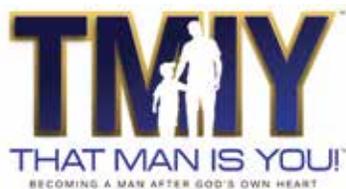


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BECOMING STEWARDS IN COMMUNITY

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THAT MAN IS YOU HELPING MEN SEEK GOD'S OWN HEART THROUGH FELLOWSHIP

We are told in the Bible that God found in David, "a man after my own heart," someone whom God could trust to do what He wanted him to do (Acts 13:22). But what does it mean to be a man after God's own heart? And how can men seek after God's own heart in such a fallen world?

The men of That Man is You, or TMIY, have a mission of reminding the gentlemen of our parish what seeking after God's heart can mean and supporting each other in the process. Though they're currently on summer break, the group meets every Thursday morning for 26 weeks per year to watch videos from the TMIY series and spend time together in fellowship.

From Catholic programming company Paradisus Dei, TMIY is a video series that "honestly addresses the

pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers."

"There's five years of content, and we're in year two," says group coordinator Jim Fortner. "The first year gets into man's relationship with God and the family. This year we've started into man's relationship with the bride."

Meetings begin at 6 a.m. in the Undercroft with light food and coffee. After watching a video, the guys can spend time discussing the video's topic and sharing in fellowship before departing at 7:20 a.m. If a group member misses a meeting, he can catch up by watching the video on any electronic device.

"The quality and the science behind the messaging is really good," Jim says of the videos. "It's heavy with stats and

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THE CHALLENGE OF *Discipleship*

God calls us to give Him everything – our whole heart, our whole soul, and our whole mind. This is the challenge of discipleship – a lifelong process of more fully placing our lives under the lordship of Jesus Christ.

The reason that God can ask such complete service from us is that He made us. Everything we have belongs to Him! This includes our intelligence, our physical ability, our artistic talent, our family, our finances, our government – anything we may typically think of as “ours.”

It takes courage to recognize that we are not the masters of our possessions and ourselves. Furthermore, as Christians, we believe that because everything we have is a gift from God, we are called to give Him thanks. We express our thanks by using our gifts to further His kingdom on earth. This is the basis for our understanding of stewardship.

We refer to “time,” “talent,” and “treasure” in order to differentiate between the various parts of our life that belong to God. “Time” is the duration of life that God has given us. “Talent” includes the special gifts or strengths God has nurtured in us. “Treasure” is what we have earned through our time and talent.

Even though we identify these three aspects of stewardship, they are still part of the same Gospel-based concept. And even when we focus separately on these parts, it should not signal that one is more

important than the other. Instead, focusing on each aspect one at a time helps us to better concentrate on that area in our lives.

Stewardship is, after all, an attitude. If our goal is to become better stewards, we must have a reason in our minds to do so. Here are the basics of a stewardship attitude:

“God made everything!”

A wholehearted trust that God made all things is essential to understanding stewardship. Recognizing God as the Creator is one of the most basic, profound beliefs of Christianity.

“I am truly blessed!”

It takes humility in order to truly acknowledge God’s goodness. Every great triumph and every little pleasure is a blessing from above, and every strong character trait we possess is a gift from God.

“I believe I am to use God’s gifts for His glory!”

What better way to thank God for His goodness than by using our personal gifts to glorify Him? We are not the owners of our time, talent or treasure. But we are caretakers given the responsibility of spreading God’s kingdom on earth.

A Letter From Our Pastor

TAKE VACATIONS FROM WORK OR SCHOOL, NOT FROM GOD

Dear Parishioners,

By now, many schools across America have let out for the summer. In almost no time, camp programs for younger students will be underway. Meanwhile, many older students are ready to trade their homework and notebooks for seasonal jobs until it's time to return to class in a few months.

Whether or not we're directly involved with schools — as students, teachers or parents — we find that the calendar for the school year also impacts our lives at work, at church and in our leisure time. And although some people are on vacation at any time of year, summer traditionally retains its place as *the* vacation season.

Vacations, no matter when or where we take them, provide us with a wonderful opportunity to refresh our lives by following a totally different daily pattern. Whether it's a day trip to the beach or hiking in the mountains, an excursion to the big city or a road trip out to the country, a visit to relatives or friends, or even a quiet and relaxing week spent at home, a vacation offers a break from our daily routines. We get to spend our time the way *we* choose.

