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APRIL 11, 2021
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER



DIVINE MERCY



REMEMBER
in your prayers

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS...

Sally Bishop, Judy DeKeyser, Marge Flanigan, Phil Hanson, James Hildebrand, Albena Lipar, Michael Jozwik, Stan Slavsky, Mike Somerville, Norma Swift, Linda Tongko, Frank Vertin.

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

Kate Banaszek, Paul Bonfiglio, Sandi Bonfiglio, Jennifer DuChene, Geoffrey Frethem, Robyn Hamilton, Ethel Jaruzel, Dennis Jaruzel, John Kleinschmidt Jr., Fr. Tim Mazur, Janel Nadeau, Mark Nieslichowski, Kim Olsen-Higgs, Suzie Skidmore, Diane Ventlline. Names run four weeks. To re-list, please call 248-681-1534.

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.



A JOURNEY IN FAITH...

Thinking about becoming Catholic? Want to know more about Catholicism? We would love to talk with you about beginning a new journey.

If you wish to celebrate Baptism in the Catholic Church, we invite you to participate in the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

Perhaps you are already baptized in another faith tradition, but wish to enter full communion with the Catholic Church. We invite you to join us in the RCIA journey, so that you can learn about the rich teachings and traditions of Catholicism.

If you have been baptized Catholic but have not received the Sacraments of the Eucharist and/or Confirmation, this process would deepen your understanding as an adult and is highly recommended.

For further information contact **Gloria Armstrong**, Adult Formation/RCIA Coordinator at 248-681-1534 ext. 204.



Monday, April 12

12:15 p.m. - *Special Intention Nicholas Rinehart req family

Tuesday, April 13

St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr

12:15 p.m. - Nancy Mignault req Gloria Armstrong

Wednesday, April 14

12:15 p.m. - *Special Intention Judy DeKeyser req friend Charles Felice req Rose DeAnda

Thursday, April 15

12:15 p.m. - Robert Benson req family

Friday, April 16

12:15 p.m. - *Special Intention Joe Hinojos req family

Saturday, April 17

4:00 p.m. - Gerry Bray req Dawn Cawley

Joan Carry req Pat Santana

Joelle Saffron req Judy Frisch

Gonzalo & Jovita Sandoval req family

Sunday, April 18

9:00 a.m. - Joan Carry req Joni Brun

Jerry & Eileen Robak req Nancy Phelps

11:00 a.m. - Mort Flanigan req family

Fred Lauinger req Fairbrother family



CHOSEN FIRST SERIES....

Please join us for this upcoming parish program. We will be watching the "Chosen" first series and will have a topic discussion following.

It will begin Wednesday, April 21st at 11:00 a.m. to noon in the church social hall. The program will conclude on Wednesday, June 9th.

For the continued safety of our participants, masks and social distancing will be observed.

To register please contact the parish office. There will be no charge for this program.



GOSPEL MEDITATION...

What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. “Mercy is the heart of God,” Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God’s mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God’s mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God’s mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

“Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope,” Pope Francis continues. God’s all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ’s resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life’s imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn’t matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God’s mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God’s mercy, allow the wind of God’s presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.

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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

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1-800-799-7233

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1-855-444-3911

LITURGICAL LIFE

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Eye Has Not Seen

They say seeing is believing. But if you've ever ordered a pair of pants online, you know that's not always the case. Whatever the photos promise us, what looked like a perfectly nice shade of navy blue on our computer screens comes in the mail as an unusual shade of blue green that only appears in the giant box of Crayola crayons.

The Apostle Thomas, who couldn't bring himself to accept that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing him, is such an utterly relatable figure in the Gospels. Thomas is still reeling from a loss — not only of his good friend but his Lord, who was taken prisoner and crucified before his eyes. Thomas is guarding himself. He's not believing the hype. He's going to be the only judge of what is real and what is fiction.

Would any of us be any different? We've all had those thoughts. Can we believe it all — Jesus, salvation history, the Eucharist — when we haven't seen it with our own two eyes?

That's when we need to remember that those two eyes were absolutely positive they had ordered a pair of navy blue pants.

It's easy for us to sit back stroking our chins in judgment at Thomas, "you didn't believe the testimony of your friends!" But do we accept the testimony of our friends? The saints, the popes, the Church fathers themselves?

Sometimes the things that are most worthy of believing can't be seen with the naked eye.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Why are priests transferred from one parish to another? How is that decided?

Answer:

Bishops take the appointment of pastors to parishes very seriously and the decision to assign or transfer priests is one of the most important decisions bishops can make, effecting the lives of everyone in the parish community.

In 1984, the bishops of the United States implemented a six-year term limit for pastors (which can be renewed by bishop); term limits for associate pastors vary from diocese to diocese. Sometimes a particular priest is assigned to a parish or chaplaincy to respond to specific issues (such as a parish merger, a fundraising campaign, or because he has special qualifications that make him a good fit for the community). In the case of new or recently ordained priests, the vibrancy and diversity, the presence of a school, or certain social programs offer invaluable training and ongoing formation.

In making their decisions regarding the placement of priests, most bishops rely on a priest personnel committee or a council of priests. There is also a period of dialogue with the priest(s) who will be moved, sometimes even including an extended period of discernment and self-assessment, helping to be as sure as possible that the assignment of a priest to a particular community will truly benefit the people and be a healthy one for the priest himself.

JIM'S GEMS...

Might I suggest sharing the Divine Mercy chaplet by phone with someone each day who needs you? "By phone" because it is more personal than texting and more needed by many lonely and/or desperate people. The prayer takes no more than ten minutes. I say "each day" because that person will joyfully look forward to your daily call. They may even come to depend on it. "Someone...who needs you because of the afore-mentioned reasons, and because soon you will come to realize, 1) that you and the person on the other end of the line become beloved to one another and 2) that you are getting more out of this daily sharing than you ever expected.

I know this from having shared each morning with my sister Barb in upstate New York for a half-a-year now. We've also moved up to praying the Rosary together by phone every night.

Thank you sweet Jesus, for covid graces.

~Love in Him,
Fr. Jim



WISE WORDS...

If you see the moon, you will see the beauty of God...

If you see the sun, you will see the power of God...

If you see a mirror, you will see God's best creation. So believe it.

We are all tourists, God is our travel agent who has already identified our routes, bookings and destinations...trust Him and enjoy life.

Life is a journey! Therefore, live today!

Tomorrow may not be.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET...

The Chaplet is Prayed on a five-decade Rosary

1. Make the Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

2. Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen.

3. Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

4. The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

5. The Eternal Father

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

6. On the Ten Small Beads of Each Decade

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

7. Repeat for the remaining decades

Saying the "Eternal Father" (5) on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (6) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.

8. Conclude with Holy God (Repeat three times)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

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