

ST. ANTHONY'S NEWSLETTER

Featuring news and articles from St. Anthony's and St. Pius X Parishes

"Actions speak louder than words:

Let your words teach and your actions speak."

From a Sermon by St. Anthony of Padua

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Sunday – 10:00 AM

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 8 AM

Sunday - 8:00 AM

Wednesday - 8 AM

Father Daniel Felton named bishop for Duluth Diocese

Apr 7, 2021

Today, the Holy See announced that Pope Francis has named the Very Rev. Daniel Felton, of the Diocese of Green Bay, Wis., to become the tenth bishop of the Diocese of Duluth. His episcopal ordination and installation as bishop of Duluth have been set for May 20.

Bishop-elect Felton, who has served as vicar general and moderator of the curia for the Diocese of Green Bay since 2014, was born Feb. 5, 1955. He is the son of Carol and the late Ken Felton and the oldest of five children and attended St. Edward School in Mackville, Wis., and Appleton West in Appleton. He holds a bachelor's degree from St. Norbert College in De Pere, Wis., in religious studies and psychology; a master's degree in theology from St. John University, Collegeville; and a licentiate of sacred theology and a master's degree in social communications from the Gregorian University in Rome.



Bishop-elect Felton was ordained a priest on June 13, 1981, by Bishop Aloysius Wycislo for the Green Bay Diocese. His parish assignments have included Holy Innocents in Manitowoc, St. Raphael the Archangel in Oshkosh, and St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Manitowoc. Father Felton was also the director of affiliate affairs for the Catholic Telecommunications Network of America.

Father Felton serves as a member of the diocesan College of Consultors, Presbyteral Council, Bishop Advisory Council, Personnel Board, Diocesan Finance Council, St. Norbert Board of Trustees, and Silver Lake College Board of Directors. He is also a member of the National Advisory Council of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

"We are grateful to our Holy Father, Pope Francis, for sending us our next bishop in this joyful Easter season," said the Very Rev. James Bissonette, diocesan administrator for the Diocese of Duluth. "We look forward to getting to know Bishop-elect Felton and beginning this new chapter in our walk of faith together under his leadership as our next shepherd."

Bishop-elect Felton succeeds the late Bishop Paul Sirba, who died Dec. 1, 2019.

The Diocese of Duluth serves the 10 counties of northeastern Minnesota with more than 44,000 Catholics and 71 parishes.

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Unfailing Prayer to St. Anthony

O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints,
your love for God and Charity for His
creatures made you worthy, when on
earth, to possess miraculous powers.
Encouraged by this thought, I implore
you to obtain for me (request). O gentle
and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was
ever full of human sympathy, whisper my
petition into the ears of the Sweet Infant
Jesus, who loved to be folded in your
arms; and the gratitude of my heart will
ever be yours. Amen.

God is just a prayer away.
This little card will
be a humble
source of
inspiration.



St. Anthony Pray for Us





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Confession

Sunday: 7:30 AM
Wednesday: 7:30 AM
or by appointment

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The Miracle of Lourdes

It began in 1858, at a grotto near a little village in southwestern France. Mary appeared 18 times to a young woman named Bernadette Soubirous, announcing: "I am the Immaculate Conception." Mary helped Bernadette discover a hidden spring at the grotto. That spring was soon to become a fountain of faith, hope and healing for millions of pilgrims who visit there each year.

Lourdes is truly a place of healing. The Church recognizes 66 miraculous cures there, and thousands more have been reported. And for many others, Lourdes is the place where they have found peace in coming to understand and accept God's will for them.

To all who are sick in body or spirit, the Lord brings hope and comfort through Our Lady of Lourdes.



ST. ANTHONY
PARISH STATISTICS

FUNERALS (Date of Death)
Robert "Bob" Niskala January 13, 2021

BAPTISMS
Kaiva Rose Kerntz February 28, 2021
Patrick Kerntz and McKenzie Peterson
Sylas Xavier Scharber February 28, 2021
Ryan and Stefanie Scharber

Parishioners - if you would like to see something in the newsletter, please contact Pat at 365-5630 or Mary Ann at 365-4927 or your parish office.