A vacation also provides a good opportunity for us to make some permanent changes in our use of time. When we're free from the demands of everyday life, this is a perfect chance to try something that is not part of our regular routine, such as spending a few minutes a day in prayer or meditation.

“Try it — you'll like it!” as the old commercial said. It may have some lasting, positive results in fostering a stronger spiritual life.

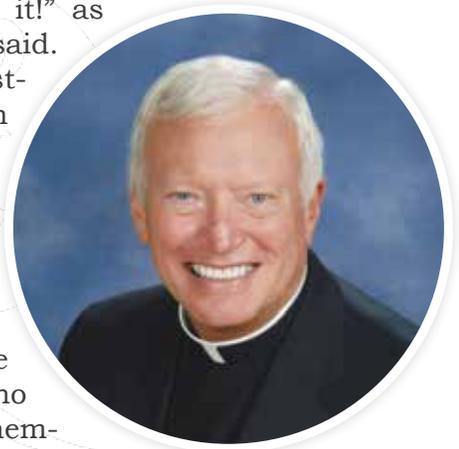
Importantly, we must also remember that this is a time of year when our parish will be welcoming visitors who are on vacation themselves — whether they are visiting family, spending time in the area, or just happen to be passing through on the way to their next destination. So, let us all uphold the Stewardship Pillar of Hospitality and provide a warm welcome to those visiting our parish.

Be sure to worship at Mass, wherever you happen to be each Sunday. You'll come back from vacation refreshed both emotionally and spiritually.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Daniel J. Vogelpohl

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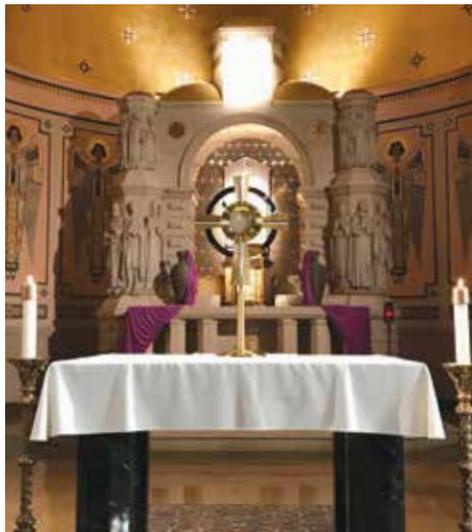
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COME AND SIT ON THE *Experiencing the Blessings*

Imagine if the risen Christ were to appear to us at the altar of Blessed Sacrament — wouldn't we all go running to meet Him? More likely than not, millions of people would travel from around the world just to sit at His feet and soak in the incomparable graces of His presence. It may be hard for us to picture this scenario — and yet, the reality is that we already are given the opportunity to rest in Christ's presence daily!

As the very name of our parish reminds us, we are greatly blessed in the Catholic Church to have the very real presence of Jesus dwelling in our midst in the form of the Holy Eucharist. Indeed, here at Blessed Sacrament, every Wednesday we are invited to partake in one of the most sacred experiences our Catholic faith has to offer — Eucharistic Adoration.

Mary Ann Gronotte, coordinator of our parish adoration schedule, has a lifelong devotion to Eucharistic Adoration. She started going to adoration as a child, and later continued the tradition with



During adoration, a monstrance holding the exposed Eucharist graces the altar at Blessed Sacrament.

her own family. On the evenings when her two sons would serve at the benediction Mass that concluded the week's adoration, she would smell the incense in their hair as she tucked them into bed. "You smell like God," she remembers telling them on those nights. Today, one of those sons is a priest and one is a deacon, and Mary Ann believes that their early devotion to spending time

in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament helped lead them to their vocations.

Indeed, the blessings of a regular adoration hour are many. Thanks to her longstanding commitment to adoration, Mary Ann has found herself on a closer walk with Christ.

"It's comforting and it's peaceful," she says. "It's a great place to really think about Jesus and what He would say. It's like Jesus is on His front porch and wants you to come by and talk to Him. Just tell Him what's on your heart, and He will take care of things."

Eucharistic Adoration is available in the main sanctuary of Blessed Sacrament from 10 a.m. on Wednesdays until the benediction at 6:15 p.m. As the exposed Eucharist cannot be left alone, volunteers sign up to spend an hour in the Lord's presence each Wednesday. Some adorers spend their time there reading Scripture or other religious texts, while others may pray a Rosary or simply sit in contemplative prayer.

