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MASSES:

Sundays 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00 Noon
Saturdays 7:00AM, 8AM 5:30 PM
Monday 7:00AM, 8AM - 7:00 PM
Tuesday-Friday 7:00AM, 8AM

CONFESSIONS:

Monday 7:30 PM
Saturday 1:00 PM until all are heard

MARRIAGES:

Should be arranged one year in advance, or at engagement, whichever comes first.

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

May be received by anyone who is ill. Don't delay the sacrament until the person is dying. The strengthening and healing is important to experience when a person can encounter the Lord with conscious faith, and often with the support of family around the bedside. Far from being "scared" by the visit of the priest, the sick person is usually greatly consoled and grateful for your thoughtfulness in calling us. Please don't take it for granted that we know about people who are ill.

BAPTISMS

are held the 2nd Sunday of the month. Please call the Rectory for information to register for a Baptism.

GOSPEL MEDITATION -
July 25, 2021
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Oscar Romero said, "We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is the beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."

There were a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project as each finished work became the combined creation of what each woman contributed. They abounded in vibrant colors and dazzled the beholder with intricate patterns and their myriad textures. They were so beautiful that they became coveted family treasures passed from generation to generation. Those women never realized the power of their work. Countless babies rested in the comfort of those quilts warmly nestled in the legacy of tradition they were fortunate to inherit. They adorned countless homes with their beauty and brought joy and solace to many faces.

We cannot do everything. We are not meant to. Our work in life is to contribute our individual piece, a piece that reflects the unique thumbprint I claim as my own. We only have to do small things well. Then, as St. Oscar Romero reminds us, the Lord's grace will enter and do the rest. We have to trust that this is true just as those women trusted in the eventual beauty of their final work.

Eucharistic blessings are blessings that start small and multiply. We all come to life with only a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Not any single one of us has all that it takes to transform our world. Who knows what God will do with the little we have and how many will benefit from our kindness, compassion, wisdom, courage, conviction, love, warmth, zeal, faith, and hope? That young lad never dreamed that his few leftovers would do all that they did. God shows up in unexpected ways! Where would life's adventure and fun be if it were any other way? Being able to be part of bringing God's creative, transforming, healing to the world opens us up to wonder, awe, and excitement! We can all bring our little piece to the bigger work of God that can result in being a coveted jewel passed generation to generation. This is good news indeed!

Bread and wine transform into Christ's Body and Blood and we become what we eat. Trust that.

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your warm words of welcome that you offered to me these past two weekends. They have gone far in making me feel very much at home here at St. Genevieve's. Slowly I am learning where things are and, even more slowly, I am beginning to learn names. Please continue to be patient with me as we continue this journey of transition. Change is never easy on any level, but so long as we keep in mind that we are all journeying together, walking with the same Jesus Christ and heading toward our eternal salvation, things will get easier for all of us with each passing day.

Thank you also for your continued cooperation with the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions. Thank God, it appears that the worst may be over, but we can never let down our vigilance. As we have seen in other parts of the world, it does not take much for things to happen all over again, and we certainly don't want to go back to the way things were a few months ago. If you have not done so, please get yourself vaccinated. Do it for yourself, your loved ones and for society at large.. After my second shot, I suffered 3 days of awful reactions. Yet, even after that, if someone said that we need a 3rd shot, I would be first on line for it. If you can get it, please get it.

I know many of you will be going away shortly, so I wish you a restful vacation. Just remember that our parish bills do not take time off, so please continue supporting your parish during the summer, even if you may not be here. We are counting on you!

Fr. Armand

ALL PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

DATES FOR THE 2021-2022 PARISH CALENDAR SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING OR E-MAIL TO THE RECTORY BY JULY 31.

COLLECTION

Thank you for your continued generosity and support to our parish. In order to receive credit for your weekly contributions, please use your envelopes and write the amount of your contribution on the envelope.

July 11	**$5,741**
Retired Priests	**$908**

Religious Education Update for 2021 – 22 School Year

Registration for Sunday morning CCD classes from K to 8 and our Confirmation Program will be on the following dates, time and locations only.