Our Catholic Care Facilitator can help you connect with services, find you assistance, or arrange a visit. Please contact Heidi in the parish office for any of your needs.

Are you in need of a visit? Entering the hospital? Homebound and need help? St. Anthony's offers outreach such as home visits, Communion, or healing prayer. If you, or someone you know, may be interested — contact Stefanie in the parish office. Our clergy are also available for you in your time of need.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK/HOMEBOUND:
Prayers, Communion, and any assistance you may need. Eucharist can be brought to your home if you are unable to attend Mass.

PRAYER CHAIN: Share your needs and concerns with this network of prayer. Feel free to call or email with any intention you or a loved one may have. Requests are gathered and disbursed through a system of prayer volunteers. Please contact Stefanie in the church office or submit your request online at www.stanthonyself.org > Seek > Prayer Requests.

**ADORATION AT ST. ANTHONY'S EVERY
THURSDAY 8:30 AM TO 8:00 PM**

Rosary said every Thursday at 7pm for those being called to the Priesthood or Religious Life....consider committing to one Thursday a month to join us (or when you are able)!

Jesus tells us: Ask, Seek, Knock.

**The harvest is there; we must PRAY to
help them hear and answer HIM!**



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WEBSITE

St. Anthony's now has a website to advise parishioners and others of the schedule of events, mass and reconciliation times, blog, information on different organizations and programs in the parish. The address for this site is

<https://www.stanthonyself.org/ministry-finder>

**WANTED - DRIVERS FOR ELY
MEALS-ON-WHEELS PROGRAM**

Minimal time commitment.

Please consider volunteering your time in this worthy cause.
For more information
call Sharon at 365-6734.

Wednesdays - Mass Ely Nursing Home 2:30 PM

Thursdays - Eucharistic Adoration

Begins immediately after the 8:00 AM Mass
Except when there is a funeral on that day.
Adoration then begins at 1:30 PM

Sundays - Rosary Ely Nursing Home 2:30 PM

St. Anthony's Church

Council of Catholic Women

Marilyn Klick, President

2021 has arrived. Not sure how things will develop, We still do not have any plans, but all women are welcome to join St. Anthony's Council of Catholic Women. We will not be having the thrift sale this spring, but I am hopeful that we will be able to have one in the fall. Hopefully we can resume meetings in the fall and have our Christmas luncheon. Watch the bulletin for any updates.

The meetings are usually the 4th Tuesday of every month (January, February, March, April, May, August, September, October, and November) at 1 pm in one of the classrooms in the fellowship hall. Even if you do not think meetings are for you, come and try it at least once. If meetings really are not your cup of tea, sign up for one of our activities. We are always looking for innovative ideas and new people. Everyone is welcome.

Even though we are in a holding pattern now, you can contact me at 218-365-6144 if you have any questions.

The article below is from the most recent issue of the magazine of the National Council of Catholic Women *Catholic Woman*. With the upcoming month of May and St. Anthony's CCW's devotion to Mary, I thought it might be worth sharing.

MARY'S PROMISES

by

Kathleen Penno, Spirituality Commission Chair

"Wonder not that until now you have obtained so little fruit by your labors, you have spent them on a barren soil, not yet watered with the dew of divine grace." These are the words of the Blessed Virgin to St. Dominic when she appeared to him in Prouille, France in 1206, as written in *The Rosary: "The Little Summa,"* by Robert Feeney. Giving him the rosary, Mary said, "Preach my Psalter (rosary)...and you will obtain an abundant harvest."

Truly, we are called to pray and promote the rosary with perseverance. The mysteries of the Rosary teach us how to live in our joys, our works, and especially our sorrows, for the sake of salvation and glory of God. Spiritual dryness and discouragement tempt us to stop praying but let us remember Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane. In agony, he prayed even longer.

Therefore, let us heed Mary's call to pray the rosary every day. Like the saints and blessed who came before us, we too can help spread the dew of divine grace.

