNeui
 Communion to the Homebound: Kathy Burkle
 Money Counters: Mike and Bev Bonewitz
 Sacristan: Jo DeVries

It is your responsibility to find a sub if you will not be present for your scheduled Mass.

Just a thought

Love cannot remain by itself—it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action, and that action is service.

Contribution Statements

Contribution Statements will be coming out in the next week. If you feel your statement is incorrect or if you didn't receive a statement and think you should have, please contact Barb Keninger.

Rolls and Coffee

**There will be rolls and coffee after Mass on Feb. 6.
 All are welcome.**

Stewardship - Treasure

Sunday, January 16

Budget Envelopes \$825.00
 Offertory \$126.00
TOTAL \$951.00

Give online: www.FranklinHardinCatholic.org/online-giving

**Religious Education Classes
 Wednesdays**

Preschool—Fifth grade 3:30—5:30 p.m.
 Sixth—12th grade 7—8:15 p.m.

Email notification

We have an email notification list—we use it to let people know the happenings at St. Mary—if you would like to be part of this—email stmaryspatrick@gmail.com and we will add you.

The first requirement for prayer is silence.
 People of prayer are people of silence—

Book Club

February 7 at 6:30 p.m.

The Red Tent

By Anita Diamant

Everyone is welcome

We would love to have you join us!

Parish Office Hours

Wednesday-Thursday 8:30 AM-11:30 AM

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Stewardship Cecilia Penning

Liturgy Vice Chair Judith Andrews

Social Justice..... Mary Nederhoff

Building & Grounds..... Jim Roling

Seton Circle..... Diana Stickney

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

- **FEBRUARY 9**—6:30 PM FAMILY MEETING
- **FEBRUARY 20**— 3:00 PM COMMUNITY EVENT- RECONCILIATION AND RECREATION

Perseverance—The late Bishop Fulton Sheen, one of the greatest Catholic apologists of the 20th century, told the story of a man who came up to him after a talk and said, “I’ve been going to daily Mass and receiving communion every day for the past twenty-five years. I have to say that I don’t think it has made any difference in my life. I still struggle with the same sins I always have.” To this Bishop Sheen responded, “Well, think how much *worse* you would be with out the Holy Eucharist!”



FIRST THURSDAY DAILY MASS

Daily Mass this Thursday, February 3 will be at the Care Initiatives Care Center in Eldora at 9:30 am. Only Father Kevin and Deacon Rob are able to attend at this time.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, February 6, 10:30 am

Lector: Tony Pieper

Gifts: Ted & Rachel Mosher Family

Greeters: (n) Randy & Lori Ledger

(s) Terry & Nancy Miller Family

Ushers: Mark Sparrow, Dennis Stickney

Altar Servers: Austin Braman, Kathleen Mosher

Offering Counters: Randy & Lori Ledger, Marg Ruble

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The Deacon's Corner

Catholic Jewelry & Sacramentals SALE

It is our privilege to offer an opportunity to purchase beautiful imported Italian and Bethlehem rosaries, as well as a large variety of Catholic medals, crucifixes, necklaces, bracelets and more. Wearing Catholic jewelry, medals, crucifixes, is an outward sign of faith and hope. An assortment of First Holy Communion and Confirmation gift items will be included. We are presenting you with a wide variety of these religious items at reasonable prices. **50% of all proceeds go directly to our Youth Ministry account.** Please see our display before/after Mass on February 20 & February 27th. Whether you need a new rosary for yourself or as a gift, or want a crucifix to wear, saint medal, bracelet, necklace or other expressive reminder of your faith, we have a variety to meet your needs. Your purchase of these quality items supports our parish youth activities and programs.

Thank You for your support!

Thanks You All for Your Donations to the Care Packages for the 15 seminarians within the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Family Faith Formation collected donations for care packages, wrote a card to each seminarian, and held them in prayer during Adoration. With the help of our parishioners the boxes were filled with snacks, games, hats, school supplies, toiletries, and a gift card. Family Faith was also able to purchase additional gift cards for each seminarian and pay for our postage with our monetary donations. The photo on the left shows families assembling the kits.

