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2nd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them,
"What are you looking for?" - Jn 1:38a

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January 17, 2021



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From the Desk of Fr. Joseph Sevcik

Growing in the Spiritual Life Series

If we are going to have a Five-Star Cluster Culture that is on fire for the Lord, then we need to have a rich spiritual life. Therefore, our prayer life is pretty darn important. Fortunately for us, Catholicism has an incredibly rich spiritual tradition that we can tap into, learning from the great saints. One such spiritual giant is St. Ignatius of Loyola. He's famous for numerous things, one of them being Discernment of Spirits. What is Discernment of Spirits? Basically, these are rules for understanding interior spiritual movements. How does the Good Spirit [i.e. Holy Spirit] work? How does the not-so-good spirit work [avoid that!]? As we grow in deeper spiritual awareness, we are more capable of listening to God in our life, as well as living with a certain confidence that something in prayer truly is God's will for us.

In this series of bulletin inserts I am going to start by looking at fourteen different rules that St. Ignatius gives us for the spiritual life. I'll begin each insert by quoting from Fr. Gallagher's translation (because St. Ignatius wrote in Spanish and the first published version is in Latin -oofta!). Fr. Gallagher gives us a good English version of the text. I'll then offer some brief commentary on each of the rules to explain them a bit more. Hopefully, if we internalize these rules, we'll have a better understanding of the different spiritual movements active in our life and we'll be better at understanding our own prayer. The other great thing about this method is that it deals with daily spiritual experience. It isn't overly abstract or detached from our daily life. So it helps us with day to day holiness.

Here's the intro paragraph before the text of the rules begins: "Rules for becoming aware and understanding to some extent the different movements which are caused in the soul, the good, to receive them, and the bad to reject them. And these rules are more proper for the first week" (Gallagher, 7). We want to be first aware, and then to understand, the interior movements in the soul. If something is from God, we want to listen to it. If something is not from God, then we want to reject it. The rules covered in the next few months will help us sort through this discernment. Finally, we should note that Ignatius intends these rules to be used in the context of a 30-day retreat, but Fr. Gallagher's work helps to adapt them in day to day life. I think it works. Fr. Andrew does too, he likes them. They've been very enriching for my own spiritual life. Buckle up for next week!

Source: The Discernment of Spirits: An Ignatian Guide to Everyday Living by Fr. Timothy M. Gallagher, OMV

Holy Saints of God Most High (Our Parishioners!),
Just as Fr. Andrew was gone on retreat a couple weeks back, I'm going on retreat too! I'll be gone on retreat Mon. Jan 18th - Fri. Jan 22nd. Same deal as Fr. Andrew - I won't check my email or phone during that time because I'm supposed to be praying, which I intend to do! Fr. Andrew will be around and available. I'll be at a Benedictine Monastery in Nebraska with some monks. Please say a prayer for me, that I'll come to know the Lord a little bit more, and I'll be doing the same for you. Thanks!

In Christ,
Fr. Joseph

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of*

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January 4, 2021

Husband of
Darlene Bernhard

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January 10, 2021

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Cluster Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 17

6-7 PM FC Novena for Respect Life

Monday, January 18

7:00 PM B Knights of Columbus Meeting

Thursday, January 28

6:30 PM FC FF Commission Meeting

ATTENTION:

Parents/Grandparents who have students attending college in the fall 2021, the deadline for the FCSLA Scholarship is February 9, 2021. If the student is a member of FCSLA, they can find the application for the National Scholarship under FCSLA.org and it must be postmarked by February 9, 2021. Email Dawn Nedved at dmnedved@hotmail.com with questions.



2021 Virtual Archdiocesan Women's Conference
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Saturday, January 30 2021, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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Prayer Experience for January
Novena for Respect Life

Sunday, January 17, 2021 6-7 p.m.
St. James in Forest City

ALL ARE WELCOME -
Families and students of all ages.



John was standing with two of his disciples, and he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God," the two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus.