Should we have doubts, consider Mary's 15 promises mentioned in Fenney's book for all Christians who recite this powerful prayer devoutly:

- 1 I promise my special protection and the greatest graces
- 2 Those who shall persevere in the recitation of my rosary shall receive some signal grace.
- 3 The rosary shall be a very powerful armor against hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresy.
- 4 The rosary will cause virtue and good works to flourish and will obtain for souls the most abundant divine mercies; it will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means!
- 5 Those who trust themselves to me through the rosary shall not perish.
- 6 Whoever shall recite the rosary devoutly, applying (themselves) to the consideration of its sacred mysteries shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise (her) in His justice, (she) shall not perish by an unprovided death; if (she) be just (she) shall remain in the grace of God, and become worthy of eternal life.
- 7 Whoever shall have a true devotion for the rosary shall not die without the Sacraments of the Church.
- 8 Those who are faithful to recite the rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plenitude of His graces; at the moment of death they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.
- 9 I will deliver very promptly from purgatory the souls devoted to my rosary.
- 10 The faithful children of my rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in heaven.
- 11 What you ask through my rosary, you shall obtain.
- 12 All those who propagate my rosary shall be aided by me in all their necessities
- 13 I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of their death.
- 14 Those who recite my rosary faithfully are all my beloved children, the brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ.
- 15 Devotion to my rosary is a great sign of predestination.

From Deacon Don Klick

The late Father John J. Dietzen was a question and answer columnist for Catholic News for over 35 years. The following question and answer on our Catholic faith is from his book titled: "Catholic Q&A Answers to the Most Common Questions about Catholicism".

Effect of the penitential rite at Mass

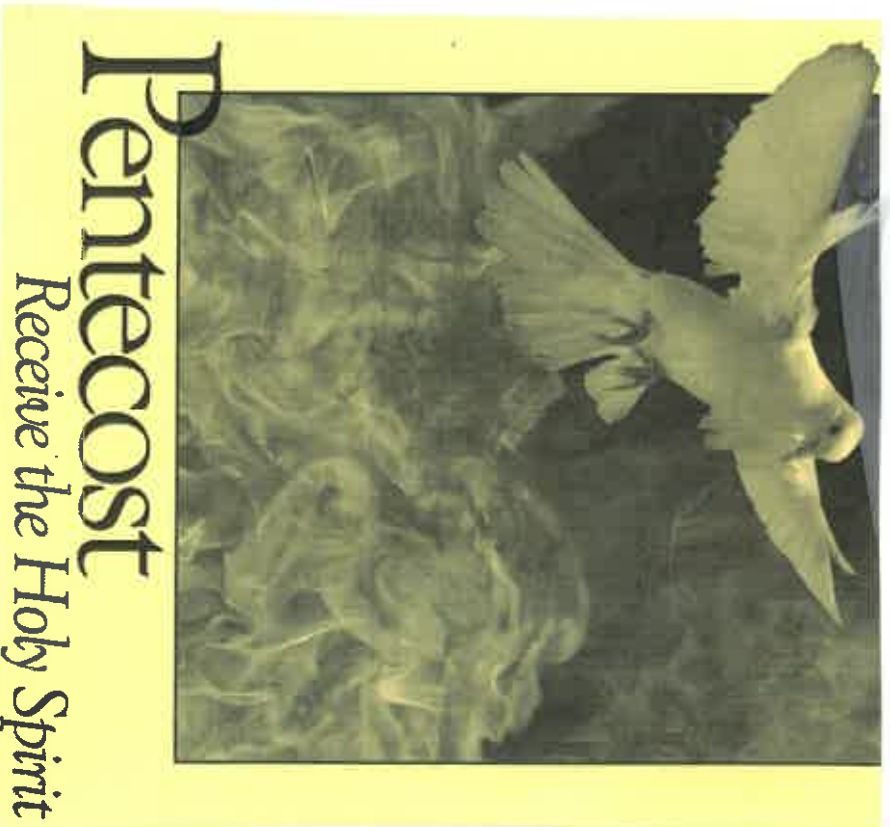
Question: I realize the importance of the sacrament of penance. What is the efficacy of other activities like prayer, and especially the penitential rite at the beginning of Mass? Is it a rite of penance? Does it have reconciliation effect? If not, what is its purpose?