Stewardship - Treasure

Date

Budget.....	\$675.00
Offertory.....	\$110.00
TOTAL	\$785.00

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 LiturgySusan Swart
 Social Justice.....Rose Atkinson
 Parish Life.....Cindy Stalzer
 Women’s Group.....Sherry Martin
 Building & Grounds.....
 Knights of Columbus.....Kevin Bredthauer
 Music.....Lisa Barnett

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, February 5 – 5:00pm

Lector: Laura Hartkopp
 Eucharistic Minister: Doug Aldinger
 Greeters/Ushers: Dean Stalzer, Cindy Stalzer
 Gift Bearers: Brad & Michelle Bridgewater
 Music:

Sunday, February 6 – 8:00am

Lector: Kyle Fett
 Eucharistic Minister: Susan Swart
 Greeters/Ushers: Ed Geitz, Cheri Geitz
 Gift Bearers: Jerry & Lori Ostbloom
 Music:
 Offertory Counters: Robert & Rachel Warrington, Jerry/Peggy Becker
 Livestream: Brenda Strayer

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LIVESTREAM TRAINING

A training will be held the weekend of February 19/20. If you are interested in learning more or helping with this ministry, please plan to attend one of the trainings or contact Brenda Strayer.

- Saturday, February 14— 4:00pm
- Sunday, February 20— 9:15am



ALL PARISHIONERS are invited to join our RE Families for our monthly Mass on **Wednesday, FEBRUARY 2 @ 6:30PM**

Come learn more about the Mass, as each month, Fr. Kevin will discuss a different part of this important celebration.

Available via live-stream on our website.

Wednesday, February 2



Our Annual Turkey Dinner is Back!!
“Carry out only” held on February 13th.

Calls are being made to find workers to **help with preparations and work the day of.**

*Our greatest need right now is finding people to **roast turkeys!** If you are able to help, please sign up in the church entrance or contact Marianne Jones (515-669-6615) ASAP!*



YOUTH

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION -

Class Schedule — Kindergarten-Grade 8

- * Wednesday, February 2 (6:15-7:30pm)
 Mass (6:30pm)
- * Wednesday, February 9 (6:15-7:30pm)

Class Schedule — High School

- * Sunday, February 2 (NOON-2:00PM — New time)
 Food provided

SACRAMENTAL PREP -

- Baptism** - If you have a child you would like baptized, please contact Brenda Strayer to set up a time to meet.
- Reconciliation** - An email was sent to all parent’s with 1st grade students. Contact Brenda Strayer if you did not receive one.

YOUTH MINISTRY -

Parents of 6th-12th grade students received an email with important information for upcoming events last week. If you did not receive one, please contact Brenda Strayer.

ADULTS

Lenten Studies-

Planning has begun for the upcoming Lenten season. If there is something you would like to focus on this year, please let Brenda Strayer know.

Stewardship - Treasure

January 22/23

Budget	\$2515.00
Offertory	\$6.00
TOTAL	\$2521.00

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 LiturgySue Basye
 Social JusticeDonna Devereux
 Parish Life.....Sue Garrett
 Building & Grounds.....Dick Nelson
 Knights of Columbus.....Greg Cavazos
 Music.....Leon Kuehner

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, February 6 10:30 AM

Lectors: Maggie Pearson
 Servers: Drew Horton, Connor Miller
 Offertory Counters: Jose & Maria Alonzo, Mary Welsher
 Usher: Madonna Weiland, Ariana Bunston, Milly Aguilar
 Sacristan: Madonna Weiland
 Linen: Andrea Miller

Domingo, Febrero 6 5:30 PM

Lectores: Soiree Lara, Carmen Garcia
Monaguillos: Alex Garcia, Sergio Rincon
Contadores de Dinero: Rafael Garcia, Gabby Garcia
Sacristan: Soiree Lara

It is your responsibility to find a sub if you will not be present for your scheduled Mass.

Es su responsabilidad encontrar un submarino si no estará presente para su

Upcoming Events Próximos Eventos

Sunday/Domingo, January 30/Enero 30

*High School Faith Formation 7:00-8:00 PM/
 Formación en la fe en la escuela secundaria 7:00-8:00 PM*

Monday/Lunes, January 31/Enero 31

Social Hall in Use-6:15-8:15 PM

Tuesday/Martes, February 1/Febrero 1

*8:30 AM - Mass/Misa
 7:00 PM - AA/Al-Anon (RE Center)*

Wednesday/Miércoles, February 2/Febrero 2

*10:00 AM-Noon-Food Pantry/Mediodía Despensa de Alimentos (Social Hall)
 6:30 PM-Pre-K thru 8th grade Faith Formation
 Class/Clase de formación en la fe de Pre-K a 8º grado*

