

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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Mass Schedule

Saturday – 5:00 PM
Sunday – 10:00 AM
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 8 AM

Sunday - 8:00 AM
Wednesday - 8 AM

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CAN YOU HELP?

This is your newsletter! This will update you, inform you and, hopefully, help you spiritually. Many of our parish members say this keeps them "in the know" of parish happenings.

If there is something you would like to read about, something you would like to learn about the faith or even something you would like to write and contribute or suggest, please feel free to be a contributor or suggester. We will be happy to honor those requests. Let Mary Ann, Pat or the parish office know of your requests.

THANK YOU!!!

Resources for Your Domestic Church

During these times spent "at home", be sure to stay immersed in Christ! There are many varied resources out there - be sure to check them out and use them in your household:

Formed.org: Use on your computer, mobile phone, tablet, or SmartTV. Something for all ages!

Real Presence Radio: 106.7 FM, the free mobile app, or yourcatholicradiostation.com

www.stanthonyself.org/useful-links: Many online resources for everything Catholic you can think of!

Lighthouse Kiosk & Bookshelf: Books, audio CD's, and more are available in the St. Anthony gathering space and many books and pamphlets available in the St. Pius X gathering space. Please take any you are interested in, pass them on, or bring them back!

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".

Why does the priest kiss the altar?

Question: Why does the priest kiss the altar? Some do it after the last blessing at Mass and some do not. Is there some reason?

Answer: For Catholics, the altar is not merely a piece of furniture. It is loaded with precious symbolism.

Along with the pulpit, where the Word of God is proclaimed, it is the focal point of our meeting with God the Father in and through Jesus Christ. If the Liturgy of the Eucharist is the central event which brings us to the Father "through him (Christ), with him and in him," the altar around which this happens holds a place of primary honor and dignity.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal explains: "The altar on which the Sacrifice of the Cross is made present under the sacramental signs is also the table of the Lord to which the People of God is called together to participate in the Mass, as well as the center of the thanksgiving that is accomplished through the Eucharist." (296)

The church extends this by referring to the altar not only as the place of renewing the sacrifice of Jesus, but as Jesus himself. The fifth Easter preface to the Eucharistic Prayer proclaims, "As he gave himself into your (the Father's) hands for our salvation, he showed himself to be the priest, the altar and the lamb of sacrifice."

This is why the church sees the altar (not the crucifix, or even the tabernacle containing the Blessed Sacrament) as the central and focal point of those buildings where we gather to celebrate the Eucharist. It is also why tradition has called for the bishop, priest and deacon to venerate the altar, usually with a kiss. Instructions for the Mass direct the priest and other ordained ministers to kiss the altar at the beginning and end of Mass. (GIRM 49 and 90)



★ Angels ★

Angels are the guardians of hope and wonder, the keepers of magic and dreams. Angels watch over you wherever you go, keeping each day perfect and promising a bright new tomorrow. The motto of all angels is "it's a wonderful life". Wherever there is love, an angel is flying by. Angels help you carry the ball, carry a tune, carry your weight and carry on! Your guardian angel knows you inside and out and loves you just the way you are. Angels keep the world safe for hummingbirds and butterflies and rainbows in spring. Angels keep it simple and always travel light. Angels love whispering secrets and whistling in the dark. Whenever you hear music, an angel is speaking to you.

