

From the Desk of the Pastor:

It is hard to believe that it is already mid-June! School is finally over and now Summer has unofficially begun and it is Father's Day! We are all called by him and are asked to listen to him through prayer and action. Summertime is also a good time to do a spiritual re-start by taking some time to explore our personal and communal prayer life as well as begin a new spiritual book or devotion. Prayer can also help us understand how to trust him in we are faced with fear and uncertainty like in this weekend's readings. Spending time with him allows us to not only trust him but know his will and purpose for our lives is greater than we can imagine. Take time with him, trust him, and love him as he loves us especially as we consecrate ourselves/parish/nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus this weekend (more info in the bulletin).

1. Home Visits: We are blessed with a team of our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who also volunteer to offer Communion to homebound Parishioners. This ministry is available for persons who cannot drive/be transported to church and confined to home/nursing home. Please let the office know of persons who may need this ministry so they can receive from our "Eucharistic Visitors" (and from me *typically* the first week of the Month). This ministry helps us visit our homebound beyond the first week of the month and to spend time with them as valued members of our community. It is a vital ministry that I hope will continue to grow. *(please remember that only commissioned Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion can take part in this ministry and we cannot offer Holy Communion to someone who comes forward during Mass with a Pyx).*
2. Liturgical Ministers: By no means do I want to wish these summer months away, but if you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Lector, Altar Server, Greeter/Usher, etc. and want to know more? We will be having formal information/training sessions in the fall and would welcome your help! We will begin formal sign-ups in late August. *(If you are a current minister THANK YOU for your CONTINUED service and please don't forget to check over the logistics sheet next to your sign in sheet in the Mother's Chapel every weekend!)*
3. 250 hours of Adoration Opportunities continue: As stated in last weekend's bulletin, we hope to offer many opportunities of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the request of our Bishop's in honor of and prayer for our great Nation. Upcoming Adoration opportunities at IC are: *June 22: 8a-9a; June 26: 8a-Noon PLEASE JOIN US!* Remember what I said, the Lord only wants your presence with his. You do not have come having everything about your life or how to spend that time figured out but come to spend some time in conversation with him in thanksgiving and petition, but also asking to listen for his will in your life and our parish! There will be further resources available during these times as well if you wish.
4. July 4: Independence Day is quickly approaching. Historically when July 4 falls on a Saturday, evening Mass attendance is low. Therefore, on SATURDAY, JULY 4 we will NOT offer 4pm Mass at IC (and 3pm Confessions) to allow the ministers time with their families and to give myself and our visiting priests a brief reprieve. All Masses on Sunday, July 5 (8:30am and 11am at IC; 10am at St. Charles; and 11:15am at St. Eusebius) will be offered at their normal time. I appreciate your understanding.
5. Picnic: Plans are progressing for our Picnic as a Parish in August, please mark your calendar as more information will be following!

This week is the Emmaus Convocation for the Priests of the Diocese as we come together to continue to pray and work for the kingdom of God. Please keep us in prayer by praying the Emmaus Prayer in the bulletin. Continue to pray for more vocations to the priesthood as well.

Last but not least, a VERY Blessed and Happy Father's Day to all fathers and Fatherly Figures in our lives. We are blessed by your presence in our lives. Thank you for your examples and witness to us! Also, please take time to say a prayer for all spiritual fathers who have helped you on your journey as well.

Fr. Jason
Pastor

Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Information

As mentioned in the June 7th bulletin: "the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops will consecrate the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11. They have also invited parishes and families to do the same. Please feel free to offer this prayer on your own either on June 11 or 12; or by joining at IC on June 11 at 11:30am (prior to benediction) or June 12 at the conclusion of 7:30am Mass. We will also offer the consecration prayer at the conclusion of all weekend Masses on the weekend of June 20/21 at all three Parishes. There is power in HIS heart!" This is a great prayer to pray throughout this whole year as we commemorate the 250th Anniversary of our founding as well!

Why do this? In honor/thanksgiving to God for our nation and for ourselves we are asked to offer this prayer/devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus to remind us of his love that guides us and helps us be united to the suffering and blessing of others. In a sense, devotion to the Sacred Heart helps us to offer our lives for others. The Feast Day of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is always on the second Friday after Pentecost.

History: It was a young nun named Margaret Mary Alacoque of the Visitation order at Paray-le-Monial, France, who would become Jesus' conduit to spread devotion to the Sacred Heart throughout the Church.

This is an ancient devotion that began when the Roman soldier stuck his spear into the side of our crucified Savior, and God's grace, in the form of water and blood, flowed from His side, from His heart. Saints, theologians, writers and individuals have long recognized the Sacred Heart as the source of endless blessings, mercy and love.

But for centuries, it was mostly a personal devotion. In the 17th century, Catholicism was under attack from the spread of Protestantism and the heretical beliefs of Jansenism. The Jansenists, who were Catholics, claimed that only a chosen few people would reach heaven and that God was to be feared. They degraded the humanity of Jesus, including His Heart, and wanted the Church to return to the rigorous penances of the past. Both Protestantism and Jansenism impacted the fervor the faithful had for many Church teachings.

Beginning in 1673 and over a period of more than 18 months, Sister Alacoque claimed to have received visions during which our Lord Jesus displayed His Sacred Heart as the symbol of His love for mankind and told her that she was to be his instrument to spread a universal devotion to His Divine Heart.