In today's busy world, it can

Eucharistic Adoration with the exposed Eucharist (in a monstrance) is available at Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday. In the Lord's presence, please contact Mary Ann Gronotte at 859-341-6214 to be put on the schedule of weekly adoration. Donations may be mailed or brought to the perpetual chapel.

LORD'S FRONT PORCH: *Hours of Eucharistic Adoration*

be intimidating to commit time each week to Eucharistic Adoration. One of the greatest blessings of adoration here at Blessed Sacrament is that anyone can drop in on a Wednesday, for however long they are able. The Lord is always right there waiting!

"It's an important part of our faith to visit with God one-on-one," Mary Ann says. "God is there for us, and there is no reason not to visit Him. He's there on His front porch, waiting for you to come talk with Him."

Here at Blessed Sacrament, we are seeking to expand our parishioners' opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration by building a perpetual adoration chapel that would be open for adoration 24-7. As Co-Chairs of our Centennial Committee, Julie Fortner and Barb Salzman are helping to spearhead this project.

In addition to the many wonderful events and gatherings sponsored by our Centennial Committee this year, the group has a focus on raising the funds for a perpetual adoration chapel



Parishioners and visitors are welcome to come pray in front of the exposed Eucharist during adoration at Blessed Sacrament.

that would be built between the church and the Bles Center. Plans for the chapel include seating for about 16 people, a confessional and a restroom.

By volunteering on the Centennial Committee, Julie has had the opportunity to see the excitement being generated around the celebration of our parish's 100th anniversary. She hopes that the

various events planned by the committee serve to reinvigorate the faith lives of our parishioners, and believes that a perpetual adoration chapel would continue to build our community up in the faith.

"The Eucharist is the most important gift that God gave us, and when we can receive Him or sit and adore Him, there is nothing greater," Julie says. "When you see adoration in a parish, that parish is healthier. As a Catholic, no one else has that gift and it's just a special, special gift that can't be replaced."

Knowing firsthand that schedule conflicts often keep people away from adoration, Julie hopes that establishing a perpetual chapel would allow more parishioners and visitors to experience the great blessings of a devotion to Eucharistic Adoration.

"With a separate adoration chapel, it will be easier to go when it's convenient," she says. "If you want to go talk to God, we want to make that as easy as possible!"

Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. If you are interested in deepening your faith life by regularly spending time in adoration, please contact the parish office. We hope all parishioners will prayerfully consider making a donation of any size toward the building fund for a perpetual adoration chapel. Thank you!

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“TRANSFORMED BY THE SACRED LITURGY” THE CELEBRATION OF THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

In a limited way, the liturgy can be compared to a story or a film – upon a first reading or viewing, we might understand the basic outline of the narrative, yet through every subsequent encounter, the story further unfolds before us, becoming richer and more complex.

Often, inquisitive children teach us about how to understand a story or the Mass. As a child inquires about the priest’s green vestments, the foregrounded wreath or the presence of palm branches, we might pause to recall the symbolism undergirding the rich rituals of the liturgy.

There is a sense of the sacred in the liturgy, but its rituals and ceremonies can appear as empty pantomimes when divorced from their meaning. Far from empty signs, the liturgy is the celebration of the Paschal mystery, of Christ’s passion, death, resurrection and glorification by which He “accomplished the work of our salvation” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1067).

From the Greek *leitourgia*, meaning public service or worship, liturgy in the Christian tradition refers to the communal participation of the people in the work of God, and God is always present and at work in the liturgy, acting in and with the Church through the sacraments.

Annually, the Church’s liturgical year is structured around the Paschal mystery, which we observe every Sunday. We begin each year with a season of anticipating Christ’s birth, and following a celebration of Christ’s Incarnation, we gradually enter a period of preparation for the Easter Triduum, for His passion, death and Resurrection. The year closes with a period of ordinary time – a time to grow in our faith and in living out the Gospel.

Daily, the Liturgy of the Hours unifies the Church Militant in prayers said by the clergy and increasingly by the laity. As the liturgical calendar structures our year, the Liturgy of the Hours structures our day, offering us an opportunity to consecrate



each present moment to Christ.

