

Welcome to the

Catholic Community June 9th, 2024

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From the Administrator The Sacrifice of D-Day

As I drag my feet to write this reflection Wednesday afternoon, after my parish secretary has jokingly quipped with "I have been waiting for a bulletin article to come in" a few times, I sit here wondering how to connect my thoughts together. On Thursday, I will visit the veterans at the Tomah VA Medical Center, and tomorrow is the 80th anniversary of the D-Day invasion. Most of the resident veterans there fought in Vietnam (a few from Korea), but I will still make a connection in my

homily to them tomorrow.

The simple truth is that a sacrifice is a sacrifice. June 6th honors the heroic sacrifice of this large-scale invasion to reclaim Europe from the land-grabbing Nazi regime. This invasion was the beginning of the end for Nazi Germany, and praise God that the horrors of the Nazis finally ended.

No matter the war in which they fought, the sacrifice of our veterans should always be respected and honored by us. Those who died in battle, who gave the ultimate sacrifice, are deserving of our prayers for their souls. Those who decided to sacrifice a part of their lives, when they could have chosen other routes in life, are also deserving of our respect and honor, and it is good for us to support causes that support our veterans. Even veterans who were drafted, unexpectedly belonging in the Armed Forces, deserve our respect and honor.

Wars are messy. This is simply put and mildly put. Things can get confusing and complicated. Especially with modern technology and weaponry, the lines between right and wrong quickly become blurred. The bottom line is that our veterans sacrificed something - a part of their lives. Whether it was a small role or a large role, whether it was for a short stint or a career, whether it was on the battle-field or behind the lines, our veterans sacrificed something in defense of our country and our freedom, to protect us.

An analogy of the current spiritual war between God and the Devil is likened to D-Day. Everyone knew that Germany would fall with the success of D-Day, but it would be a full year before the war ended. The spiritual war against Death was won by Jesus on the Cross, but the war is not yet finished. Like the veterans, we are called to sacrifice in this spiritual war. Let us also be courageous in our sacrifices.

Blessings, Fr. Maithew

Sacramental Life

Baptism: Because we believe in the ordinary necessity of Baptism for salvation, it is customary that newborns be baptized as soon as is practical, usually within a month after birth. Parents need to attend baptism preparation with Deacon Sam prior to scheduling a baptism. Please contact the parish office for details or to register.

Marriage: Couples should contact the Pastor at the time of formal engagement or at least eight months prior to the desired date of the wedding. In the case of a mixed marriage, the non-Catholic party must arrange to receive instructions about the Catholic faith prior to the celebration of the sacrament.

Penance:

Saint Augustine Saturday, 7:00pm
Sacred Heart Saturday 3:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Sunday, 11:00am
Saint Mary's Sunday 7:00 a.m.

Anointing of the Sick: Those who are seriously sick, have been ill for a long period or are to undergo surgery should receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion. Please contact the Pastor or the parish office.

Visitation of the Sick: If you become hospitalized, institutionalized or homebound because of illness and would like communion brought to your home or just to be visited, please call the parish office.

Catholic Education: Sacred Heart School offers Christian formation to children in grades 4K through 8. Call the school, 654-7733, to visit or request an application for enrollment.

Bulletin Deadline: Please submit items for publication in the weekly bulletin before 8am Wednesday.



Week of June 09, 2024



The Three Secrets to Sharing the Faith by Trent Horn

Want to tell others about your Catholic Faith, but don't how where to start? Afraid you're not smart enough, knowledgeable enough, or outgoing enough? Don't worry, says Catholic Answers apologist Trent Horn. With a few simple tips and a little practice, anyone can be an effective apostle and evangelist. In The Three Secrets to Sharing the Faith,



Sacrifice | The Catholic Parent | Episode 4

It's an understatement to say marriage demands a lot. Family life and raising children demand even more. Isn't fulfilling those duties enough? Why does the Church teach that we should fast, and what does that mean practically? In this episode, Sr. Rachel Marie discusses these questions alongside the real-life witness of Catholic families. Turning to the story of St. Glanna Beretta Molla will leave you with the confidence needed to practice fasting as a family.



The Ballad of Barnabus Bundle | Benjamin Cello | Episode 1

When Aun't Rhody loses Old Gray Goose and her potato crop too, Benjamin Cello breaks into his savings to help his friend in her time of need. Along the way, Aunt Rhody recalls the tragic tale of greedy Barnabas Bundle who tore down his barns to build bigger ones.

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Help needed at St. Mary's

St. Mary's will be cleaning and sealing the church floor on June 10th beginning at 9am. We are asking for all able bodies to come and bring your own broom and mop. If we have enough time and help we would love to tackle the sacristy as well. Many hands make light work!