Answer: It surely does have reconciliation effect. The church always lives in awareness that, however, filled it may be with the gifts of Christ, it is made up of people who unfortunately often fall into sin. Thus the church, "at the same time holy and always in need of purification, constantly pursues repentance and renewal." (Introduction to the Rite of Penance, 3. The references that follow here are to the same document)

Next to the eucharistic sacrifice itself, the flagship, so to speak, of this pursuit of forgiveness and healing is the sacrament of penance. As I explain in previous questions, the teaching of the church is that any grave (mortal) sin should be confessed to a priest in confession (7). But, as the rite puts it, "the people of God (the church) accomplishes and perfects this continual repentance in many different ways," by enduring hardships, doing works of mercy and charity, and trying to adopt more fully the outlook of the Gospel. Certainly not least are the penitential aspects of the eucharistic celebration, which includes the penitential rite you mention and other parts of the Mass, including the Eucharistic Prayer, the creed, and the Lamb of God. The church mentions each of these explicitly as part of the church's pursuit of reconciliation with God, with and through Jesus Christ. (Rite of Penance, 4 and 22).

To answer your question then, the penitential rite at Mass is effective for forgiveness and reconciliation. Unfortunately, we always want to go another step. How much "forgiveness" is available in each of these ways of reconciliation?

Just as we can't put a quantity on grace, on our sharing in the life of God, we can't place a pound or quart label on which of these is "more" forgiving. We are dealing with a God whose love for us goes beyond measure, who asks us to open ourselves to his mercy and redemptive love. We believe the church, guided by the Holy Spirit, tells us how, and helps us to move consciously and reverently into the presence of that mercy. The penitential rite of the Mass is among its ways of doing that.



ST. PIUS X CHURCH NEWS

Have a prayer request? Call Helen Scholl at 827-3263 to add it to our parish prayer network.

MISSION CIRCLE

St. Pius X Mission Circle will be reconvening October 1. We meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. We have sewing machines to use, so there is no need to bring your own.

HEALING PRAYER: We offer prayer by the tabernacle after weekend Masses for you or your loved ones. We can also arrange for a clergy member or parishioner to come to your home to pray with you.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 14 - Faith Formation via Zoom, Grades 1-11

April 17 - Highway Clean-up

Mass 5:00 PM St. Anthony's

April 18 - Third Sunday of Easter

Mass 8:00 AM St. Pius

Mass 10:00 AM St. Anthony's

April 19 - DEF Open Office Hours via Zoom,
5-7:00 pm

April 21 - Faith Formation via Zoom, Grades 1-11

April 23-25, Friday-Sunday: Evangelization Retreat

April 24 - Mass 5:00 PM St. Anthony's

April 25 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mass 8:00 AM St. Pius

