



ST. BENEDICT PARISH

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20



REMEMBER *in your prayers*

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS...

Judy DeKyser, Marge Flanigan, Phil Hanson, James Hildebrand, Kathy Lauinger, Alben Lipar, Nellie Mojica, Stan Slavsky, Mike Somerville, Norma Swift, Linda Tongko, Wally Wetherbee.

...Loved ones who are ill and in need of prayer:

Kate Banaszek, Bryan Green, Heather Halls, Robyn Hamilton, Jennifer Harmon, Maureen Hubble, Ethel Jaruzel, Dennis Jaruzel, John Kleinschmidt Jr., Joy Long, Janel Nadeau, Sebastian Vincent, Alan Ratcliff, Suzie Skidmore, Susan Smith, Rosemary Tovey, Samuel Walker Sr. Names run four weeks. To re-list, please call 248-681-1534.

...For all active military personnel from our parish family: Keith Armstrong, Max Evans, Jon Hamel, Daniel D. McKinstry, Don Meyer, James Watson, Jr.

24 HOUR PRAYER LINE...

Nuns of the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament have a twenty-four hour prayer line. Even if your call goes to voicemail, the Sisters are attentive to begin the requested prayers promptly. The prayer line phone number is 248-626-8253.

PRAYER & MILITARY LIST UPDATE...

Please remember to contact the Parish Office for any updates on your loved ones you have listed on our Prayer and Military list.

We are not always aware of someone's entry or completion of duty into our armed forces. Thank you for keeping our lists accurate.

FUNERAL NOTIFICATION...

We developed a notification system to alert parishioners of funeral Masses to be held at the church for our St. Benedict parishioners.

If you would like to be added to a notification list, please complete the information below. You may drop it in the collection basket, bring it to the parish center or mail it to us.

NAME: _____

List your email address (one email per household):

PH: _____



Monday, January 25

The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

12:15 p.m. - Barbara Hornbeck req Showers family

Tuesday, January 26

Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops

12:15 p.m. - Aleta Morris req St. Benedict parish

Wednesday, January 27

St. Angela Merici, Virgin

12:15 p.m. - Jim Lindsenman req St. Benedict parish

Thursday, January 28

12:15 p.m. - Leonard & Edwin Koszewski req

Connie Cunningham

Friday, January 29

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

12:15 p.m. - Pete Polk req St. Benedict parish

Saturday, January 30

4:00 p.m. - Paul Sr. & Lorraine Bonfiglio,

Joelle Saffron req Paul Bonfiglio Jr.

Shon & Shad Schooley req Mom & Phil

Ann Staskowski req Vargo family

Sunday, January 31

9:00 a.m. - Deceased members of the Hoover family

req Rose DeAnda

Verna Barabas (3rd Anniv.) req family

11:00 a.m. - (Fr. Ytsen) Mort Flanigan req Joan Fleming

Robert Feeny (42nd Anniv.) req family



MARY'S MANTLE CONSECRATION

A SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR HEAVEN'S HELP

LENTEN RETREAT...

We can all agree that these past few months have been very challenging. We are still unable to meet as a group due to the circumstances of Covid. Therefore, we are suggesting that parishioners participate in a self-guided retreat titled **Mary's Mantle**.

It is a prayer program to the Blessed Mother. The primary focus of this is the recitation of the rosary (daily), fasting and contemplating the virtues and the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, ending with the consecration to Mary.

There are 46 stars on Mary's Mantle and there are 46 days between Ash Wednesday and the Easter Vigil. Each day (or star) there is a virtue or gift to read about.

There is also a prayer journal to accompany the book consisting of reflections and space for personal thoughts. The books are available for purchase online at www.MarysMantleConsecration.com

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP...

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.

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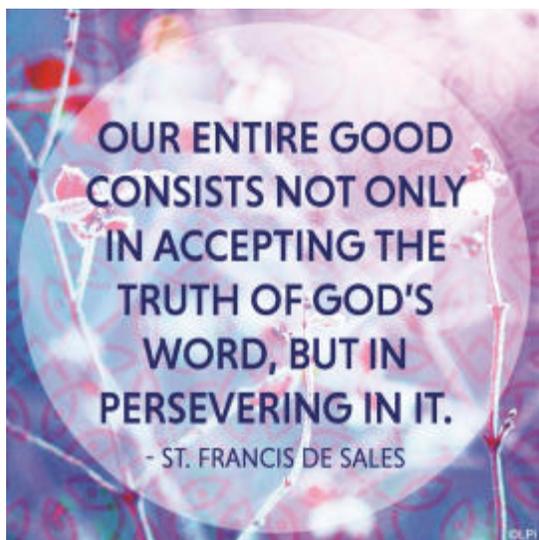
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— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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Weekday Mass Schedule

Mon - Fri. 12:15 p.m.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday - 4 p.m.; Sunday - 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Holy Day Mass Schedule

12:15 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 p.m. or by appointment

Sacraments

In order to get married or to have your child baptized, you must be a registered member of the parish. This means that you are participating in the life of the parish, regularly attending Mass and using your envelopes.