Address Update

Cecile Flock has moved to The Morrow Home in Sparta. If anyone would like to send her a card or stop in to see her the new address is:

Cecile Flock 325 S Water St #114 Sparta, WI 54656 Phone: 608-269-0573

Mission Appeal

Fr. Biju Chennala Kunjukutty, Pastor of St Joseph Parish, St Joseph Ridge and St Peter Middle Ridge, La Crosse will speak at all the masses in our Parish on the weekend of June 22-23 2024 as part of the Mission Co-op. The proceeds from the mission appeal would go for the formation of seminarians of the Dibrugarh Province. Prayers from the Missionaries of St Francis De Sales. We do apprefor your generous support ciate Church's Mission in India! A second collection will be taken up for that purpose. Thank you for your generous response to his appeal for the Church's Mission in India! Please keep Fr Biju and all the Fransalian Missionaries and seminarians in your prayers.

Knights of Columbus Meeting

Calling all Knights! We will be having our June meeting this Sunday, (June 9th) at Sacred Heart. We will begin at 7pm. Hope to see many of you there!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Experience is like Springtime. It's a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you'd like to make your marriage even more special than it already is—call now! Weekend dates are Sept. 27-29 in Dubuque, Iowa and Nov. 8-10 in Holstein, Iowa. Call Denise & Greg for more information or sign up at wwme.org.

New Pregnancy Resource Center in La Crosse! Inaugural Fundraiser June 25

Alliance Family Services serves women and families who find themselves unexpectedly pregnant and struggling. They walk alongside them throughout their pregnancy with prenatal care, material assistance, housing, and much more. This interfaith ministry has been serving the Kenosha and Racine communities and has now come to La Crosse! Their first La Crosse fundraiser, "Stories of Hope," will be held June 25 at First Free Church in Onalaska, with an optional charcuterie social hour from 6-7 p.m., and the program from 7-8 PM. Hear testimonials from clients and staff about their incredible life-changing and lifesaving work. Tickets are free-registration is requested. Support the ongoing mission of rescuing the unborn and proclaiming the gospel of life! Register at alliancefamilyservices.org

STEWARDSHIP FOR THE OPERATION OF OUR PARISHES

		May 26th, 2024		SACRED HEART		
SAINT AUGUSTINE		SAINT MARY'S		ADULT ENVELOPES \$2,750:0		0
ADULT ENVELOPES OFFERTORY	\$450.00 \$99.00			OFFERTORY RENOVATION	\$415.00 \$100.00	
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For Youth and Young Adults

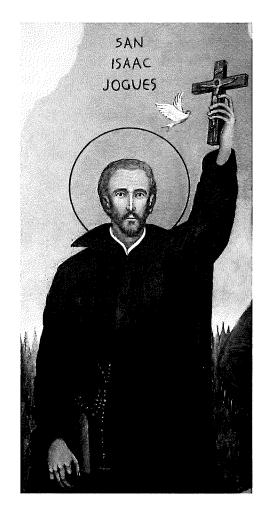
St. Isaac ministered to the Native Americans in Canada, in a place few Europeans had ventured. He knew that their lives would be so much better by knowing about God. He was patient and taught the people about Jesus and baptized those who needed it.

He came to the aid of the sick as best he could. For some of the Natives, it didn't matter why he was there. After trying to return with supplies, members of the Mohawk tribe captured him and tortured him for more than a year. He was stripped, beaten, ripped off his fingernails and sawed off his left thumb. He was also burned with hot coals. There were opportunities to escape but he chose to stay with his fellow captives because he wanted to help them too.

At one point, he did escape and managed to find a group who was returning to Europe. They were also cruel to him and by the time he got to Europe, he was nearly dead. After a time of recovery, he knew he wanted to return and he did. Not long after he returned, he was captured again

but this time, the torture was short. The Natives killed him by cutting off his head and putting it on a stake in the village. The rest of his body was thrown in the river.

Do we believe in and love God so much that we would willingly put ourselves at risk to share His message with others? Would we return to a potential situation where we would get attacked again or do we retreat and go in a different direction?



6 ways to make Ordinary Time special

1. Focus on Christ's life

With less time worrying about placing decorations, hanging wreaths, buying gifts, stuffing baskets and preparing hunts, maybe your family will intentionally and successfully find that more time can be carved out for previewing the Scriptures with your kids. Ordinary time can be a time of growth in learning about and knowing Jesus. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops puts it best: "The Sundays and weeks of ordinary time ... take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ. Ordinary time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in ordinary time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe."

2. Learn about the lives of the saints

Saints are a great way to show your family how to live a life that shines a relationship with Jesus...and that makes ordinary time a great time to begin a family tradition of reading the stories of the saints on a regular basis. Check out these saint story cards from OSV. And here is a list of movies about saints for your reference.

3. Try new family prayers and devotions

Ordinary time can be a meaningful time to worship and pray together in new ways:

- · try monthly devotions
- pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- try meditative prayer
- help your children consecrate themselves to Mary
- It's also a good time to either jump-start or reboot your family prayer time.

4. Go to confession

Parishes remind us to go to reconciliation during Advent and Lent, oftentimes organizing parish-wide opportunities to go. But perhaps summer vacation from busy school schedules might lend itself to more time for intentional examinations of conscience, penance and forgiveness. Perhaps as we work on our relationship with Jesus, we can work on our relationships with one another.