Remember to leave space in your relationships so the angels have room to play. Your guardian angel helps you find a place when you feel there's no place to go. Keep a spare angel in your pocket. Angels carry high-beam lights to help you through the darkest hours. Whenever you feel lonely, a special angel drops in for tea. Angels know that love is the only four letter word. We are always "angels on call" for a friend. Everytime you hear a bell, another angel has earned its wings. Angels are with you every step of the way and help you soar with amazing grace. After all, we are angels in training; all we have to do is spread our wings and fly.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 1-5 - No Daily Mass - Clergy Retreat
 February 1 - DEF Open Office Hours via Zoom, 5-7:00 pm
 February 3 - Faith Formation via Zoom, Grades 1-11
 February 5 - Family Fun Night - Skating at ERC, 6:00 pm
 February 6 - Mass 5:00 PM, St. Antony's
 February 7 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Mass 8:00 AM, St. Pius
 Mass 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
 1st Sacraments Session via Zoom, 5:30 pm
 February 10 - Faith Formation via Zoom, Grades 1-11
 February 13 - Mass 5:00 PM, St. Anthony's
 February 14 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Mass 8:00 AM St. Pius
 Mass 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
VALENTINE'S DAY - Who do you love?
 February 15 - DEF Open Office Hours via Zoom, 5-7:00 pm
 February 17 - Ash Wednesday
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO GIVE UP FOR LENT OR WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO FOR OTHERS DURING LENT?
 February 20 - Mass 5:00 PM St. Anthony's
 February 21 - First Sunday of Lent
 Family Formation via Zoom, 5:30 pm
 February 24 - Faith Formation via Zoom, Grades 6-11
 February 27 - Mass 5:00 PM St. Anthony's
 February 28 - Second Sunday of Lent
 Mass 8:00 AM St. Pius
 Mass 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
 March 3 - Faith Formation via Zoom, Grades 1-11
 March 5 - Family Fun Night, 6:00 pm
 March 6 - Mass 5:00 PM St. Anthony's
 March 7 - Third Sunday of Lent
 Mass 8:00 AM St. Pius
 Mass 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
 1st Sacraments Session via Zoom, 5:30 pm
 March 8 - DEF Open Office Hours via Zoom, 5-7:00 pm
 March 10 - Faith Formation via Zoom, Grades 1-11
 March 13 - Mass 5:00 PM St. Anthony's
 March 14 - Fourth Sunday of Lent
 Mass 8:00 AM St. Pius
 Mass 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
 Confirmation Preparation, 8:30 am - 1:00 pm
 March 16 - No Mass, Clergy Study Day
 March 17 - Faith Formation via Zoom, Grades 1-11
 March 20 - Diocese of Duluth Women's Conference
 Mass 5:00 PM St. Anthony's
 March 21 - Fifth Sunday of Lent
 Mass 8:00 AM St. Pius
 Mass 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
 Family Formation via Zoom, 5:30 pm
 March 22 - DEF Open Office Hours via Zoom, 5-7:00 pm
 March 2 - : Faith Formation via Zoom, Grades 6-11

March 27 - Mass 5:00 PM St. Antony's
 March 28 - Palm Sunday
 Mass 8:00 AM St. Pius
 Mass 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
 Confirmation Preparation, 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

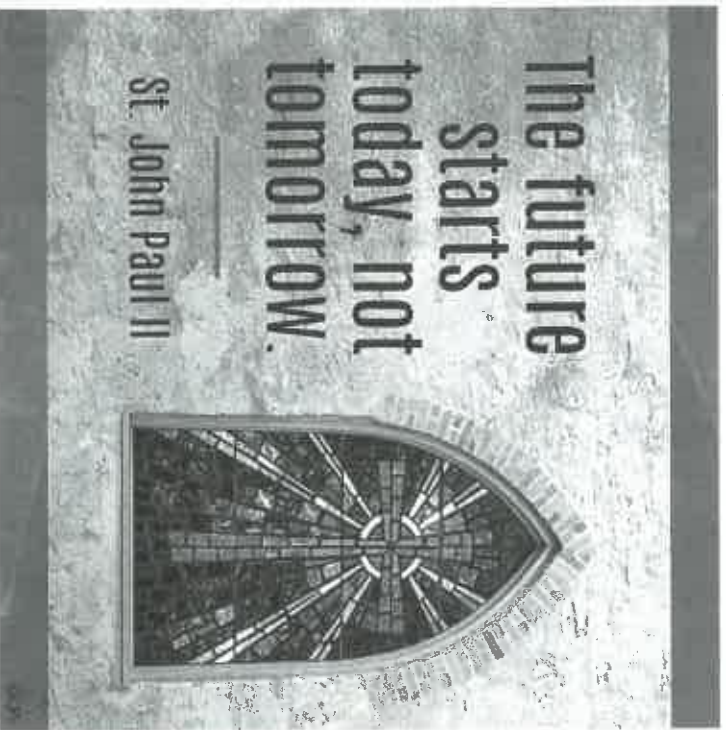
April 1 - Holy Thursday, Mass TBD (No Daily Mass)
April 2 - Good Friday, Service TBD (No Daily Mass)
 Parish Office Closed
April 3 - Holy Saturday, Vigil Mass TBD (No Daily Mass)
April 4 - Easter Sunday
 Mass 8:00 AM St. Pius
 Mass 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
 April 5 - Office Closed
 DEF Open Office Hours via Zoom, 5-7:00 pm
 April 7 - Faith Formation via Zoom, Grades 1-11
 April 10 - Mass 5:00 PM St. Anthony's
 April 11 - Second Sunday of Easter
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
 Mass 8:00 AM St. Pius
 Mass 10:00 AM St. Anthony's
 1st Sacraments Session via Zoom, 5:30 pm
 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
 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 - Confirmation, 5:00 pm Mass
 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
 1st Eucharist, 10:00 am Mass
 May 23 - Pentecost Sunday
 May 30 - The Most Holy Trinity

