



St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

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Served by The Blessed Sacrament Congregation
Living the Eucharist in Loving Service

Fourth Sunday of the Year
January 29/30, 2022
Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm
Sunday, 7:30, 10:00, 11:30
Sunday 8:30 Vietnamese,
Welcome One and All.



Catholic Schools
Faith. Excellence. Service.

Bishop

McLaughlin
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

St. Vincent de Paul parish has two excellent Catholic Schools to serve our families. Please take the time to learn more about the dedication of those who serve these school to provide a well rounded education rooted in our Catholic tradition building for the future of the church.



Believe
Lead
Care
Succeed

"Bishop Larkin Catholic School honors our past, embraces our present, and envisions the future in a Christ-centered learning environment that fosters spiritual and academic growth. We work in partnership with our parents and parish communities to inspire students to flourish in the Catholic traditions of compassion, service, and leadership."

Our Mission at Bishop McLaughlin Catholic High School is to provide a Christ-centered education that nurtures the development of the whole person and prepares young men and women to meet successfully the challenges of our global society.
Support our Catholic Schools.



Fourth Sunday of the Year.



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**CATHOLIC
MINISTRY**
Appeal

Catholic Ministry Appeal Prayer

More numerous than the stars in the sky
are your blessings, O Good and Gracious
God.

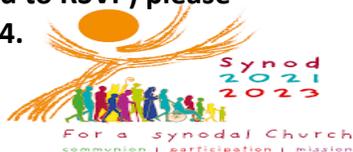
You have called us to spread the Good
News of your Son, Jesus Christ, through
our words and actions.

Strengthen our faith and open our hearts
to care for all of our brothers and sisters,
especially those who need us the most.

Help us to understand the difference we
can make, the love we can share and the
lives we can bring to Christ through the
Catholic Ministry Appeal.

We pray that your grace, O Lord, will lead
us to be your loving heart and hands to-
day. *Amen*

Please call the parish office 727-832-1974 or email secretary@svdpfl.com and let us set a place for you. We will be hosting listening and discernment meetings for the Synod Sessions Wednesday, Jan 26 and Saturday, Feb 5, at 9:30am and Friday, Jan 28 at 6:30 pm. Please make every effort to take part in one of these Synod Session. If you have any questions about the event, (and to RSVP) please contact us at 727-938-1974. Hope you will make your voice heard.



Catholic Ministry Appeal

The Gospel is the Good News. It shows us the path to everlasting life. But sometimes it does this not just by showing us what to do, but also demonstrating what *not* to do.

Today is a great example. Jesus preaches in Nazareth, where he grew up. The hometown crowd is expecting to hear some inspiring words, and maybe even see some miracles. But that's not what Jesus has in store for them. Instead, he challenges them, pointing to their self-centeredness and their unwillingness to open-up to God. Definitely not the easy message they wanted to hear!

This is a moment of decision for his audience. Do they allow Jesus's hard words to change them, leading to conversion and deeper relationship with God? Or do they put up walls, and respond with anger and stubbornness?

We know how they chose. The challenge for us is to choose differently when we're confronted by a challenging message from Christ and His Church. One of those challenging topics in our parish today is the need to support the *Catholic Ministry Appeal*.

It can be easy to react to this conversation by putting up walls or tuning things out. But the parish's needs are real. What's more important than whether we give or not is whether we allow ourselves to be challenged by the invitation to contribute, allowing ourselves to lower our defenses and to prayerfully listen and discern. Try it out today, and see how the Lord prompts you.

Place your order so that we can catch some fish for your Ash Wednesday Fish in a Box Dinner. A good way to begin



Lent. Call the office to order for your fish in a box dinner to pick up between 5 and 7pm on March 2. It help to let us know the time you plan to pick up your dinner so we can have it hot and ready for you. Cost is \$7.

Parish Giving

Sunday January 16—Sunday Offering \$5,971.00

Candle Money—\$159.50

Catholic Ministry Appeal—\$419.00

Thank You! Total—\$6,549.50

Mass Attendance was 596 people

Thank you sharing your time with us.