Mass 10:00 AM St. Anthony's

Family Formation via Zoom, 5:30 pm

April 28 - Faith Formation via Zoom, Grades 6-11

May 1 - Confirmation Rehearsal, 9:00 am

Mass 5:00 PM St. Anthony's

Knights of Columbus Pasty Sale

May 2 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mass 8:00 AM St. Pius

Mass 10:00 AM St. Anthony's

1st Sacraments Session via Zoom, 5:30 pm

May 5 - Faith Formation Closing Night, 6:30 pm

May 8 - 5:00 pm Mass St. Anthony's

May 9 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mass 8:00 AM St. Pius

Mass 10:00 AM St. Anthony's

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

May 15 - 1st Eucharist Rehearsal, 9:00 am

Mass 5:00 PM St. Anthony's

May 16 - The Ascension of the Lord

Mass 8:00 AM St. Pius

Mass 10:00 AM St. Anthony's

First Eucharist, 10:00 am Mass

May 21 - Confirmation, 5:00 pm

May 22 - Mass 5:00 pm. St. Anthony's

May 23 - Pentecost Sunday

Birthday of the Church

Mass 8:00 am St. Pius

Mass 10:00 am St. Anthony

May 29 - Mass 5:00 pm St. Anthony

May 30 - The Most Holy Trinity

Mass 8:00 am St. Pius

Mass 10:00 am St. Anthony

May 31 - MEMORIAL DAY

June 5 - Mass 5:00 pm St. Anthony

June 6 - The Most Holy Body and Blood
of Christ

Mass 8:00 am St. Pius

Mass 10:00 am St. Anthony

June 12 - Mass 5:00 pm St. Anthony

June 13 - 11th Sunday Ordinary Time

Feast of St. Anthony of Padua

Mass 8:00 am St. Pius

Mass 10:00 am St. Anthony

June 19 - Mass 5:00 pm St. Anthony

June 20 - 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass 8:00 am St. Pius

Mass 10:00 am St. Anthony

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

June 26 - Mass 5:00 PM St. Anthony

June 27 - 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass 8:00 am St. Pius

Mass 10:00 am St. Anthony

July 3 - Mass 5:00 pm St. Anthony

July 4 - 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass 8:00 am St. Pius

Mass 10:00 am St. Anthony

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY

July 10 - Mass 5:00 pm St. Anthony

July 11 - 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass 8:00 am St. Pius

Mass 10:00 am St. Anthony

Florida Judge Sets "Atheist Holy Day!"

In Florida an atheist created a case against "Easter" and Passover Holy days. He hired an attorney to bring a discrimination case against Christians and Jews and their observances of holy days. The argument was that it was unfair that atheists had no such recognized days. The case was brought before a District Court Judge. After listening to the passionate presentation by the client's lawyer, the judge banged his gavel declaring the case dismissed!

The atheist's lawyer immediately stood objecting to the ruling saying "Your Honor, how can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter and others. The Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah, yet my client and all other atheists have no such holidays...."

The judge leaned forward over the bench saying, "But you do. Your client counselor is woefully ignorant." The lawyer said "Your Honor, we are unaware of any special observance or holiday for atheists." The Judge said, "The calendar says April 1st is April Fool's Day, and Psalms 14:1 states, 'The fool says in his heart, there is no God.' Thus, it is the opinion of this court, that, if your client says there is no God, then he is a fool. Therefore, April 1st is his day.

Court is adjourned..."

Barely the day started and... it's already six in the evening.

Barely arrived on Monday and it's already Friday.
... and the month is already over.
... and the year is almost over.
... and already 40, 50 or 60 years of our lives have passed.
... and we realize that we lost our parents, friends, and we realize it's too late to go back...
So... Let's try, despite everything, to enjoy the remaining time...

Let's keep looking for activities that we like...
Let's put some color in our grey...
Let's smile at the little things in life that put balm in our hearts.
And despite everything, we must continue to enjoy with serenity this time we have left. Let's try to eliminate the afters...
I'm doing it after...
I'll say after...
I'll think about it after...
We leave everything for later like "after" is ours.

Because what we don't understand is that:
Afterwards, the coffee gets cold...
Afterwards, priorities change...
Afterwards, the charm is broken...
afterwards, health passes...
Afterwards, the kids grow up...
Afterwards parents get old...
Afterwards, promises are forgotten...
afterwards, the day becomes the night...
afterwards life ends...
And then it's often too late....

So... Let's leave nothing for later...
Because still waiting see you later, we can lose the best moments,
the best experiences,
best friends,
the best family...
The day is today... The moment is now...

We are no longer at the age where we can afford to postpone what needs to be done right away.

PRAYER FOR FRIENDSHIP



What an interesting start to 2021 we have had. Students have been busy distance learning for their faith formation classes and many have been preparing for first sacraments. Our second grade students will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time on May 16th and our Confirmands will be making their Confirmation on Friday, May 21st. Please keep these students and all our youth in your prayers as the academic year quickly comes to a close. Summer programs and activities are being planned keeping in mind guidelines to ensure health and safety during these trying times. As always, God keeps us guessing and adapting to His plans and timing.