**ST. ANTHONY
PARISH STATISTICS**

<u>FUNERALS</u>	(Date of Death)
Carol Zupancich	October 1, 2020
Charles "Chuck" Evancevich	October 9, 2020
Roslyn Perko	October 5, 2020
Jerry Benson	September 27, 2020
Veronica "Bonnie" Zupancich	November 25, 2020
Thomas Kochevar	December 3, 2020

BAPTISMS

Mason Harold George Dunn
Son of John Dunn and Marlee Muhvich



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

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!

FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED AT MASS.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC SVETLANA STALIN ALLELUJAH

Svetlana Stalin, the daughter of Russia's murderous dictator, said when she converted to Catholicism her father would not have approved. In fact, in an interview she did say "my father would have shot me for what I have done."

Even though Joseph Stalin had been raised in the Orthodox Church and his parents actually wanted him to be a priest, his father abused him mercilessly. Stalin, himself, described himself as being "raised in a poor priest-ridden household." He chose to renounce Christianity altogether, supposedly saying, "You know they are fooling us, there is no God; all this talk about God is sheer nonsense." When he ruled he did absolutely everything he could to "crush Christianity" including shutting down many, many churches and even torturing and killing and imprisoning Christians. He ordered the Cathedral of Christ, the Saviour in Moscow to be totally demolished just before Christmas of 1931.

Stalin adored his daughter, Svetlana, as she adored him. She did soon come to understand that no one dared to criticize Joseph Stalin. On the other hand she found her mother to be somewhat of a cold person, never hugging her. When she was six years old in 1932, her mother killed herself. Svetlana remained strongly attached to her father – for a while – even though he claimed his wife died of a burst appendix and not suicide.

Svetlana had boyfriends but her father disapproved of all and eventually told her to do what she wanted but the boyfriends were not allowed to enter his home.

A few year's after her father's death, Svetlana changed her name to her mother's name, Alletujah, which was a form of alleluja and fit her better.



10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. Love is the answer. Always.
2. Vulnerability is not a weakness. It's a strength.
3. Your body is sacred. Cherish it.
4. Gratitude shifts everything. Be thankful.
5. Forgiveness sets you free. It really does.
6. You cannot change others. Only yourself.
7. Little acts of kindness are never little. Ever.
8. Fun is underrated. Enjoy yourself.
9. Age is just a number. It's never too late.
10. Life is precious. Live it now.

In 1962, as her new last name suggested, Svetlana was baptized in the Orthodox Church. She rejected materialism and violence of her father. This was her decision and she wrote "The Sacrament of Baptism consists in rejecting the evil, the lie. I believe in "Thou shalt not kill, I believe in truth without violence and bloodshed. I believe that the Supreme Mind, not vain man, governed the world. I believed that the Spirit of Truth was stronger than material values and when all of this had entered my heart, the shreds of Marxism-Leninism taught me since childhood vanished like smoke."

She became a friend of Father Giovanni Garbolino who lived in the United States but did mission work in Russia and under his guidance was encouraged to read Catholic books and on December 13, 1982, she converted to the Catholic faith, writing about her conversion "Only now I understand the wonderful grace that the Sacrament of Penance and the Holy Eucharist produce, no matter what day of the year and even on a daily basis. Before I was unwilling to forgive and repent and I was never able to love my enemies. But I feel very different, since I attend Mass every day." She also added, "The Eucharist has given me life. The Sacrament of Penance with God who we abandon and betray each day, the sense of guilt and sadness that invades us then, all this makes it necessary to receive it frequently . . . "

Disclaimer: The information for this article was taken from several articles on the internet.