God bless your sacrifices.

Follow the Mass on Facebook live streaming on Saturday at 4:00 pm. Visit www.svdpfl.com for online giving!

The Catholic Ministry Appeal figure does not include the payments sent directly to the Diocese



GIFT CARD Order Forms can be found at the entrances of Church. Forms are due in the Office by **JANUARY 31, 2022.**

ON-SITE GIFT CARDS

- Visa \$50
- Lowe's \$25
- Target \$25
- Amazon \$25
- Cracker Barrel \$10
- Walmart/Sam's Club \$25

We have these cards at Gift Shop or Parish Office

Mass Intentions for the Week

Thank you for worshipping with us!

Sanctuary Candle for the week: **Divine Mercy on the World**

- Sunday January 30, 2022 Novena of Masses**
 - 7:30am Jeanette Bastien+ (Jackie & Jeanne)
 - 8:30am Parish Family
 - 10:00am Walter Franks+ (Ed Nessler)
 - 11:30am Victor Leo Westerling+ (Maria Westerling)
- Monday January 31, 2022**
 - 8:30am Christine Tyszka—healing (Father & Mother) and Mathew Maslonka+ (Josephine Maslonka)
- Tuesday February 1, 2022**
 - 8:30am Jeanette Bastien+ (Rudy & Rose Dy) and Sue Ellen Boesch+ (Larry & Pam O'Grady)
- Wednesday February 2, 2022**
 - 8:30am Jeanette Bastien+ (Margaret & Ray) and Mathew Maslonka+ (Josephine Maslonka)
- Thursday February 3, 2022**
 - 8:30am Victoria Ziniga+ (Elena, daughter) and Louis E Tracy+ (Larry & Pam O'Grady)
- Friday February 4, 2022**
 - 8:30am Terry Sangalang Sr.+ (Cecile & family) and Karen Fischer+ (Bernie, cousin)
- Saturday February 5, 2022**
 - 8:30 am Mothers of the Blessed Sacrament
 - 4:00pm Frank Picone+ (Marie Picone)

SCRIPTURE READING

Readings for the Week of January 30, 2022

- Sunday Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Jer 1: 4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 13:4-13/ Lk 4: 21- 30
- Monday Saint John Bosco, Priest**
2 Sm 15: 13-14, 30; 16:5-13/ Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday**
2 Sm 18:9-10 -19:3/ Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**
Mal 3:1-4/ Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
- Thursday**
1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/ Mk 6:7-13
- Friday**
Sir 47:2-11/ Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**
1 Kgs 3:4-13/ Mk 6:30-34
- Sunday Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11/ Lk 5:1-11

Fourth Sunday of the Year.



*Jesus is rejected
by the people who
knew him and
threw him out of
town.*

Sharing the Gospel with your family is not always as easy as sharing it with a stranger. Conversely, listening to the Gospel message from a family member is not always as easy as hearing it from someone else. Why is that?

Perhaps, familiarity with another, such as the familiarity we have with family members, can tempt us to lack a certain confidence in their convictions and in their Christian witness. This is certainly not true of every relationship we have, it can be the case with some. Children, at times, will not put as much confidence in the words of a parent as they may another. Siblings may not be as open to advice from each other as they are from other people.

Perhaps one of the reasons for this experience is that we are often far more critical of those we know well than those we do not know. It's easy to allow our long history of personal experience to hinder our openness toward family members. This is especially the case with the negative experiences we have had over the years. So often, we hold onto negative experiences and hurts from year to year and we allow those experiences to become a filter for anything that a family member says or does.

This statement from Jesus, that "no prophet is accepted in his own native place," should challenge us to make sure we do not fall into this tendency. We should do what we can to make sure that we do accept the prophetic witness shared with us from our own family members.

