



ST. BENEDICT PARISH

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2021

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." - Mk 13:30-32



PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS...

Paul Bonfiglio, Gloria Bonfiglio, Judy DeKeyser, Marge Flanigan, Nancy Flanigan, Tom Fisher, Phil Hanson, Alben Lipar, Michael Jozwik, Stan Slavsky, Norma Swift, Linda Tongko, Frank Vertin, Sylvia Zanger.

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

Pat Aranosian, Tom Ban, Kate Banaszek, Francine Brintley, Sandi Bonfiglio, Denise Cowley, Patrick Duchene, Gloria Dixon, Levi Dixon, Barbara Eframo, Bob Edwards, Paula Gazette, Don Harriger, Irene Hone, Laverne Leppek, Jason Makaroff, Janel Nadeau, Anne Marie Pizzuti, Avery Pope, Anthony Robak, Caitlyn Robinson, Adele Roblin, John Rzepka, Charlie Stacer, Kelly Ann Stratton, Laura Thomson, Seth Todd, Scott Thor, Primo Tongko Jr. 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.

ADORATION...

Beginning in November, every first and third Wednesday we will be having Eucharistic Adoration in the Parish Center Chapel 11:00 a.m. to Noon. Come spend some time with our Lord.

BULLETIN SUBMISSION...

All December bulletin submissions must be received by the office no later than November 21st due to early holiday deadlines. Thank you.

Monday, November 15

St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
12:15 p.m. - Martha Shaw req Gavin family

Tuesday, November 16

St. Margaret of Scotland: St. Getrude, Virgin
12:15 p.m. - Diana Bowring req Sherry Showers

Wednesday, November 17

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
12:15 p.m. - Verna Barbas req family

Thursday, November 18

The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul
12:15 p.m. - Victor Bernero req family

Friday, November 19

12:15 p.m. - Mabel Cupples req family

Saturday, November 20

4:00 p.m. - Norma Fay req Paul Bonfiglio
Anastasia Morlock req Thomson family

Sunday, November 21

9:00 a.m. - Deceased members of the Brun & Tront families req Joni Brun

Bill Petersmark req Ann Howell

Jean Winters (12th Anniv.) req family

11:00 a.m. - Ed Floyd req family

Mark Kell req family

Jean Roman req Roman family



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- Nov. 15 General Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 21 Pancake Breakfast
- Nov. 28 Wrap Hoodies
- Dec. 6 Combined Officers & Council Meeting

ST. PERPETUA CRAFT SHOW...

We want to make our parishioners aware of a big craft show on Saturday, November 20th at St. Perpetua-Church in Waterford.

Several of our parishioners will be selling their crafts, including John Elbode's Cork Creations, Sallie Bishop's mugs and stoneware and Mary Vertin's jams and jellies.

The show runs from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and is a great place to begin your Christmas shopping! We hope to see you there.



RCIA UPCOMING TOPICS...

- Nov. 15 Church History
- Nov. 22 NO CLASS
- Nov. 29 Liturgical Year / Advent
- Dec. 6 Old Testament

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL...

"Whose Father is He?"

A beggar came asking for food. I told him to come around to the back door and asked him to sit on the floor while I went in to bring the left over food.

I brought him food & said, let's pray. Now repeat after me, "Our FATHER in Heaven". He said, "Your Father in Heaven". I said, "No, say OUR FATHER in Heaven". He again said, "Your Father in Heaven"!!!

This extremely irritated me! I asked why do you say 'Your' Father when I say 'Our' FATHER?'

He said, "Sir, it's like this. If I say Our FATHER, then we both become brothers. If we are brothers, you would invite me in through the front door and not the back; you would ask me to sit at your dining table not on the floor; you'd also not give me stale food! Sir, somehow it's not possible that we are sons of the same father!"

He may be your Father, but he can't be OUR father!

It took a beggar to teach me the truth!!!
GOD becomes our FATHER when we treat one another as brothers and sisters.

Our SVDP Conference would like to thank all of our parishioners for their continued support to help our brothers and sisters in our community. God bless you all. Contact the parish office if you would like to learn more about SVDP opportunities to serve.

PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMANDI...

O God, I pray that you give our Confirmandi a right heart, that they may come to know you in Jesus. Lead them to recognize their sinful ways and to know your great love for them, in Christ Jesus. Help those who teach our Confirmandi, to give them the teachings they need. Grant that, on their Confirmation Day, they will be ready to give themselves to be your faithful soldier and a servant to their life's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN!

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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)

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National Domestic Violence Hotline

1-800-799-7233

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH

AT 6:00 P.M.

THERE WILL BE NO 12:15 P.M. MASS

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

If you need an announcement made for an upcoming event, please be sure to contact the parish office so we may add it to the list. Thank you.

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JIM'S GEMS...

How to overcome a 'spirit of callousness'
Legatus.org October 2021

Recently, a crisis pregnancy center director expressed her concern over an attitude she and her staff encounter among many of their clients. The director, who has served the unborn, mothers, and families for more than three decades, admitted that she has counseled thousands of women and confronted many obstinate hearts and minds, but, sadly, has noticed a troublesome attitude. "We are experiencing greater indifference, a 'spirit of callousness,'" she said, "that [we] have never encountered on such a scale." Adding that "no matter what is said, they are unmoved, cold, and unemotional. I fear our society is growing even more numb to the sacredness of human life, which is very worrisome." How did our society become so indifferent, so callous to the sanctity of human life?

Culture plays a significant role in this process and influences how we behave and how we think. It affects how we process information, make decisions, view life, express ourselves, govern ourselves, relate to other human beings, function in society, and even how we view God. Culture is that which envelops us; it is the air we breathe. Yet, its influence is often obscure. I contend that there are two factors that have shaped our modern-day culture, giving rise to a "spirit of callousness": the denial of God, and a false understanding of human dignity. According to Pope St. John Paul II, "when the sense of God is lost, there is also a tendency to lose the sense of man, of his dignity and his life" (Evangelium Vitae, 21). And "this reality is characterized by the emergence of a culture which denies solidarity and, in many cases, takes the form of a veritable 'culture of death'" (EV, 12). In other words, whenever a human person's dignity is overlooked, devalued, or rejected, something essential is ignored, and the consequences of such an act to society and culture are far-reaching. This "spirit of callousness" is enabled and emboldened by the progressive weakening in individual consciences, and in a society that has lost the sense of God and the incomparable worth of the human person. Hence, we do not value each other as much, we do not value our relationships as deeply, and thus have gradually become unsympathetic toward our neighbors, born and unborn. This truth is expressed in the reasoning of St. Teresa of Calcutta as she considered the ramifications of a culture and its people that reject God and His command to love: "By abortion, the mother does not learn to love, but kills even her own child to solve her problems. And, by abortion, that father is told that he does not have to take any

responsibility at all for the child he has brought into the world." She added that "any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want." (National Prayer Breakfast, 1994).

The moral weakening of our resistance to the culture of death has made many insensitive, blind to the crimes and violence we see in our culture, including abortion, euthanasia, embryonic stem cell research, human trafficking, pornography, and the exploitation and commercialization of unborn children.

Transforming a "spirit of callousness" and restoring a culture of life, a society where God is respected and human life is loved and served, will demand sacrifices, hardships, heroic witness, and heroic action. But, as Christians and as a people of life, ours is not to count the cost but to "fight the good fight" with the tenacity God gives us.

ASK FR. JIM...

This is my "Ask Fr. Jim" submission form. I will try to adequately and honestly answer any questions addressed to me, provided you sign the question. I will use your name in my response, only if you give me permission to do so.

My question is:

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