Baptisms

Arrangements must be made at least three months prior to desired date. Parents must be a registered member of the parish for 6 months.

Marriages

Arrangements must be made at least six months prior to desired date. You must be a registered member of the parish for 6 months.

Sick Calls and Communion for the Homebound

Please call the Parish Office 248-681-1534.

Faith Formation

Grades 1-8 - Wednesdays - 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. (Oct.-May)

R.C.I.A

Mondays - 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Parish Center (Sept.-Easter Vigil)

St. Vincent de Paul—St. Benedict Conference

248-681-1534, ext. 206

Bulletin Copy Deadline

Friday at noon

Suicide Hotline (Common Ground)

1-800-231-1127

Project Rachel Post Abortion Ministry

1-888-722-4355

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1-800-799-7233

Report Sexual Abuse Hotline

1-855-444-3911

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DO CATHOLICS ALWAYS NEED TO RECEIVE COMMUNION IN WAFER FORM, OR CAN IT BE DIFFERENT KINDS OF BREAD?

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.



JIM'S GEMS...

New Blesseds provide perspective
Our Sunday Visitor Oct. 25-31

Two great events in the life of the Church this month have assured us that the Year of Our Lord 2020 won't be all bad.

While the pages of history will remember these 12 months as being dominated by pandemic, social revolution, extreme political and religious division, election contention, copious natural disasters and whatever else happens between now and Dec. 31, the Church reminds us what the true prevailing focus of every human being should rather be: holiness and attaining eternal life with Christ. And while all individuals who have achieved the remarkable status of "blessed" are an inspiration to the faithful, the beatifications of Carlo Acutis and Father Michael McGivney offer particular graces at this time in our history.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church instructs that through the canonization process, the Church "recognizes the power of the Spirit of holiness within her and sustains the hope of believers by proposing the saints to them as models and intercessors" (No. 828). This is most certainly true for Blesseds Acutis and McGivney.

First, there's 15-year-old Acutis, who said to his mother days before his death from leukemia in 2006, "I can die happy because I haven't wasted even a minute on things that aren't pleasing to God." Instead, the young Italian, driven by a faith inexplicable even to his own mother, spent every day of his short life seeking to glorify the Lord.

In his homily at Acutis's beatification, Cardinal Agostino Vallini said that Acutis serves as a model of virtue for young people today. "He gave witness that faith does not distance us from life but immerses us more deeply in it and showed us the concrete way to live the joy of the Gospel," the cardinal said. "It is up to us to follow it, attracted by the fascinating experience of Blessed Carlo, so that our lives may also shine with light and hope."

This witness could not have come at a more providential time. In an era when young people are abandoning religion, Acutis, who sought to love Christ through all he did, provides an acute contrast of what a young person on fire with faith can accomplish — not for himself, but for others. At a time when belief in the Real Presence is waning, Acutis called the Eucharist his "highway to heaven." And at a time when the internet is being grossly misused for pornography, social media feuds and all other manner of repugnant behavior, Acutis used his programming skills to build a website

devoted to exploring 150 Eucharistic miracles around the world.

He is an inspiration for young and old, a reminder that life can be rather simple, if we only realize what our true purpose is.

The beatification of Father Michael McGivney is another providential moment for the Church. Father McGivney, a parish priest and founder of the Knights of Columbus, offers hope and encouragement for priests who have been battered by another round of the clergy abuse crisis; who find themselves wrestling with a pandemic-driven financial crisis; who may find mission crushed under a long administrative to-do list; and who are in need of fraternity more than ever.

Father McGivney's example of charity, ingenuity and holiness provides a model for priests to follow as they navigate the extraordinary challenges of the modern world.

"During his lifetime, people referred to him as saintly, someone who was a tremendous example of the good Samaritan," said Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight, in an interview earlier this year. "They recognized in him somebody who had devoted his life to the principles of charity and unity, as someone who was generous to a fault. With his reputation, he inspired not only members of the Knights of Columbus but really many of his priest-colleagues in Connecticut."

The Catechism once again reminds us that "the saints have always been the source and origin of renewal in the most difficult moments in the Church's history."

We are no doubt enduring difficult times. But Blesseds Acutis and McGivney remind us that these challenges are not what should monopolize our attention or drain our resources. Rather, we are called to love one another and the Lord, and to proclaim him to the world, as did these remarkable *beati*. They indeed are models of hope for all of us who seek to follow them to heaven.

JIM'S JOKES...

My neighbor was working in his yard when suddenly a car came crashing through his hedge and ended up on his front lawn.

He rushed to help the driver, an elderly lady. "You appear a bit old to be driving," he said.

"I am!" she replied proudly. "I'm so old that I don't even need a license anymore."

"Really?" he asked skeptically. "And how did you manage that?"

"The last time I went to my doctor," she explained, "he asked to see my license. Then he said, 'You won't be needing this anymore; cut it up and throw it away. So I thanked him and drove home!'"

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