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.

I've learned ... That being kind is more important than being right.

I've learned ... That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.

I've learned ... That having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.

I've learned ... That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

I've learned ... That when you're in love, it shows.

I've learned ... That money doesn't buy class.

I've learned ... That just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!' makes my day.

I've learned... That you should never say no to a gift from a child.

I've learned ... That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in any other way.

I've learned.... That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.

I've learned ... That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.

I've learned ... That simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.

I've learned ... That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

I've learned ... That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

I've learned ... That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

I've learned ... That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.

I've learned ... That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.

I've learned ... That love, not time, heals all wounds.

I've learned ... That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.

I've learned ... That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

I've learned ... That no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.

I've learned ... That life is tough, but I'm tougher.

I've learned ... That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.

I've learned ... That I wish I could have told my Mom that I love her one more time before she passed away.

I've learned ... That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.

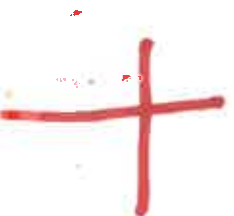
I've learned.... That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

I've learned ... That when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, you're hooked for life.

I've learned ... That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.

I've learned ... That the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.

Written by Andy Rooney



St. Anthony's Church Council of Catholic Women Marilyn Klick, President

2021 has arrived. Not sure how things will develop, but we have to trust that God has a plan. We do not have any plans yet, but all women are welcome to join St. Anthony's Council of Catholic Women. We usually meet 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. In the spring and winter, we usually have a luncheon. 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. Once we get the go ahead that it is safe to have activities safely again, we will make an announcement in the parish bulletin.

With no upcoming plans, I thought I would share the following which is from the Vatican News. In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St Joseph," beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021.

The Holy Father wrote *Patris corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people, who though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

Saint Joseph, in fact, "concretely expressed his fatherhood" by making an offering of himself in love "a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home," writes Pope Francis, quoting his predecessor St. Paul VI.

And because of his role at "the crossroads between the Old and New Testament, "St Joseph "has always been venerated as a father by the Christian people" (PC, 1). In him, "Jesus saw the tender love of God," the one that helps us accept our weakness, because "it is through" and despite "our fears, our frailties, and our weakness" that most divine designs are realized. "Only tender love will save us

from the snares of the accuser," emphasized the Pontiff, and it is by encountering God's mercy especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation that we "experience His truth and tenderness," - because "we know that God's truth does not condemn us, but instead welcomes, embraces, sustains and forgives us".

Joseph is also a father in obedience to God: with his 'fiat' he protects Mary and Jesus and teaches his Son to "do the will of the Father." Called by God to serve the mission of Jesus, he "cooperated... in the great mystery of Redemption," as St John Paul II said, "and is truly a minister of salvation".

At the same time, Joseph is "an accepting Father," because he "accepted Mary unconditionally" — an important gesture even today, says Pope Francis, "in our world where psychological, verbal and physical violence towards women is so evident." But the Bridegroom of Mary is also the one who, trusting in the Lord, accepts in his life even the events that he does not understand, "setting aside his own ideas" and reconciling himself with his own history.

Joseph's spiritual path "is not one that explains, but accepts" — which does not mean that he is "resigned." Instead, he is "courageously and firmly proactive," because with "Holy Spirit's gift of fortitude," and full of hope, he is able "to accept life as it is, with all its contradictions, frustrations and disappointments." In practice, through St. Joseph, it is as if God were to repeat to us: "Do not be afraid!" because "faith gives meaning to every event, however happy or sad," and makes us aware that "God can make flowers spring up from stony ground." Joseph "did not look for shortcuts but confronted reality with open eyes and accepted personal responsibility for it." For this reason, "he encourages us to accept and welcome others as they are, without exception, and to show special concern for the weak".

Patris corde highlights "the creative courage" of St. Joseph, which "emerges especially in the way we deal with difficulties." "The carpenter of Nazareth," explains the Pope, was able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting in divine providence." He had to deal with "the concrete problems" his Family faced, problems faced by other families in the world, and especially those of migrants.

In this sense, St. Joseph is "the special patron of all those forced to leave their native lands because of war, hatred, persecution and poverty." As the guardian of Jesus and Mary, Joseph cannot "be other than the guardian of the Church," of her motherhood, and of the Body of Christ.