In one vision, Jesus appeared with His "Divine Heart, enthroned, as it were, in flames, was surrounded by a crown of thorns, and the wound it had received was still open, while a cross more brilliant than the sun, surmounted all," according to "The Beauties of the Catholic Church" by F.J. Shadler.

Sister Alacoque said Jesus told her that despite loving mankind so much that He gave His life for them, He was being treated with irreverence, coldness and ingratitude. He wanted the world to recognize the love He continually poured out for them symbolized by His Sacred Heart, and for mankind to make amends for their ingratitude.

He urged her to begin a personal devotion to His Divine Heart by receiving Communion every first Friday and spending an hour in prayer the night before; both focused on seeking His pardon and making reparation for mankind's desertion of His love.

In another vision, Jesus asked her to establish a Church feast day to honor His Sacred Heart. On that day, the faithful would attend Mass, receive Communion, profess their love and offer reparation for the insults He had suffered. These visions are the basis for the First Friday devotions and the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The love and compassion of Jesus' Heart dispel the heresies of Jansenism.

When Sister Alacoque first shared her visions, many were skeptical. St. Claude de la Colombiere, her Jesuit spiritual adviser, recognized her holiness and sincerity. As a cloistered nun, she had little influence beyond her order, so it was St. Colombiere and St. John Eudes who promoted the feast day to the faithful and the Holy See.

Universal approval eventually came from the Vatican in August 1856 during the reign of Pope Pius IX (r. 1846-78). In 1899, Pope Leo XIII (r. 1878-1903), encouraged by Catholics around the world, consecrated humanity to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Today, the devotion is celebrated at every first Friday Mass, which is found at many parishes, and the solemnity is part of the Church calendar. It is honored through prayers and countless images, including depictions of our Lord holding His flaming, compassionate heart. Many homes are consecrated to the Sacred Heart with home enthronements.

During Eucharistic Adoration, the faithful revere the Sacred Heart in Benediction prayers: "May the heart of Jesus, in the most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored and loved with grateful affection, at every moment in all the tabernacles of the world, even until the end of time."

Sister Alacoque died in 1690 and was canonized alongside St. Joan of Arc in 1920 by Pope Benedict XV. Some argue that, like in the 17th century, our fervor for the Sacred Heart is again waning today. Turning to the visions and words of Margaret Mary, once again we can rally to this symbol, this source of Christ's love. (from: <https://archgh.org/news/how-the-devotion-to-the-sacred-heart-of-jesus-began>)

USCCB: Please watch this video! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Elr884JEjx4>

TURN PAGE for Consecration Prayer/Emmaus Prayer.....

Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus (on the occasion of the U.S. Bishops consecrating the United States of America to the Sacred heart of Jesus)

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:

You know the longings of our hearts, and you desire that we enjoy friendship with you.

From your pierced side, you have poured out the wellspring of life, for which we thirst.

Your heart burns with a love for all people to return to a right relationship with you.

We celebrate the abundant gifts you have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

We make reparation for the offenses against you and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation.

May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness;

may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed.

May your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign, pointing all people to your infinite love.

O Desire of Nations and Center of History, we ask you to bless these United States of America.

Who live and reign with God the Father

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

THE EMMAUS PRAYER



Lord Jesus, hear our prayer
for the spiritual renewal of priests and deacons.

We praise you for giving
their ministry to the Church.

In these days, renew them with the gifts
of your Spirit.

You once opened the Scriptures to
the disciples on the road to Emmaus.
We ask you to renew your ordained ministers
with the truth and power of your Word.

In the Eucharist, you gave the Emmaus disciples
renewed life and hope.

Nourish priests and deacons with your own
Body and Blood.

Help them to imitate in their lives
the death and resurrection they
celebrate at your altar.

Give priests and deacons enthusiasm for the Gospel,
zeal for the salvation of souls,
courage in leadership, humility in service,
fellowship with one another
and with all the faithful.

For you love them, Lord Jesus,
and we love and pray for them in Your Name.

Amen.

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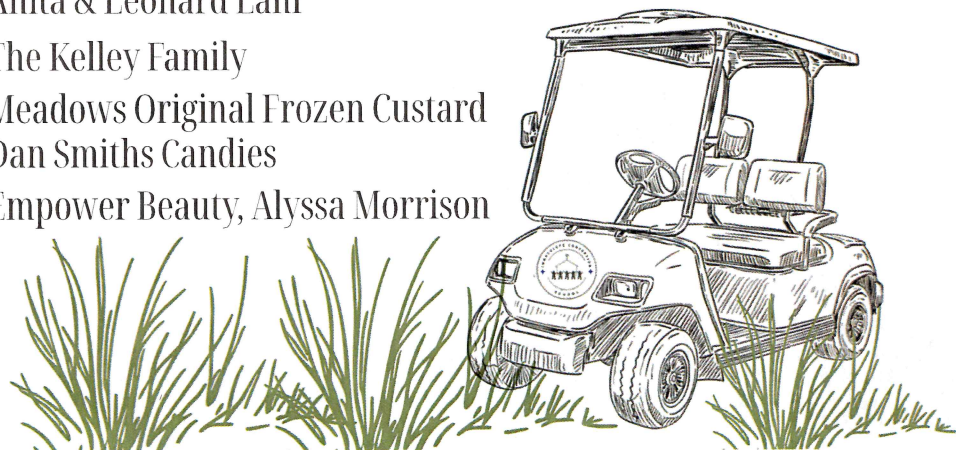


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