The best way to do this is to make sure that we regularly strive to purge any "baggage" we carry in those relationships. Very often, we carry the baggage of hurt, anger and resentment without even realizing it. We also easily focus in on the weaknesses of family members since we easily witness their weaknesses as a result of being close to them.

Reflect, today, upon your family. Reflect, especially, upon whether you allow yourself to look beyond their weaknesses and sins so as to see the goodness of God at work in their lives. There is much that God wants to say to you through them. Make sure you keep the door and are able to accept them as a messenger of the Gospel.

Finance Corner

WORD OF APPRECIATION

Your gift helps our parish to pay for Payroll \$11,579.82, Food \$148.29, Publication \$49.97, General Maintenance \$142.46, Office Supplies \$170.91, Hospitality \$59.10, Electric 3,797.86, Christmas Books \$300, Telephone and Internet \$669.72 and Needy \$1,432.15.

We will be having smaller fundraisers this year and your support of those will greatly help the parish.

Our parish is open seven days a week and serves many people in area with our prayers and outreach. To those who are homebound, keep us informed of your needs. Thank you and God Bless you!

SYNOD *There is still time to respond to the invitation on Saturday, February 5th at 9:30 in the Media room to participate in the call from Pope Francis: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission." All of us are asked to engage this synod as an opportunity, "to become a listening church, to break out of our routine and pause from our pastoral concerns in order to stop and listen." This synodal process invites the faithful to do some soul-searching. We can listen intently, especially to those who have been marginalized. We can listen to those among us who experience rejection, exclusion and unwelcome in their families, parishes and other Catholic spaces and contexts. [See inside to join us.](#)*

Youth Ministry News!

This Sunday, February 13 at 12:30 to 2:30 calling all our youth to join in Activities in Fr. Farrell Hall and outdoor. Take time to build friendships and have some fun. We want to hear from you, so bring your ideas and let us put them together to build a great time as young people ...



Pray Together Play Together



Will you please join us for the next meeting of Our Lady's Guild on Tuesday, February 8, from 11:30 to 2:30.

We invite all men and women to join Our Lady's Guild for \$5. To all of our Parish we wish a safe and blessed

New Year as we grow together in the service of God!

Arts and Crafts will resume meeting in January.

They meet every Monday from 9:30—11:30 in the Media Room of the Education Building.

Rosary Makers meets on the first Wednesday of each month from 1:00—2:30 in the Media Room of the Education Building. Their next meeting is February 2. Rosary Making is easy and fun! you will learn how to make a rosary! They have made well over 7,000 rosaries that are distributed throughout the world to spread the love of Jesus and our Mother Mary.

Come and enjoy our Friday dinners. We are happy to welcome you back and look forward to seeing you. Join us in Fr Farrell Hall, 4:30-6:30 p.m. to share time with our parish family. Start your weekend with a delicious meal cooked for you by Chef Mark for \$10.95! You'll have a choice of three entrees, potatoes, salad, choice of deserts, and all you can eat. Bring your neighbors.

JOIN our S.V.de P. Society

In the Gospel, Jesus shows us that we are called to place gospel values before any other values and to be willing to put our lives on the line for them. Taking care of God's poor is indeed living gospel values.



Is God is calling you to join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

God's love is witnessed by the charity given through our care for others in need. Every gift is given to express the love God has shown to us in Jesus his Son. Jesus was incarnated of the virgin Mary and born in a manger. He came as food to nourish a hungry human family of his brothers and sisters. All of us.

Thank you for your support, the SVdP Society is made possible by your participation in serving this ministry.

The Bishop Baraga Association is excited to be coming back to Holiday, Florida for our Florida Baraga Days event!

Friday, February 11, 2022

4:30 – 6:30pm the parish is hosting a fish fry for \$10.95/person in Fr. Farrell Hall

7:00pm The Bishop Baraga Association will show the documentary, *They Might Be Saints: Bishop Frederic Baraga* (30 mins.) in the Media Room.