"Consequently, every poor, needy, suffering or dying person, every stranger, every prisoner, every infirm person is 'the child' whom Joseph continues to protect." From St Joseph, writes Pope Francis, "we must learn... to love the Church and the poor".

“A carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family,” St Joseph also teaches us “the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to eat bread that is the fruit of one’s own labour.” This aspect of Joseph’s character provides Pope Francis the opportunity to launch an appeal in favour of work, which has become “a burning social issue” even in countries with a certain level of well-being. “there is a renewed need to appreciate the importance of dignified work, of which Saint Joseph is an exemplary patron,” the Pope writes.

Work, he says, “is a means of participating in the work of salvation, an opportunity to hasten the coming of the Kingdom, to develop our talents and abilities, and to put them at the service of society and fraternal communion.” Those who work, he explains, “are cooperating with God himself, and in some way become creators of the world around us.” Pope Francis encourages everyone “to rediscover the value, the importance and the necessity of work for bringing about a new ‘normal’ from which no one is excluded.” Especially in light of rising unemployment due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Pope calls everyone to “review our priorities” and to express our firm conviction that no young person, no person at all, no family should be without work!”

In his letter, Pope Francis notes how, “Every day, for over forty years, following Lauds [Morning Prayer]” he has “recited a prayer to Saint Joseph taken from a nineteenth-century French prayer book of the Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary.” This prayer, he says, expresses devotion and trust, and even poses a certain challenge to Saint Joseph,” on account of its closing words: “My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power.”

At the conclusion of his Letter, he adds another prayer to St Joseph, which he encourages all of us to pray together:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Have the Decorating Eye?
The long-time ministers of environment of both St. Anthony and St. Pius X are looking to step down from their duties. We are in need of replacements to tend to the liturgical decorations and plants in the sanctuaries of our churches. Liturgical environment is an important part of the Body of Christ entering into worship and we need a person or two (or more!) willing to coordinate the decorations. Please contact the parish office if you would be willing to help with this needed and important ministry at St. Anthony or St. Pius X.

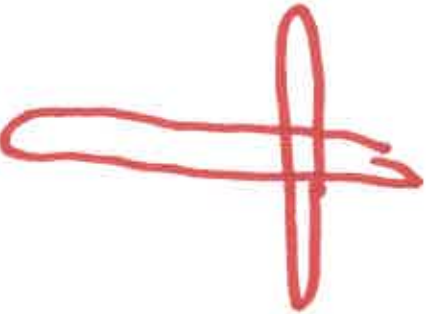
THE WORLD NEEDS MEN AND WOMEN ...

who cannot be bought,
whose word is their bond;
who put character above wealth;
who possess opinions and a strong will;
who are larger than their vocations;
who do not hesitate to take risks;
who will not lose their individuality in a crowd;
who will be as honest in small affairs as in greater;
who will make no compromise with wrong;
whose ambitions are not confined to their own selfish desires;
who will not say they do it "because everybody else does it";
who are true to their friends through good and bad, in adversity as well as in prosperity;
who do not believe that shrewdness, cunning, and hardheadedness are the best qualities for winning success;
who are not ashamed or afraid to stand for the truth when it is unpopular;
who can say "no" with emphasis, although all the rest of the world says "yes".

From Sower's Seeds by Brian Cavanaugh, T.O.R.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY

Mary Immaculate, you have given yourself to us as our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. You have asked us to pray with confidence, and we will receive great graces. We know your compassion, because you saw your Son suffer and die for us. In your union with his suffering you became the mother of us all. Mary, my mother, teach me to understand my suffering as you do and to endure it in union with the suffering of Jesus. In your motherly love, calm my fears and increase my trust in God's loving care. According to God's plan, obtain for me the faith I need. Intercede with your Son that I may have the strength I need to work for God's glory and the salvation of the world. Amen.



Vocations Intercessions

JANUARY

Let us pray that those called to parenthood may be inspired by the strength and humble heart of Mary.

FEBRUARY

Let us pray for the sincerity of St. Peter in the leaders of our Church and parish communities.

MARCH

Let us pray that we, the Body of Christ, be given the grace of healing in our communities and our world.