Ultimately, the liturgical life of the Church “revolves around the Eucharistic sacrifice and the sacraments” (CCC 1113), for we receive God’s grace to fortify us in our spiritual lives and as His disciples through the sacraments, particularly the Holy Mass.

The Mass nurtures us spiritually, inviting us to reflect on the Paschal mystery and to lift our hearts to God as individuals and a community through spoken and sung prayer.

The Mass moves us corporeally, drawing us to sit as we listen to the Word, to stand as we unanimously profess our faith, and to kneel as the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.

The Mass inspires us apostolically, sending us out to proclaim the Gospel and to share Christ with our brothers and sisters.

Though the “source and center” of all prayer, the liturgy and a sense of the sacred has, in some ways, become marginalized in the American Church. Once robust parishes are seeking to rebuild, but they frequently overlook the connection between the empty pews and the decentralization of the liturgy, which was underscored by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.

“I am convinced that the crisis in the Church that we are experiencing today is, to a large extent, due to the disintegration of the liturgy,” Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI wrote in his autobiography *Milestones*.

Something in the simplicity of the child’s experience of the liturgy teaches us to return to what we might call the basics of the faith – meaning a love for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the sacraments and the rituals of the Church. Only through the liturgy are we nurtured on our stewardship journey and inspired to proclaim the Gospel.

As Archbishop Alexander Sample from the Diocese of Portland, Ore., writes, “If we are transformed by the sacred liturgy, then we, as believers, can help transform the culture.”



HOSPITALITY TENT HELPING TO MARK CENTENNIAL DURING PARADE

Fort Mitchell's Fourth of July parade will have special significance this year to Blessed Sacrament Parish, as the event will acknowledge our Centennial Celebration of our founding in 1920. The year-long celebration is beginning this summer, and will continue through 2020 as we mark the dates in 1920 that made Blessed Sacrament Church and School a reality.

Fr. Dan will be serving as Grand Marshal for the parade, and he will be carried through the parade in a white carriage pulled by a white horse. We can gather to cheer him on at the hospitality tent being organized by Lisa Moellering, one of the chairs for the Centennial celebration events.

Set up on the rectory grounds, the tent will offer games and face painting as youngsters wait for the parade, and water will be available as well. The tent will be open to the community in the spirit of hospitality through stewardship.

Traditionally, parade watchers set up lawn chairs on the sidewalks around the rectory, so the idea for a hospitality tent will add some comfort to the viewing experience.

"We are reaching out to the community," Lisa says. "They're already going to the parade so we're spreading the word that we'll be there to have a place they can go. It's just us gathering people together in our community to bring us closer."

The Centennial Celebration certainly is letting our neighbors know our history and how long we have been a part of Fort Mitchell.

"It's a big thing to celebrate," Lisa says. "But the reaction from people will be 'Wow!' What a great presence we have and we are willing to try to keep

people together."

Barb Salzman, Co-Chair for all the Centennial events, along with Julie Fortner, sees the parade tent as a way to further establish stewardship through its first pillar — hospitality.

"What the tent is offering is as Christ welcomed the stranger and welcomed those He knew, so we as stewards should be welcoming of all," she says. "We should have an inviting spirit. Our hope is to provide an opportunity for bringing our neighbors together in a sheltered place of gathering with refreshments and games for the kids."

The arc of our Centennial Celebration is the message of "homecoming," with events planned every month this year.

"We hope to revive a feeling of belonging in the community," Barb says.

A huge picnic is planned for Sept. 22 that will invite former parishioners and school alumni to join us for a grand celebration.

"We're celebrating what has happened in our parish and what will happen in the future," Barb says.

A fun feature that will be set up at the tent is a 9494-inch vinyl banner with the portraits of our six former priests. The banner will be placed on a stand with seating in front so everyone can take a "selfie" with our former pastors.

It should be no surprise that the hospitality tent will need others to help at the parade.

"We need volunteers to help set up the tent and watch over the games to make sure the kids are supervised," Lisa says. "We also need people to make sure the trash is cleaned up."

Anyone wishing to help with the hospitality tent may call Lisa Moellering at 859-462-0108. Although Lisa has a budget available to buy items for the tent, donations of bottled water are welcome.