God Bless,

Amanda

*Jesus, You no longer call us servants
but friends.*

*Thank You for blessing me
throughout my life with friends
who stood by me in moments
of sorrow and who celebrated with me
in moments of joy.*

*You show us the way
of forgiveness and peace.*

*Help me overcome my pride
and reach out to those
whose friendship I injured through
selfishness or insensitivity.
Help me be ever faithful and true
even as You stand by my side
when I lose my way.*

*Let me see You in the faces of those
through whom You fill my heart
with hope and my life with meaning.
Above all help me be a friend to those I
meet today who need to be reminded
of Your love.*

Amen.

Father Joseph Veneroso, M.M.

READ THIS ONLY IF YOU HAVE TIME FOR GOD

Let me tell you, make sure you read it all the way to the end. I am glad I did and was blessed when it came to an end.

Important: Read it only if you have time for God.

One day Satan and Jesus were talking. Satan just went to the Garden of Eden and he was messing and laughing, saying:

Yes sir. Just took a world full of people out there.

I set them up, used bait, I knew they couldn't resist. They are all down!

What are you going to do with them? Jesus asked.

Ah I'm going to have fun with them. Satan replied. I will teach them how to marry

And divorce,
how to hate
and abuse each other,
drink drink drink drink

and smoke and of course I will teach them how to invent guns and bombs to destroy each other. .

I'm really going to have fun!

And what will you do when you get tired of them? Jesus asked him.

Ah, I'll kill them. Satan said with a look full of hate and pride.

How much do you want for them? Jesus asked.

Ah, you don't like those people. They are not good.

Why would you want to take them? You take them and they hate you. They will spit in your face curse you and kill you. You don't like those people!!

How much? Jesus asked again.

Satan looked at Jesus and answered sarcastically:

All your blood, tears and your life.

Jesus said, done!

And that's how he paid the price.

NOTE:

I wonder how easy it is to disrespect God and then wonder why the world is going to hell.

Funny how someone can say "I believe in God" and follow Satan.

Funny how people can be more concerned what others think of them than what God thinks.

PRAYER IN HONOR OF ST. DYMPHNA

Lord, my God, you chose St. Dymphna as heavenly patron of those afflicted with mental, emotional, and nervous disorders. Through her prayers grant in your loving kindness relief and consolation to all who are emotionally disturbed, and especially for

(Here mention those you wish to remember)

Through the merits of St. Dymphna, Virgin and Martyr, graciously accord to those for whom we pray patience in suffering, and resignation to your divine will.

Fill them with the gifts of your Holy Spirit, and obtain for them health of mind and body. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Members are asked to offer this prayer daily to St. Dymphna for all who are emotionally distressed.

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MAY GOD BLESS YOU GREAT!!!!.

10 things God didn't ask you:

- 1- God will not ask you what model car you used; he will ask you how many people you have taken.
- 2- God will not ask you square meters of your house; he will ask you how many people you got in it.
- 3- God won't ask you for a clothing brand in your closet; he will ask you how many you helped dress up.
- 4- God won't ask you how high your salary was; he'll asked if you earned it clean.
- 5- God won't ask you what your title was; he will ask you if you did your job with the best of your ability.
- 6- God won't ask you how many friends you had; he will ask you how many people considered you as his friend.
- 7- God will not ask you which area you lived in; he'll ask you how you treated your neighbors.
- 8- God will not ask you about the color of your skin; He will ask you about the purity of your interior.
- 9- God will not ask you why it took so long to seek salvation; He will take you with love to his home in heaven, not to the gates of hell.
- 10- God won't ask you how many people you have shared this message; he will simply ask you if you were embarrassed to do so.....

Jesus Christ said, " If you deny me before friends, I will deny you before my Father. "

Today is the day to bless you, I bless you, I bless your heart, your life, your home, your family, your projects and your dreams, in Jesus name - Amen.



A few important rules to teach your children.