Day	Date	Time	Place
Sunday	8-1 / 8-8 / 8-15	9am to 11am	Religious Education Office in St. Genevieve's School
Sunday	8-29 / 9-12	9am to 12 noon	Auditorium

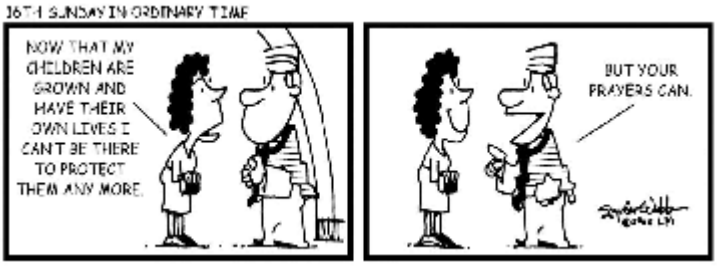
You can pick up registration forms for either CCD or our Confirmation Program from the rectory, but you will have to turn them in on 1 of the registration dates listed.
Registrations WILL NOT be accepted at the rectory.

Your child should be registered before the first day of class, which will be 9-19-21.
Classes for K to 8 will be in St. Genevieve's School on Sundays from 9:15am to 10:15am.
Registration fees need to be handed in by 9-30-21 no later. Absolutely NO registrations will be accepted on the first day of class!

As it becomes closer to September additional updates will be in the bulletin.
Thank you and looking forward to seeing everyone in September.

OUR SUMMER LIST OF 2ND COLLECTIONS

July 24-25—Maintenance
July 31-Aug 1—Parish Missionary Appeal (Please use mission envelope dated Aug 29 in your envelope package)
Aug 7-8—Church in Africa
Aug 14-15—Parish Assessment
Aug 21-22—None
Aug 28-29—Maintenance



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization for Catholic men. All men of the parish are invited to join. For information please contact : Council 253 at (908)355-2253 or Chris at (908)351-4444.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP
It is a great joy for us to welcome new members to our parish community. Please take the time to register at the Rectory office (fill out a Census Card.) Registration is our only means of recognizing anyone as a supporting and practicing member of our parish. It is also important for sponsorship certificates for the sacraments, and character references and also recommendations for positions. Please notify the Rectory office of any change of address or phone number.

SPECIAL DONATION FOR HOSTS

THANKING GOD - HE HEARD MY PRAYER

FROM: ELISABETE RIBEIRO

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question:
We are considering homeschooling our children. Does this present a problem when it is time for them to receive the sacraments? What must we do?

Answer:
Homeschooling is legal in all fifty states and like other types of education, has its advantages and its drawbacks. There are many factors to consider, and each family has to decide what the best way to educate its children is. With religious education, many dioceses have a formal policy that outlines procedures and expectations, some of which include more than just academic information. Call the religious education office to find out what they are for your area.
In general, though, an appointment with your parish priest to discuss your situation is the best first step. An opportunity to discuss what is available, what the expectations are for each sacrament, and how you can best prepare your child helps make your time of preparation more effective. The priest can direct you to good catechetical materials, parent information classes, and other choices and possibilities for your child. All parents need to be part of their child's religious education, taking a lead in instilling the values and beliefs of their faith.

SPECIAL DONATION

If you wish to make a special donation for the following items please fill out form and return to the Rectory.

WINE___or HOSTS___FOR COMMUNION

CANDLES____FOR THE ALTAR

The donation may be made for the following:

IN LOVING MEMORY OF_____

IN THANKSGIVING_____

SPECIAL INTENTION_____

NAME_____

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God shows up in unexpected ways! Just when we think we have God's agenda figured out, another surprise comes. Expecting to find God only in some places hinders us from finding Him everywhere. Who would have thought that a young boy's few loaves and fishes would feed thousands of people? The disciples were probably just as amazed as everyone else when this feast appeared before them. Sometimes, we find it difficult to believe that God can do amazing things with something small and simple. Yet, grasping this truth is really at the heart of understanding the power of the Eucharist. Having the Body and Blood of Christ made present for us is one amazing wonder. Actually being fed and nourished by that gift is another. Now being able to become what we have eaten, God can do tremendous things with the simple, humble gifts of our lives. All we have to do is realize that God dwells within us. When we do, then everyone we encounter and everything we do has the power to become a sacramental moment. When done with great love even the smallest gesture can be multiplied exponentially. Now, that's amazing!