The evening will end with prayer

Saturday, February 12, 2022

11:00 am Baraga Mass celebrated by Fr. Bill Fickel, SSS – Pastor, St. Vincent de Paul & Very Rev. Timothy Ferguson – Chaplain for the BBA

Luncheon immediately following in the Fr. Farrell Hall

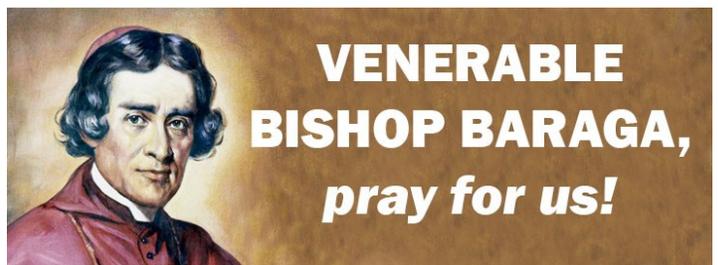
\$7.00 per person – payable at the door

RESERVATIONS required through the

Bishop Baraga Association at 906-227-9117

Agenda includes: An update of the Cause and the Bishop Baraga Association

*A showing of the **NEW** documentary entitled *Walking with Baraga – The Joe Gregorich Story* (45 min). Direct questions to: Lenora McKeen, Executive Director, Bishop Baraga Association 906-227-9117



Everyone is welcome! Bring your friends!



Fourth Sunday of the Year.

Speak Kindly

Family Faith Formation



If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. (v. 1)

Have you ever heard someone say, "Stop It," or "I hate you!" or maybe, "I don't like it!" Once in a while I hear some really bad words, "Shut up!" or "I'm going to get you." When I hear ugly talk like that, I wish I was not there. The Bible teaches us that when there is this kind of talk, it sounds like the clanging of cymbals. The words hurt so much that they hurt my ears.

Do you ever say things like, "I hate you"? Do you ever say, "Shut up"? If you do, you sound like a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. The other thing is that when you speak like this and it sounds like the gong or the cymbal, people don't hear other things you have to say.

The Bible teaches us to talk in a loving way. Christians say, "May I help you?" Christians say, "Tell me what you need and I will do my best to assist you." There are no noisy gongs or clanging cymbals when you speak in love.

Many times this scripture is used at weddings. It tells all about what love is between people and how important it is to husbands and wives. But this is not a passage just for married people. It is for you and me.

Sometimes people are slower than you are. It takes them a long time to decide what they are going to do. A Christian understands that it is important to have patience. When Christians know real love they do not insist that his/her way is the only way. We are always ready to listen and slow to speak.

It is easy to forget. When we forget to listen and just talk and talk and talk, then we are like the noisy gong or the clanging cymbal.

The next time you talk too much or do not think of others first, I want you to think about the gong and the cymbal. It will be a great lesson to learn and one that you will remember for a long time. Amen.

"Step Up For Students"

Donna thought she had to win the lottery for her daughter, Grace, to attend Catholic school.

"I remember standing in the hallway admiring all they did in art class, and Grace said she wished she could go there," said Donna who thought the school would be out of reach for her family. "I also wanted her to have the freedom to practice her faith," said Donna, a single mom with four children.

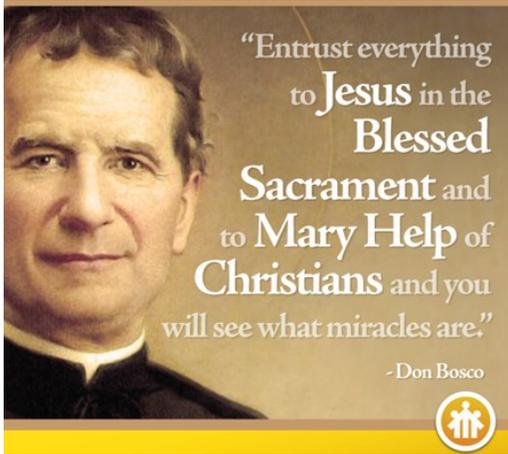
At the time, Grace was a 3rd grader and attending a local public school. Then, Donna learned she didn't have to win the lottery to enroll Grace in a Catholic school. She just had to apply for an income-based, "Step Up For Students" scholarship; a state-approved, nonprofit scholarship funding organization that helps administer four scholarships for Florida schoolchildren. Families with students in kindergarten through 12th grade can apply to see if they qualify.

