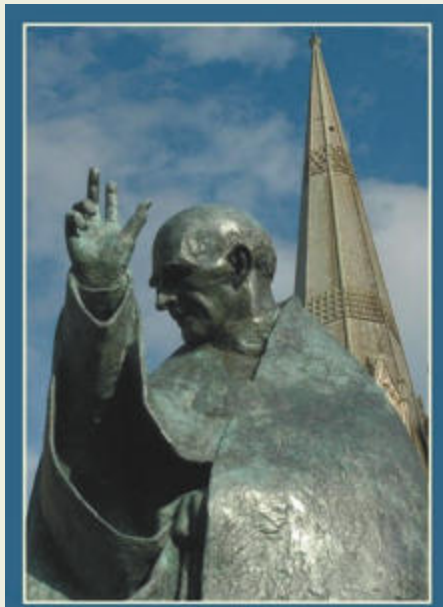


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Memorial - 3 April

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Saint Richard's Prayer

Thanks be to you, our Lord Jesus Christ
for all the benefits which you have given
for all the pains and insults
which you have borne for us.
Most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother
may we know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day.
Amen

MISSION STATEMENT

To create a spiritual awakening in each of us, which will focus and increase our faith. To open ourselves to embrace all in our parish family, in order to build our relationships as sisters and brothers in Christ.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil- 4:00 p.m.
Sunday Morning - 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday - 3:00 p.m.- 3:45 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday through Friday - 9:00 a.m.
Second Friday of the month: Mass at Pleasant View at 10 a.m.
Parishioners welcome. No Mass at Parish this day.

ROSARY DEVOTIONS

Sunday - 7:30 a.m.
Before daily Mass. Beginning at 8:30 a.m.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Third Friday of each month following Mass.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Consecration to Sacred Heart following Mass.

NEW

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Will be on Friday, September 24, 2021 at 12:00 Noon

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to the parish! Please register at the parish office. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Congratulations. We welcome your family into our midst. Please be aware that preregistration and attendance at a scheduled baptism class is required prior to the baptism of your first child. Please contact the parish office as early as possible.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Blessings upon your engagement. We need time to prepare you for your happy day. Please contact the parish office nine to twelve months in advance to make arrangements. Participation in the Diocesan Marriage Preparatory Program is required. Couples report its helpfulness.

Saturday, August 28

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
4:00 p.m. † Claire Dazzo

Sunday, August 29

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Richard
10:30 a.m. † Sam Di Francesso

Monday, August 30

1 Thes 4:13-18 Lk 4:16-30
9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, August 31

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 Lk 4:31-37
9:00 a.m. † Dan Lindsey

Wednesday, September 1

Col 1:1-8 Lk 4:38-44
9:00 a.m.

Thursday, September 2

Colm1:9-14 Lk 5:1-11
9:00 a.m.

Friday, September 3

Col 1:15-20 Lk 5:33-39
9:00 a.m.

Saturday, September 4

Is 35:4-7a Jas 2:1-5 Mk 7:31-37
4:00 p.m. † Agnes Michael

Sunday, September 5

Is 35:4-7a Jas 2:1-5 Mk 7:31-37
8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Richard
10:30 a.m. † Peter James

MINISTRIES FOR SEPTEMBER 4 & 5

Altar Server:

Eucharistic Minister:

Lector: Susan Heater Ruth

Ushers: Barbara martin & Charles Roehm

8:00 a.m.

Altar Server:

Eucharistic:

Lector: David Hagan

Ushers: Tom Zern & Tom Christoffel

10:30a.m.

Altar Servers:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Lector: Denise Stouch

Ushers: Dee Miller & Craig Hershey

STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE

O Lord, giver of life and source of freedom I know that all I have received is from your hand. Gracious and Loving Father, You call us to be stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all. You have entrusted to us. Help us to always use Your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing Your message to those we serve. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name. Amen

Dear loving God You know what we need before we call upon You. Please bless my brothers and sisters who have asked for my prayers. They need your mercy, kindness and grace. Fill them with new life. Amen