Thursday/Jueves, February 3/Febrero 3

*1:00-3:00 PM-Crafts/Artesanía
 6:00 -8:00 PM - Eucharistic Adoration/Adoración*

Sunday/Domingo, February 6/Febrero 6

*10:30 AM-Mass/Masa-English-Inglesa
 11:30 AM Pastoral Council Meeting/Reunión del Consejo Pastoral
 Social Gathering after Mass/Reunión social después de la misa
 5:30 PM-Masa/Mass-Espanola/Spanish
 High School Faith Formation 7:00-8:00 PM/
 Formación en la fe en la escuela secundaria 7:00-8:00 PM*



Join us after 10:30 AM Mass, February 6th for our monthly social gathering. Please bring coffee cake, muffins or rolls to share, if you can. All are welcome!



Franklin County Family Focus is accepting new sock donations for the students of Hampton-Dumont/CAL and West Fork school districts. Please place the new socks in the box in the back of the church by February 13th. Sizes they are collecting are Youth large, medium and small. Thank you for your generosity!



Franklin County Family Focus está aceptando donaciones de calcetines nuevos para los estudiantes de los distritos escolares de Hampton-Dumont/CAL y West Fork. Por favor deposite los calcetines nuevos en la caja que está ubicada en la parte posterior de la iglesia antes del 13 de febrero. Los tamaños requeridos son Large, Medium y Small, para jóvenes. ¡Muchas gracias por su generosidad!

Let's Tackle Hunger--February 13th

St. Patrick High School Youth will be holding a food drive to help Tackle Hunger – bring your items to 10:30 a.m. Mass, the youth will be on hand to collect your items.

Suggested items:

Flour, sugar, breakfast food, canned soup, personal hygiene items

High Youth will serve breakfast following Mass – the proceeds will go towards their Corporal Works of Mercy projects

Stewardship - Treasure

Budget	\$431.00
Offertory	\$145.00
Building and Ground.....	\$10.00
TOTAL	\$586.00

Give online: www.FranklinHardinCatholic.org/online-giving

Una nota del P. Kevin

30 de Enero, 2022 – San Francisco de Sales

La semana pasada incluyó la fiesta de San Francisco de Sales, un santo del que deseo leer y aprender mucho de sus escritos.

Fue Obispo de Génova a finales del 1500, durante la acalorada época de la Reforma protestante. Razón por la cual, tuvo que enseñar sobre el cristianismo católico de manera clara, en un momento de mucha confusión. Pero él no sólo era inteligente, conocía bien su fe católica y podía enseñarla con claridad; sino que además, la enseñaba con calidez. Tanto católicos como protestantes se conmovían no sólo por su clara enseñanza sobre la fe, sino también por su encanto, calidez y amabilidad. Era un hombre genuinamente amable y encantador, cualidades por las que era conocido tanto por sus amigos como por oponentes.

Una historia dice que una vez, cuando viajaba, lo persiguieron unos lobos y tuvo que trepar a un árbol para escapar de ellos y se quedó allí toda la noche. Al día siguiente, una familia protestante encontró al obispo exhausto durmiendo en un árbol y lo llevó a su casa para cuidarle. La familia estuvo tan conmovida por la calidez y amabilidad de Francisco de Sales – mientras lo cuidaban – que todos se convirtieron a la fe católica. Además, en un profundo cuidado por su pueblo, el obispo ayudó a guiar a muchas personas a aprender cómo vivir la santidad en el mundo durante sus ocupadas vidas como trabajadores, cónyuges y padres.

Conocemos muchos de sus escritos y cartas a su pueblo en diversas circunstancias y etapas de la vida; alentándolos a la santidad, sugiriendo prácticas espirituales, y recordándoles, también, de ser amables, pacientes y cuidadosos consigo mismos.

Incluso escribió algunas guías para aquellas personas que intentan vivir la santidad en el mundo, consideradas, ahora, un clásico espiritual católico, llamado “Introducción a la Vida Devota”.

Finalmente, también modeló la santidad en su amistad con otra santa, Juana de Chantal. Después de haber enviudado, Francisco de Sales se convirtió en su mentor espiritual y padre espiritual, desarrollando una profunda amistad que los inspiró a ambos a una santidad más profunda. A menudo se les considera un modelo de cómo puede ser una verdadera amistad cristiana sana y santa.