Like Donna, those who qualify can receive an average of \$7,000 a year, per child for tuition and fees and now, more families are eligible. For example, a family of four with an income of nearly \$100,000 annually may qualify. It's free to apply, and scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

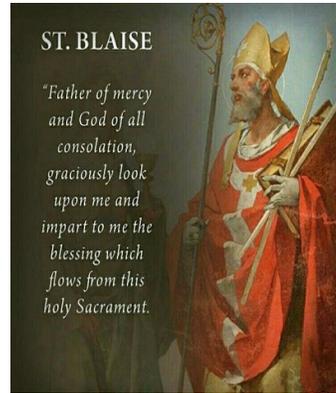
Grace attends Bishop McLaughlin Catholic High School, where she is a senior. She is ranked at the top of her class with a 4.1 GPA. She says parents considering applying for the scholarship should do so right away because they will be giving their child a chance to positively change the trajectory of their education and future.

"I couldn't be more grateful for my mom making the best decision for my education and trying her very best to get me where I am today. Ever since fourth grade, I loved going to school and eagerly wanted to go everyday. "You know how people say it takes an army to raise a kid. It does. Every time a teacher says I'm doing a great job raising Grace, I'm like, well, you helped raise her too. All those teachers and staff have influenced my daughter's life," said Donna.

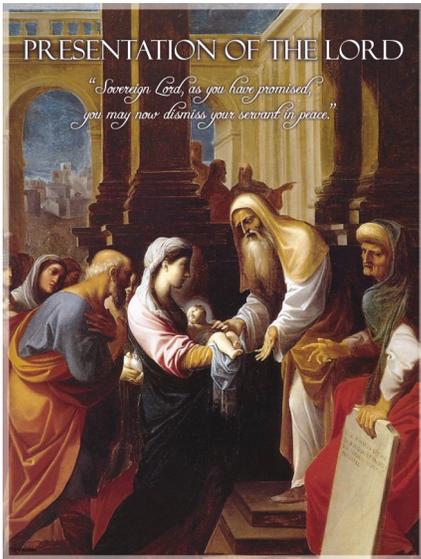
Grace has been accepted to Saint Leo University and will seek a bachelor's degree in nursing. She hopes to be a nurse practitioner one day. For more information on The "Step Up For Students" scholarships contact the schools.



Feast of St. John Bosco, Monday, Jan. 31! In a dream he saw the two pillars that helped a ship (the Church) through a storm, Jesus & Mary. On the top of one pillar was Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament & on the other was Our Lady Help of Christians. Pray for all youth to know the love of God for them.



St. Blaise is given special recognition on Feb. 3, a unique ceremony of blessing the throats of those with throat disorders and anyone who wishes to avoid getting such a malady or something related to the throat, or any other illness. Two candles are blessed, held open at the throat as the blessing is said.



In the Church this day is celebrated on February 2, forty days after Jesus’ birth. It is a major feast and is variously known as the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, the Feast of Meeting, the Purification of Mary, and Candlemas. Each name highlights a particular aspect of the day.

This day may be thought of as a festival of light. We hear about the light in today’s gospel. We see it in the candles that are blessed and carried. We receive it as did St. Simeon. That light is Christ himself, our salvation and life. The blessing of the liturgy incorporates the theme and symbolism of this light.

It is customary on Candlemas to bless candles; the candles to be carried in the procession, the candles that will be used throughout the liturgical year, and candles that are given to the congregation to take home. The candlelight is an outward and visible sign of Christ who illumines our heart and inner being.