1. It's okay to cry when you're hurt. But, wash your face, and get up off the floor when you're done. You don't belong down there.
2. You are a person, you do NOT need someone else, but you can absolutely enjoy your life with a good person.
3. Happiness is not a permanent state. Wholeness is. Don't confuse these.
4. Never walk through an alley alone.
5. 'Can't' - is a cop-out.
6. Hold your heroes to a high standard. Be your own hero.
7. If you can't smile with your eyes, don't smile. Insincerity is nothing to aspire to.
8. Stay true to yourself always.
9. Your body, your rules.
10. If you have an opinion, you'd better know why.
11. Practice your passions.
12. Ask for what you want. The worst thing they can say is no.
13. Wish on stars, and then get to work to make them happen.
14. Stay as sweet and strong as you are.
15. Say Please, Thank You, and Pardon Me, whenever the situation warrants it.
16. Reserve "I'm sorry" for when you truly are!
17. Question everything ... except your own intuition.
18. You are amazing! Don't let anyone ever make you feel you are not. If someone does...walk away. You deserve better.
19. No matter where you are, you can always come home.
20. Be happy and remember your roots.
21. Say what you mean and mean what you say.
22. Be kind; treat others how you would like them to treat you.
23. If in doubt, remember whose child you are and straighten your crown

ANGELUS

V. The angel of the Lord declared onto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary . . .

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Let it be done to me according to your word. Hail Mary . . .

V. And the Word was made flesh.

R. And dwell among us. Hail Mary . . .

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: O Lord, through the message of an angel we learned of the Incarnation of Christ, Your Son. Pour Your grace into our hearts, and by His passion and cross bring us to the glory of His Resurrection, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



WORDS FROM

MOTHER TERESA

MOTHER TERESA SAID

"WE MUST NOT BE SURPRISED
WHEN WE HEAR OF

MURDERS, OF
OF HATRED.

OF KILLINGS, OF WARS,

IF A MOTHER CAN KILL

OWN CHILD, WHAT IS

LEFT BUT FOR US TO KILL EACH OTHER?" AND, "A
NATION THAT KILLS ITS CHILDREN IN THE WOMB
HAS LOST ITS SOUL."

‘Thanksgiving’ is better than just ‘Thanksgiving’

Challenges have been presented to all of us in 2020 and 2021, not the least of which is the fear that life will never return to normal.

It’s been tough sometimes to be grateful, considering what is happening all around us.

But I have an idea that a friend shared with me when I heard grumbling about not being able to go to a ballgame, or gathering with friends, or having to cancel a long-awaited trip.

“Yes, I know it feels like so much has been taken from us. But there’s still plenty of material to mine,” she suggested. “Start by finding joy in small things. Think of all that you have instead of wishing for what you don’t have.”

Her point was simple: If you are not grateful for what you have, it is doubtful you will be grateful for what you will get.

I’ll admit, at first it took some time and thought to adjust my attitude. But once I started listing what I was grateful for, I just kept going.

My list was pretty long. And most of the items were not “things” at all. They were the people and experiences in my life.

I’m betting that all of you can make a similar list if you try. Start looking for little things that you can appreciate.

November is National Gratitude Month. That seems logical, with Thanksgiving always falling on the fourth Thursday of November. But you don’t have to wait for Thanksgiving to show your gratitude and appreciation. There’s something to be grateful for every morning you wake up. Challenge yourself to greet each day with an attitude of gratitude.

In fact, there are some pretty significant physical and mental benefits to gratitude, which include:

- Improved physical, emotional and social well-being.
- Greater optimism and happiness.
- Improved feelings of connection in times of loss or crisis.
- Increased self-esteem.
- Heightened energy levels.
- Strengthened heart, immune system and decreased blood pressure.
- Expanded capacity for forgiveness.
- Decreased stress, anxiety, depression and headaches.
- Improved self-care and greater likelihood to exercise.
- Heightened spirituality, i.e., the ability to see something bigger than ourselves.

That list alone should provide you impetus to look for reasons to be grateful for what you have. And remember, where you are isn’t where you have to stay. As you ponder the things that you are thankful for, you can also look forward to how you can use those gifts to move to the level where you want to be. Maybe your job isn’t as challenging or fulfilling as you’d like it to be.

But you have gained professional experience, developed people skills that could lead you to take on more responsibility, been provided opportunities to grow your network or discovered that your real passion lies in doing something different — all while being able to pay the bills with, hopefully, a little left over. That kind of education is a reason for gratitude, especially when you move on to your new and better job.