Veamos a San Francisco como modelo de cómo compartir la verdad con amor y caridad; para recordarnos de que podemos vivir nuestra santidad en nuestras ocupadas vidas cotidianas; y de ser modelo de cómo puede ser una querida amistad profunda.

San Francisco de Sales, ¡reza por nosotros!

Paz,
– Fr. Kevin

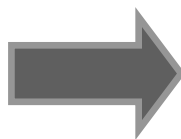
PD: Después de las Misas de este fin de semana, los sacerdotes estarán ofreciendo la bendición de San Blas a las gargantas, ya que su fiesta es el 3 de febrero.

PD: El miércoles 2 de feb. es la Fiesta de la Presentación del Señor. Habrá una Misa especial el miércoles, 2 de feb a las 6:30 p.m. que tendrá una bendición especial de cirios. Mientras aquellos que participan del programa de Formación en la Fe de San Marcos estarán presentes, la bendición es para TODOS y ¡TODOS están invitados a ser parte de esta Misa especial!

La encuesta del Sínodo Arquidiocesano llegará esta semana

Esta semana, todos los hogares parroquiales registrados recibirán una importante carta y encuesta del Arzobispo Jackels. La encuesta, que tardará unos diez minutos en completarse, le permitirá dar su opinión sobre cómo medir la viabilidad y la vitalidad de las parroquias para ayudar con la planificación parroquial a largo plazo.

La encuesta puede ser completada por todos y devuelta en el sobre proporcionado. Sin embargo, si tiene acceso a Internet, se le pide que la complete electrónicamente. Puede acceder a la encuesta, en inglés, español o francés en www.dbqarch.org/survey o escaneando este código QR con la cámara de su teléfono inteligente y hacer clic en el enlace que aparecerá en su teléfono.



Enrich Your Faith

Readings of the Week GLP

Readings for the week of January 30, 2022

- Sun:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 /Lk 4:21-30
- Mon:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-2
- Tues:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-4
- Wed:** Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-3
- Thurs:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-1
- Fri:** Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-2
- Sat:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-3
- Sun:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 5:1-11

Please Pray for Our Sick:

- | | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| - Chuck Baltes | - Mary Harms | - Tom Pieper |
| - John Baltes | - Dianne Henrich | - Joyce Roling |
| - Ray Baltes | - Kraig Kasischke | - Tom Schroeder |
| - Gary Cashatt | - Justin Koppes | - Melissa Smith |
| - Anna Marie Conroy | - Emma Kramer | - Adam Weig |
| - Mary Ellen Doughty | - Cathy Kuper | - Anne Wiesner |
| - Leon Doughty | - Dave Miller | - Darwin (Diz) Wikert |
| - Thomas Friend Sr. | - Ron Miller | - Arlene Willms |
| - Marianne Gatton | - Clara Monson | |
| - Deb Glodowski | - Bruce Pieper | |

Please make use of your parish's prayer line:

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

First Corinthians and the Stewardship of Social Media

"Love is patient, love is kind ..." As familiar as these words are, they never seem to stray into the territory of becoming trite or silly. At their core they communicate a truth about us and about our Creator that never fails to inspire.

But despite the fact that you've probably heard it at many weddings over time, First Corinthians isn't just for newlyweds. It wasn't written for married folks. It's for every single one of us, in every state of life and every social situation, in every country and culture and language across the globe.

Which means that First Corinthians is even for the online world. It's for Facebook and Twitter and Instagram and all the other platforms I'm forgetting (there seems to be a new one every day, doesn't there?).

A sense of division — whether rooted in politics, culture or anything else — is growing in our world, and it's never more obvious than when we observe interactions online. It is far easier, after all, to remember what love is when a human being of flesh and blood stands before us. When all we see is an avatar or a profile picture on a screen — especially accompanied by an opinion with which we vehemently disagree — even the most loving Christians can throw First Corinthians out the window.

As everyday stewards we know that we are charged to be not only gracious but grateful. We receive others but we also give thanks for what they bring to us — even if that's an opportunity to "strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts."

So before the next time you post anything online, I suggest giving First Corinthians a read — and remember, love never fails.

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History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise’s command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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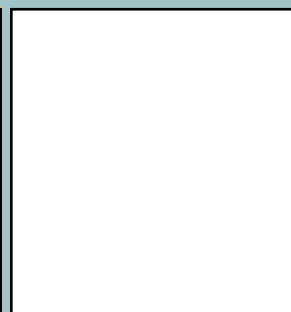


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