Tom Bentley	Oscar Leech
Brad Emmons	Catherine & Richard Lewis
Rick Evans	Makenna Linder
Richard Galbreath	Erica Lundgren
Audrey Gelb	Rosa Mastromatteo
Anna Goldman	Kristie Murray
Anna Grimm	Charlotte Petroll
Karen Grimm	Leon Prince
Sam Harsh	Dolly Ravbbr
Joan Helot	Connor Rhoades
Jim Hershey	Virginia Rittelmann
Cameron Hess	Annette Rooney
Gina Hill	Azlyn Sebold
Don & Gerry Horst	Jim Shaffer
Marcel & Joan Helou	Jason Smith
John Jackson	Kaitlynn Smith
Bob Jendzurski	Carolyn Staffieri
Deacon Bill Jordan	Joseph Staffieri
Theresa Kane	Richard Zack
Jan Marie Kaufhold	Sandra Zack
Kenneth Kennar	
Joey Kerman	
Stephanie Knosp	
Joey Lauber	
Olivia Lazor	

FOOD PANTRY



Items currently needed are: baked beans, pasta sauce, applesauce and canned fruit, spam, soup, especially vegetable beef, cereal, and peanut butter. Thank you for your support.

CCD NEWS

Registration is required.

- o Please see registration form on the St. Richard Website: <http://strichardcatholicchurch.org/srcc/religious-education/>
- o Registration and registration fee may be returned:§ Mail to St. Richard – attn. Charlotte Walton-Sweeney
- Dropped off to the Church Office (Monday – Friday 9AM – 3PM)
- Dropped into collection basket – sealed envelope attn. Charlotte Walton-Sweeney

First Day: September 12

- o **Please note second grade will start September 19.**

While Covid appears to be bit of a ‘moving target’, we are currently planning to reopen CCD and return to normal operations this fall. This is of course subject to change as the pandemic continues and guidelines and/or mandates are implemented to manage the spread of Covid 19.

As of today, now we plan:

Location: Parish Hall (grades 7 & 8)
Rectory classrooms (grades 1 – 6)

Time: 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM

We are currently not requiring a mask but again, we will need to track closely with the Diocese and the Department of Education. Should there be changes that we must implement, I will reach out to all of our families via email as soon as we are aware of changes.

Thank you!
Charlotte

ENCYCLICAL LETTER **FRATELLI TUTTI**

OF THE HOLY FATHER **POPE FRANCIS**

ON FRATERNITY AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP



The unique value of love

People can develop certain habits that might appear as moral values: fortitude, sobriety, hard work and similar virtues. Yet if the acts of the various moral virtues are to be rightly directed, one needs to take into account the extent to which they foster openness and union with others. That is made possible by the charity that God infuses. Without charity, we may perhaps possess only apparent virtues, incapable of sustaining life in common. Thus, Saint Thomas Aquinas could say – quoting Saint Augustine – that the temperance of a greedy person is in no way virtuous. Saint Bonaventure, for his part, explained that the other virtues, without charity, strictly speaking do not fulfil the commandments “the way God wants them to be fulfilled.”

The spiritual stature of a person’s life is measured by love, which in the end remains “the criterion for the definitive decision about a human life’s worth or lack thereof.” Yet some believers think that it consists in the imposition of their own ideologies upon everyone else, or in a violent defense of the truth, or in impressive demonstrations of strength. All of us, as believers, need to recognize that love takes first place: love must never be put at risk, and the greatest danger lies in failing to love (cf. 1 Cor 13:1-13).

Saint Thomas Aquinas sought to describe the love made possible by God’s grace as a movement outwards towards another, whereby we consider “the beloved as somehow united to ourselves.” Our affection for others makes us freely desire to seek their good. All this originates in a sense of esteem, an appreciation of the value of the other. This is ultimately the idea behind the word “charity”: those who are loved are “dear” to me; “they are considered of great value.” And “the love whereby someone becomes pleasing (*grata*) to another is the reason why the latter bestows something on him freely (*gratis*).”

Love, then, is more than just a series of benevolent actions. Those actions have their source in a union increasingly directed towards others, considering them of value, worthy, pleasing and beautiful apart from their physical or moral appearances. Our love for others, for who they *are*, moves us to seek the best for their lives. Only by cultivating this way of relating to one another will we make possible a social friendship that excludes no one and a fraternity that is open to all.



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