

St Francis of Assisi Church & St Philip Benizi Mission

January 24, 2021



3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Parish Events

Saturday, January 23
 4pm Reconciliation
 5:30 pm Mass at St. Francis

Sunday, January 24
 7:30am & 9am Mass at St. Francis
 10am K-5th RE Classes
 11am Mass at St. Philip of Benizi (Darby)

Monday, January 25
 NO Mass

Tuesday, January 26
 11:40am Rosary in Chapel
 12:10pm Mass
 5:30pm RCIA

Wednesday, January 27
 8:30am Rosary in Chapel
 9am Mass

9:30 Women of Faith
 5:30pm Accountability Group
 6pm JH/HS Youth Ministry Class

Thursday, January 28
 8:30am Rosary in Chapel
 9am Mass at St. Francis

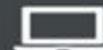
Friday, January 29
 8:30am Rosary in Chapel
 9am Mass

9:30am Adoration in the Blessed Chapel

Saturday, January 30
 1:30 Public Fatima Rosary at Legion Park
 4pm Confession
 5:30pm Mass at St. Francis

Sunday, January 31
 7:30am & 9am Mass at St. Francis
 10am - K-5th Faith Formation
 11 am Mass at St. Philip of Benizi (Darby)

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LEADERSHIP CAMP	20-25		
JUNIOR HIGH CAMP #1	27 — 5		
JUNIOR HIGH CAMP #2		11-16	
HIGH SCHOOL CAMP		18-23	
5TH/6TH GRADE BOYS CAMP		25-30	
5TH/6TH GRADE GIRLS CAMP			1-6

HOW CAMP RESERVATION WORKS

This year, we are implementing a Reserve Now, Pay Later system.

By filling out the Reservation form, you will reserve a spot for your child at the camp of your choice. Later this spring, we will email you a special link to confirm your reservation and pay at that time. The email will also come with a payment deadline. If you do not confirm your reservation and pay for camp by the cut-off date, your reserved space will be cancelled and made available to other campers. The camp fee for all applicants is \$350.00 each. If financial assistance is needed, please do not register – first email Legendary Lodge at

legendarylodge@diocesehelena.org or call 406-389-7057

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sat Jan 23	5:30pm Mass: For Jim Manion by Dave and Cathy Fahrenbruck
Sun Jan 24	7:30am Mass: For Community of the Parish 9am Mass: For Tyler Coorough by Terri 11am Mass: For Francis Pavolich by Dave and Cathy Fahrenbruck
Tues Jan 26	12:10pm Mass: For Emily Todd by Terri
Wed Jan 27	9am Mass: For Ray Swindler by Pat Ryan Swindler
Thurs Jan 28	9am Mass: For Kenneth Snodgrass
Fri Jan 29	9am Mass: For Margaret Marchant

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 1/24 Dick Green, Owen Bajari
- 1/25 Judy Giggar, Sebastian Sanchez
- 1/27 Christopher Coppock
- 1/28 Jane Roberts
- 1/29 Jerry Wildey, Jackie Souza
- 1/31 Abigail Buoy

Happy Birthday!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

1/24 Terry & Susan Lewis 49 yrs

If you don't see your Birthday or Anniversary listed, please call or come to the parish office and fill out/ update a registration form because we want to celebrate with you - we want to remember and give thanks!

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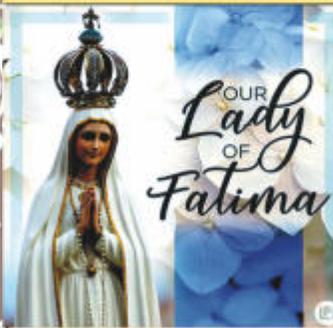
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PRAYER PARTNERS FOR STUDENTS

Our students are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We ask parishioners to pray for our class as they prepare for the Sacrament. As it nears the date of their First Reconciliation (2/13) send them a card or note letting them know you are praying for **Sophie Boelman, Abigail Wetzsteon, Harper Cary, Payton Cary, Anthony Standaert.**

Give the cards to the office for Nancy's Mailbox. This is such a wonderful opportunity to show these children that we support them as they prepare for this Sacrament.

Any questions please contact Nancy Bevins at k6re@stfranchamilton.org



Join us in praying the Rosary

Rosary Rally on Saturday, January 30th at 1:30pm at Legion Park in Hamilton. We come together to pray for and end to Abortion. Contact Roland Dextradeur

The Annual Catholic Appeal 2020

We have 532 registered households. To date, 163 pledges have been made which is 31% of our parish families. We have received \$52,053 in pledges which puts us at 82% of our goal of \$63,500.00.



No Gift is too small



Community Meals continue on Friday's at St. Francis

St. Francis parish will be hosting **FREE** Community Dinners on Friday evenings as part of a coalition of churches to feed those in need.

Dinners will be served drive-thru style from 5:00 to 6:00pm.

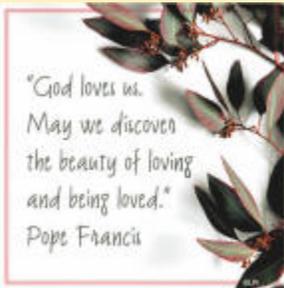


GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts and certainly not himself. Later in the afternoon, he experienced chest a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the Emergency Department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change. We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that call us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our ego needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help! We spin our wheels naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the

mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we have to leave our ego-self behind and follow. When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All of the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well. ©LPi



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Give Until It Hurts

One of the characteristics of Everyday Stewardship is to be committed — to persevere daily in a way of life acknowledging that everything belongs to God.