APRIL

Let us pray that we may recognize our own need for conversion and salvation throughout the passion and resurrection of our Lord.

MAY

Let us pray that inspired by the Holy Spirit, we may feel within ourselves the same leap that Elizabeth felt up encountering Christ felt in the world.

JUNE

Let us pray for trust in the guidance and movement of God through the example of Zachariah.

JULY

Let us pray that we, like Mary Magdalene, may become true witnesses to the power of the resurrection of Christ.

AUGUST

Let us pray that we may fall asleep in the warm embrace of Christ, his angels and his saints.

SEPTEMBER

Let us pray that we might be given the strength of perseverance whenever we encounter our own cross.

OCTOBER

Let us pray for all those called to the priesthood and religious life, in thanksgiving for their lives and service in our church and our world.

NOVEMBER

Let us pray that we as a community of faith continue to encourage one another on the path of our salvation.

DECEMBER

Let us pray that we find hope and renewed life through the Nativity of Christ.



U.S. SUPREME COURT BLDG DID YOU KNOW?

As you walk up the steps to the building which houses the U.S Supreme Court you can see near the top of the building a row of the world's law givers and each one is facing one in the middle who is facing forward with a full frontal view ... it is Moses and he is holding the Ten Commandments!

As you enter the Supreme Court courtroom, the Two huge oak doors have the Ten Commandments Engraved on each lower portion of each door.

As you sit inside the courtroom, you can see The wall, right above where the Supreme Court judges sit, a display of the Ten Commandments!

There are Bible verses etched in stone all over the Federal Buildings and Monuments in Washington D.C.

James Madison, the fourth president, known as 'The Father of Our Constitution' made the following statement:

We have staked the whole of all our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government, upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God.'

Every session of Congress begins with a prayer by a paid preacher, whose salary has been paid by the taxpayer since 1777.

Fifty-two of the 55 founders of the Constitution were members of the established orthodox churches in the colonies.

Thomas Jefferson worried that the Courts would overstep their authority and instead of interpreting the law would begin making law an oligarchy the rule of few over many.

How then, have we gotten to the point that everything we have done for 232 years in this country is now suddenly wrong and unconstitutional

Let's put it around the world and let the world see and remember what this great country was built on

It is said that 86% of Americans believe in God. Therefore, it is very hard to understand why there is such a mess about having the Ten Commandments on display or 'In God We Trust' on our money and having God in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Why don't we just tell the other 14% to Sit Down and SHUT UP!!!

COVID Philosophy

1. The dumbest thing I ever bought was a 2020 planner.
2. I was so bored I called Jake from State Farm just to talk to someone. He asked *me* what I was wearing.
3. 2019: Stay away from negative people.
2020: Stay away from positive people.
4. The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house & their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!
5. This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her dog. It was obvious she thought her dog understood her. I came into my house & told my cat. We laughed a lot.
6. Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands?
7. This virus has done what no woman has been able to do. Cancel sports, shut down all bars & keep men at home!
8. I never thought the comment, "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6-foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are!
9. I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to the Backyard. I'm getting tired of the Living Room.
10. Appropriate analogy. "The curve is flattening so we can start lifting restrictions now" is like saying "The parachute has slowed our rate of descent, so we can take it off now."
11. Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go up to a bank teller wearing a mask & asking for money.
12. The spread of COVID-19 is based on 2 things:
 1. How dense the population is.
 2. How dense the population is

Lenten Parish Mission: February 28 - March 3

The parishes of Cook, Tower, and Orr will be hosting two Franciscan priests, Friars of the Renewal, for a three day parish mission. The mission will feature dynamic preaching, times for prayer, and opportunities for Confession.

Mission Schedule

Sunday, February 28: 4:00 pm at Holy Cross in Orr
Monday, March 1: 9:00 am at St. Martin in Tower
6:00 pm at St. Mary in Cook
Tuesday, March 2: 9:00 am St. Mary in Cook
6:00 pm at St. Martin in Tower
Wed., March 3: 9:00 am at St. Martin in Tower
6:00 pm at St. Mary in Cook

Everyone is welcome for one or more of the sessions. There will be a free will offering taken at each session. Please call (218) 666-5334 or visit our website stmhbc.com for more information.