— Jn 1:35-37

From the Pastor

It is good to be back in the Cluster and in the office. I enjoyed my time on retreat and was blessed by God with consolation and understanding. It is a wonderful time and I would encourage everyone to strive to take one day throughout the year to set aside and rest in God's presence. It can be a directed retreat day, a visit to the West Bend Grotto for the entire day, or to any other religious place and just be away from technology and allow God to speak in the silence of that day. The two points I came away with from retreat were the importance of silence in our lives and a deeper understanding of the peace God desires to give. Both of these things are in short supply when we look at the world. We are constantly bombarded by noise in our lives. Noise isn't just sound but also visual stimuli. We are constantly taking in information, sounds and sights, and we feel that if we are not we are not being productive. But with all of the noise happening in our lives we are unable to rest in God's presence. If we are unable to rest in His presence, we fail to receive the peace He desires to give. Silence can be uncomfortable, but God desires us to sit before him in silence and to receive his gift, peace. Our minds, at first, will continue to race about the many different things that are happening, but as we begin to do this we see that, with time, our mind calms and we start to receive God's gift. We don't have to use many words to pray but we must express our prayer to God and then wait to receive what he desires to give. The world is constantly trying to rob us of our peace. While at times the world will succeed, we must strive to rely on God and trust him with everything. There are many ways that we can strive to maintain peace in our lives but the surest way is to invite God into any moment we feel agitated, anxious, distressed, or excited. When we entrust our cares to God and believe that His love for us will overcome any challenge, very little can disturb our peace. May we come to God in prayer and ask him to aid us in our hope to receive the peace He gives.

SEEK21

February 4-7, 2021

This year for a Cluster Mission we are doing a 3 night and Sunday event in each parish. This will be hosted at all of the parish Faith Formation sites with Wi-Fi. This will have some very popular and powerful speakers. Some of these speakers have had a great impact on my life and have strengthened my faith and impacted my spiritual life and my relationship with God. I hope you can join us for one or all of the nights we do this. Thursday and Friday at 7:15 pm, Saturday 8:15 pm, Sunday 11:30 am.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 18

Forest City 8:00 AM Josie Anderson (L)

Tuesday, January 19

Duncan 8:00 AM † Marilyn Terbeek
 Forest City Cancelled

Wednesday, January 20

Lake Mills 5:15 PM Phyllis Pederson (health)
 Britt Cancelled

Thursday, January 21

Garner 12:00 PM † Dr. Raymond & Jean Ryan

Friday, January 22

Britt 8:00 AM † Dean Doughan

Saturday, January 23

Duncan 4:00 PM † Lillian & William Chizek
 Buffalo Center 6:15 PM † David Nolton

Sunday, January 24

Britt 8:00 AM † Steve Devine
 Lake Mills 8:30 AM † Cultural Partners Volunteers
 Garner 10:00 AM For the People
 Forest City 10:30 AM † Norbert Pint
 Britt (Spanish) 7:00 PM † For the Departed

Mass times, events and announcements can also be found on
www.archangelscc.org/calendar



RECONCILIATION

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

Duncan 8:00 AM
 Forest City Cancelled

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

Britt Cancelled

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

Garner 11:30 AM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

Duncan 3:30 PM
 Buffalo Center 5:45 PM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

Britt 7:30 AM
 Lake Mills 8:00 AM
 Garner 9:30 AM
 Forest City 10:00 AM
 Britt (Span/Eng) 6:30 PM

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FAITH FORMATION

The Importance of Faith Formation Today

As you may have noticed, we live in a secular society. A basic meaning of secularism is the principle of separation of the state from religious institutions. This includes our public school systems. In my view, we are fortunate to have excellent school systems in our Archangels Cluster, but remember - teaching about God and Jesus is generally not allowed in our public schools. This is why it is important for Catholics to properly form our children's faith. Here are a few examples to help you understand:

-Many schools teach Character Education to provide behavioral guidelines. The characteristics of respect, ownership, safety, trustworthiness, empathy and responsibility are guidelines of behaviors. These are all good things to teach! But they are not The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit - Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord. These are the true Christian guidelines for life. Obviously, both of these are important - but the public schools ignore the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

-At the high school level, Biology is a required course and The Theory of Evolution will be taught. I have read through the chapter several times and it was interesting to me. I especially enjoyed learning about fossils and carbon dating. All good things to know! But here is an explanation from Gus Lloyd from the booklet, *A Minute in the Church: One minute Catholic apologetics* regarding evolution, and this quote will never be discussed in a public classroom setting: "The important thing to remember is that God created everything out of nothing and at some point He decided to create man different from all the animals and infused an immortal soul in our first parents separating them from all of the other animals. So faith and evolution are not mutually exclusive."

You see, it is the role of our church, parents and other adults to provide the discussions and explanations to our children to help them form their faith. I find our children to be hungry for the word of God and it is very rewarding to help them live in the Spirit!

-Paul Schoneman

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