Have you told the people around you how grateful you are for their roles in your life? Your words don’t need to be flowery or formal, just sincere. You might be surprised at how they respond — perhaps because no one has ever told them they’ve made a difference.

A 4-year-old actor was appearing in a movie with an aging, crotchety star. One day, the star came on the set all made up beautifully, and the little girl said to her, “Gee, you look so nice.”

The actress made a pouty face and replied, “What am I supposed to say to that?”

The little girl politely remarked, “You could say thank you.”

Thanksgiving is good,
but “THANKSLIVING” is
better.

PRAYER FOR THE HEALING OF LOVED ONES

Almighty God, look with mercy and kindness on my loved ones who are sick, especially . . .
(Here mention your petitions.) Grant them good health. Send Your holy Angels to watch over them. Protect them from danger, and keep them safe from lasting injury or harm.

May the life-giving grace of Your Divine Son relieve their suffering and bring them to a full recovery. Embrace them with Your constant love, and with the power of Christ’s healing presence, that Your bountiful goodness may be their source of comfort, strength and joy.
Amen.

PRAYER FOR SAFE DRIVING

O God, be with me and my loved ones whenever we travel. Be our safety every mile of the way. Help us to be alert, attentive, cautious and concerned about our fellow travelers.

Make our highways safe and protect us from all danger. Guide us, without trouble or injury, to all our destinations, for You are the true source of our hope, our happiness and our health. Amen

WHAT HAPPENS IN HEAVEN WHEN WE PRAY?

I dreamt that I went to Heaven and an angel was showing me around. We walked side-by-side inside a large workroom filled with angels.

My angel guide stopped in front of the first section and said, "This is the Receiving Section. Here, all the petitions to God said in prayer are received."

Then we moved on down a long corridor until we reached the second section.

The angel then said to me, "This is the Packaging and Delivery Section. Here, the graces and all the blessings the people asked for are processed and delivered to the living persons who asked for them."

I noticed again how busy it was there. There were many angels working hard at that station, since so many blessings had been requested and were being packaged for delivery to Earth.

Finally, at the farthest end of the long corridor we stopped at the door of a very small station. To my great surprise, only one angel was seated there, idly doing nothing. "This is the Acknowledgment Section," my angel friend quietly admitted to me. He seemed a little embarrassed.

"How is it that there is no work going on here?" I asked.

"So sad," the angel sighed. "After people receive the blessings that they asked for, very few respond back with acknowledgments."

"How does one acknowledge God's blessings?" I asked.

"Simple," the angel answered. Just say, "Thank you, God."

"What blessings should they acknowledge?" I asked.

"If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of this world."

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy, and if you get this on your own computer, you are part of the 1% in the world who has that opportunity."

"If you woke up this morning with more health than illness... You are more blessed than the many who will not even survive this day."

"If you have never experienced the fear in battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation.. You are ahead of 700 million people in the world."

"If you can hold your head up high and smile, you are not the norm, you're unique to all those in doubt and despair....."

"Ok," I said. "What now? How can I start?"



DULUTH DIOCESAN VOCATION PRAYER

Almighty Father, we beg You for an increase in religious vocations and holy marriages in our diocese.

Help us to be generous in our response to Your call. Choose from our homes those who are needed for Your work and strengthen us with the courage to say "yes" and to follow you.

Help us as a diocese, as a parish, as families, to encourage and foster vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate, and consecrated life. We commend our prayers to our patroness, Mary, Queen of the Rosary, and ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Michael the Archangel Prayer

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,
DEFEND US IN BATTLE.
BE OUR PROTECTION AGAINST THE
WICKEDNESS AND SNARES OF THE DEVIL.
MAY GOD REBUKE HIM, WE HUMBL Y PRAY;
AND DO THOU, O PRINCE OF THE HEAVENLY
HOST -
BY THE DIVINE POWER OF GOD -
THRUST INTO HELL, SATAN AND ALL THE EVIL
SPIRITS,
WHO ROAM THROUGHOUT THE WORLD SEEKING
THE RUIN OF SOULS. AMEN