STORIES SURROUNDING MIRACLE OF FATIMA WORTH RETELLING

By Father Richard Kunst

As a child, my spirituality centered around one thing: Our Lady of Fatima. My paternal grandmother was the spiritual compass of the whole extended family, and she had a deep devotion to Our Lady of Fatima and the purported apparitions three shepherd children had of the Virgin Mary in Portugal 98 years ago in May, 1917.

On the 13th of each month, from May to October, Mary appeared to the children with the final apparition coinciding with the miracle of the “dancing of the sun,” where 60,000 plus people braved a monsoon-like downpour to witness an event that Mary said would be a sign of her presence.

Even the communist newspapers in Portugal at the time tried to describe the unexplainable event of the sun’s gyrations that immediately dried the mud-filled field the people were standing in. The church celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima on May 13.

By now there is a very well known and famous association between Our Lady of Fatima and St. John Paul the Great because of the assassination attempt on May 13, 1981.

St. John Paul credits Our Lady for saving his life. He famously said that one hand fired the gun while another hand directed the bullet. After he recovered from the nearly life-ending injury, he traveled to Fatima to give thanks to Our Lady and to donate the bullet that was taken from his body.

St. John Paul himself placed the bullet in the crown of the statue of Mary at the shrine.

There is an equally compelling but practically unknown story associated with Fatima and John Paul II’s immediate predecessor, John Paul I.

In 2000, I traveled with my father to the small Italian city of Canale d’Agordo, near Belluno, to spend time with John Paul I’s family, whom I came to know through emails.

The pope’s niece, who was more like a daughter to him, told us of her very joy-filled uncle. Cardinal Luciani was a man of great happiness, who even after being elected pope, was often called “th” smiling pope” or God’s ray of sunshine.” John Paul I’s niece, Pia Luciani, told my father and me about a time that her uncles’ happiness abruptly ended in early 1978.

The cardinal of Venice had traveled to Fatima in the early months of that year to make a pilgrimage, and when he returned, everything about his demeanor had changed, according to his niece; he was no longer happy, no longer joy-filled. Everything about her uncle’s personality was different, and he did not

revert back to his normal self for months, no until August 26, when he was elected the 263rd pope.

Pia Luciani said that because of the short tenure of her uncle’s reign (33 days), she never had the opportunity to ask her uncle what had happened in Fatima, but she believes it is evident now. She has no doubt that Mary revealed to her uncle that he was to be elected pope, and likely she revealed to him that his reign would be brief. Once the election actually happened, he was restored to his regular joy-filled demeanor.

I must admit, hearing that story from the pope’s own niece sent a chill down my spine and strengthened my devotion to Mary under the title of Our Lady of Fatima.

Today the story of Fatima has a new freshness, since Mary had encouraged Catholics everywhere to pray the rosary daily for the conversion of sinners and the “conversion of Russia.” No doubt whole generations of the world’s Catholics heeded that request. I remember so vividly my grandmother telling us of the importance of praying the daily rosary so that Russia would not “spread its errors throughout the world.”

The new freshness of the message of Our Lady in Fatima comes in light of the new realities on the ground in the former Soviet Union, where it seems as though some of the old behavior has cropped up again. But the point of this article is to encourage readers to re-familiarize themselves with the inspiring story of Fatima – not only the miracles but also the heroic faith of three young children who, under the threat of death, stayed consistent with what they claimed to have experienced, and it changed the whole world in the 10th century.

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

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Contribution Envelopes

It appears quite a few parishioners did not receive their January/February contribution envelopes. If you did not receive yours and would like some mailed, please contact Stefanie in the parish office. You can also use a plain envelope and write your name and/or envelope number on it with your contribution. We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your continued generosity!

Online Giving Fee Assist

For St. Anthony parishioners enrolled in online giving, a new feature has been added: Fee Assist! As in retail stores and other online purchasing, a fee is assessed each time a contribution is made using a debit or credit card. If you would like to help out the parish by paying for those fees (also tax deductible!), please mark the check box indicating you will pay for the transaction fee when you enter your contributions. *To sign-up for online giving visit*

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Wednesday 7:30 am St. Pius X
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*Sign up for a half hour or hour long Adoration
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FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED AT MASS!!!

2021 Calendars

Our parish calendars for the year 2021 are available in the gathering space of both parishes. Please stop by to pick up one or two!