SATURDAY, JULY 17, 2021
5:30pm Carol Ann Chodan req. Family
SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2021
7:30 Lawrence Gallagher req. Family
9:00 Nicky Carnet req. The Rivcarski's
10:30 In Memory of Amelia Rocha req. Sueli Rocha
12:00 Ida Sisto req. Mr. & Mrs. Gabriel Bouillon
Karyn Nardi req. Jillian Forrest
MONDAY, JULY 19, 2021
7:00 Joaquim D'Souza req. Homem Family
8:00 Eugene Kyne req. The Burd Family
7pm Eugene Kyne req. Catherine Opella
TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2021
7:00 Marie & Floyd, Jerry, Dr. Jack & Pick Donahue, Dr. Bob & Jane Messier
8:00 Joan Saulnier req. Burd Family
WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2021
7:00 Mary Ballantyne req. Valerie Marples & Family
8:00 Maria De Junco req. Anna Perrino, Norma Chavez
THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2021
7:00 Savia Homem-Abreu req. The Homem Family
8:00 Antonio Di Paola req. Cathy Domquez
FRIDAY, JULY 23, 2021
7:00 Purkis/Gil Families req. Mary Ellen
8:00 Peter Paolucci req. Pat Liana
SATURDAY, JULY 24, 2021
7:00 People of the Parish
8:00 Mike Banach 1st Anniv. req. Friends
5:30pm Rose & Joseph DiGiorgio req. John & JoAnn Malone
SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2021
7:30 Thomas Glackin req. Family
9:00 Julian & Maria Dorta req. Danielle Dorta
10:30 Marie McLaughlin req. Kathleen Pender & Mary Deegan
12:00 Richard Crosta req. Nancy DiBona

Our prayers are with you as you recover ~

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Their caregivers and all others in need of our prayers

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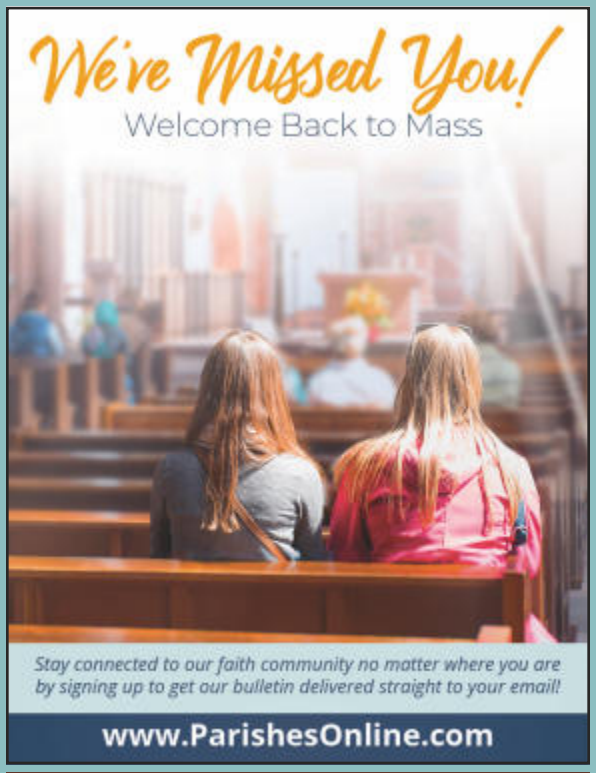

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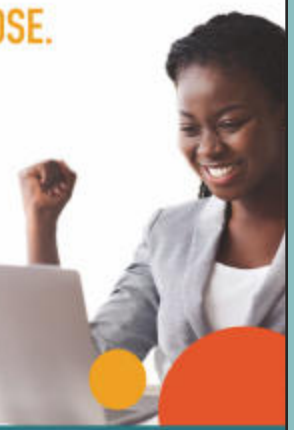

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