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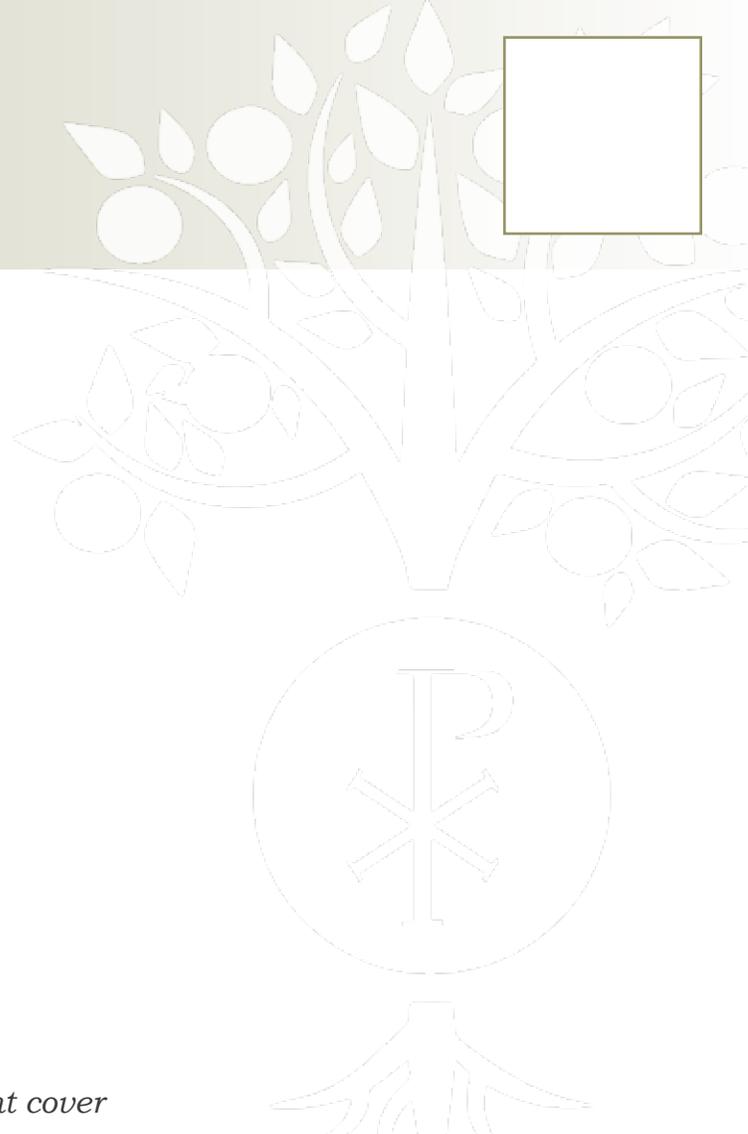


Youth ready for last year's Fourth of July parade!

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guys resonate with statistics. In the last class, we got into pornography and it showed how disruptive porn is to the family. Then they went into the science of why that is by discussing the frontal lobe of the brain and how you can get addicted.”

Those same stats and facts are applied to other issues like Mass attendance among families and what makes for a successful marriage. Jim says looking at life from this angle helps men see why a relationship with God through the sacraments is so important.

“They’re attacking things at a root level, and talking about quality of life,” he says. “It’s so deeply

Catholic that it draws men back to the Sacraments of the Eucharist, of Confession, honoring the Sacrament of Marriage, to be a man of God.”

In conjunction with the women’s program, Walking with Purpose, Jim says he hopes parish couples can grow as individuals with the same faith goals.

“Using the programs to build on one another, we try to encourage the husband and wife to grow together,” he says. “It’s definitely improved the faith life of the people involved. I can see men who are more serious in their faith. They’re praying more. They’re participating in the sacraments more. I see their wives from the other program there with them.”

If you would like more information about joining TMIY when it starts up again in the fall, please contact Jim Fortner at 859-462-9277.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4 p.m. | **Sunday:** 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. | **Weekdays:** Tuesday & Thursday: 6:30 a.m., Monday through Saturday: 10:00 a.m. (When school is in session, Mass is at 8:45 a.m. instead of 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday & Friday)

Holy Days: 7 p.m. (prior day Vigil, excluding All Saints Day) 6:30 & 10 a.m.

Communion Service: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday - 6:30 am

Eucharistic Exposition: Wednesdays following Mass — Benediction to close exposition: 6:15 p.m.

SACRAMENTAL RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 2:30-3:30 p.m. | **Thursday before First Friday:** 10:30 a.m. | **Third Tuesday:** 6:30-7:30 p.m.