I know, I know. Easier said than done.

Just ask Zebedee. It's quite an image we get from the Gospel, after all. "So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him."

There was Zebedee, about his business, mending nets with his two sons, who were undoubtedly his best workers — they had to have been more dedicated than the hired men, who worked for wages rather than for family. And in an instant off they go, following this strange man.

I don't know about you, but if my kids left me on a hot summer day to finish the lawn by myself, I wouldn't be too happy.

But Zebedee must have been someone quite special. Perhaps he realized that his sons didn't belong to him — not really.

They belonged to God, and from the beginning of time, it had been appointed that they would be among the first disciples of Christ. He passed, he called, they followed, and Zebedee obliged. He simply went back to mending his nets, I imagine.

Zebedee already understood what St. Teresa of Calcutta would say millennia later: "Give until it hurts."

"You're wasting my time." "I've done so much for her; she owes me this." How often do we think things, and even people and relationships, belong to us? The truth is none of them do. We must be ready, as Zebedee was, to surrender them to God when He comes walking past. Tracy Earl Welliver, MT ©LPi

Communion Wafer

Question:

Do Catholics always need to receive communion in wafer form, or can it be different kinds of bread?

Answer:

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the most common form for the Eucharistic bread is the small white communion "wafer" that is a ubiquitous part of the Catholic Mass. The instructions of the Church have been very specific regarding the make-up of the bread used in the Mass: "The bread used in the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharistic Sacrifice must be unleavened, purely of wheat, and recently made ... it follows therefore that bread made from another substance, even if it is grain, or if it is mixed with another substance different from wheat to such an extent that it would not commonly be considered wheat bread, does not constitute valid matter for confecting the Sacrifice and the Eucharistic Sacrament" (see *Redemptionis Sacramentum* by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, no. 48).

The Church's tradition of using a wheat-based bread is based on the bread that Jesus would have used at the Last Supper and is considered to be an essential part of the "matter" of the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

As we consider the question of whether a "wafer" — which is properly called a "host" — should be used, we also must keep in mind that in the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church, leavened (i.e. "raised") bread is more often used. And so, while the thin, white "wafer" is most commonly used in the Roman Rite of the Church, the full expression of the Catholic tradition does allow for a more substantial form of bread to be used, but the tradition of using a simple wheat bread with no other additions or additives is considered essential.



Marriage & Family Ministry

7 secrets of "successful" children by Joseph D. White, Ph.D.

Ask parents about their hopes and dreams for their children and you're likely to get a variety of responses, including academic achievement, occupational success, fulfilling relationships and so on. Investing in children's future success is a major task of parenthood, and we do many different things to accomplish it, including buying educational toys, involving kids in sports and other extracurricular activities, hiring tutors and having important talks about responsibility.

Some parents seem to push so hard that we call them "stage parents," and we worry about the stress they may be placing on their children and the highly competitive environment they help cultivate. At the same time, children rarely rise to their potential without some encouragement, and we recognize that it often takes a measure of pressure to foster self-discipline.

So where is the line between "pushover" and "pushy"? How do we know how much to drive our children without driving them (and us) crazy? How do we define "success." In a purely secular sense, being successful often means beating out the competition, or rising to the top. Our Catholic faith defines success differently, for Jesus said, "The greatest among you must be your servant" (Mt 23:11). As Jesus gave completely of himself, we are called to give of ourselves to others.

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta said, "God didn't call us to be successful; he called us to be faithful." To be continued....

"If someone shared with you she was pregnant and hadn't ruled out having an abortion, would you know how to respond?" ...

When a woman is facing a difficult pregnancy, the reaction of the first person she tells tends to set the tone for her decision-making. How do we respond to our friend in a loving way that is life-affirming for both her and her baby?" Consider the four steps of the L.O.V.E. Approach™*:

Listen and Learn, Open Options, Vision and Value, and Extend and Empower." Read more at

www.respectlife.org/l-o-v-e

"What to Do When a Friend is Considering Abortion" (www.respectlife.org/l-o-v-e)

*The L.O.V.E. Approach™ is trademarked by Heartbeat International, Inc. and may not be adapted or modified.

Sacraments

Baptism: By appt. Baptismal preparation sessions offered to parents and sponsors as announced. Parents must be registered with our parish.

Reconciliation: Saturdays 4pm in the Church or by appointment with the priest.

Marriage: Diocesan policy requires six months preparation. If you are planning a wedding, always check with the pastor before setting a date.

Confirmation: Preparation to receive the sacrament of Confirmation is integrated into High School Youth Program. Youth are expected to attend starting in the 9th grade. The sacrament is celebrated for 10th though 12th graders who have received a minimum of two years catechesis and other Confirmation Classes in addition to other requirements.

1st Penance & 1st Eucharist: For 2nd grade as scheduled in the year. The child must be enrolled in Religious Education Class & a registered family member of our parish.

Sacrament of the Sick: As needed in each sickness, call and let us know.

Prayer Chain: Judy Giggar 363-2784 or judy.giggar@gmail.com, Ginny Rose at 360-7779 or casadersas@msn.com, or Joyce Faucher at 361-8298 or daddsgirl913@yahoo.com



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