5. Celebrate the Eucharist

Every Sunday is an Easter, during ordinary time or not. Go to Mass with your kids, reminding them every single Sunday is a celebration of Christ's resurrection. Here are more than 25 strategies for making Mass work with kids....for example:

- have kids write down what they are thankful for on slips of paper and place them in the collection basket during the offering of the gifts;
- do a liturgical scavenger hunt;
- give younger kids something appropriate to look at; give older kids a kid0friendly Mass missal;

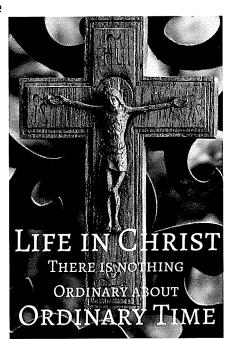
unpack the Mass as a family afterward.

6. Spruce up your home oratory

Do you have a home oratory or prayer table? Spruce it up with special items that only come out during ordinary time: saint cards for the feast days of the saints, natural objects that represent the season (fall leaves, spring flowers, beautiful pebbles)...and, of course, a green tablecloth, or even a banner your kids make. What ways will you and your family mark this liturgical season of growing closer to knowing Jesus together as a family?

How will you make ordinary time extraordinary this year?

Full article can be found at Teaching Catholic Kids.com



10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CPR Classes being offered

An infant/child /adult CPR class will be offered on Thursday, June 27 at 6:00 PM at the Cashton Fire Station. To register, please contact: Mary Beth Smith at 608-632-9548.

Reading Reflections

In today's First Reading from the Book of Genesis, we hear the story of Adam and Eve and their sins, defying God. However, the man and woman hid themselves when God was present in the garden. Adam responds to God's question why in part by saying, "I was afraid... so I hid myself." Did he, or do any of us think he could hide from God? As children, many of us may have hidden from our parents when we did something wrong that violated some specific order we had received. Our efforts to hide what we did and to hide ourselves were probably no more effective than Adam's. Humans know the temptation of following our plans, even if they contradict God's. We think we know better and may still try to have it our way. If what we have done is particularly shameful, we may try to hide our sins from God. The sincere truth is that we cannot hide from God any more than Adam and Eve could. Psalm 139 declares, "Where can I hide from your spirit (God's)? From your presence, where can I flee? If I ascend to the heavens, you are there; if I lie down in Sheol (the place of the dead), you are there, too. If I say, 'Surely darkness will hide me'... Darkness is not dark for you." What are we hiding from? In recent weeks, we have learned over and over how much God loves us. It is time for us to accept that and not hide

Called to More

What if there was more? What if I could be more? Sometimes, we can look around and think that nothing more can be offered to us, that this is the best I can get. We settle for something that leaves us feeling empty and hungering for more. Perhaps this is an opportunity to ask the Lord what He calls you to do. As we turn to God amid human mediocrity, we can find something that is eternally greater. Consider your vocation and where God may be leading you. Could it be a call to the priesthood? To begin the conversation or to inquire about what it means to be a priest, please contact me: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S., Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602. Or call me at 608-791-2667. God Bless You!

March for Life Wisconsin - June 15 at the Capitol in Madison:

Attend the annual March for Life Wisconsin and help us commemorate the anniversary of the Dobbs decision that overturned Roe. Join pro-lifers from around Wisconsin as we stand up for the culture of life and show our elected officials in Madison that life is worth defending. Free registration and more information can be found at prolifewi.org/marchforlifewi.

Religious Freedom Week June 22-29

Religious Freedom Week takes place from June 22, the Memorial of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, through June 29, the Solemnity of Sts. Peter & Paul. Join Catholics across the country to pray and act for the freedom to serve faithfully and with integrity. Learn more at uscb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek.

Teacher Needed!

Sacred Heart School is currently looking for a qualified candidate for our 5th-8th grade language arts teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. This position also includes social studies and one section of science. If this is something you feel you are being called to apply for please send a cover letter and resume to 710 Kenyon Street, Cashton. You may also email Jayme Klinge at 4-5kteacher@smash3p.org.

Rummage and Bake Sale

Mark your calendars for June 21st-23rd for Queen of the Apostles annual rummage and bake sale in Tomah. The sale begins at 8am on Friday with "deals" beginning at noon on Saturday. They will also have pulled pork, BBQ, cinnamom buns and drinks available for purchase. The Church and school basements is full of good deals waiting for you!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE MARCH FOR LIFE WISCONSIN!

Join Pro-Life Wisconsin and fellow pro-lifers from around our state as we stand up for the rights of every human person at the March for Life Wisconsin in Madison on Saturday, June 15th, from 1:30pm-3:30pm! Find out more and tell us you're coming at ProLifeWI.org/marchforlife or scan

the QR code. Have questions? Contact Pro-Life Wisconsin Outreach Director Lesley Chisholm at 262-796-1111 X116.

The March for Life Wisconsin is hosted by Pro-Life Wisconsin. "March for Life" is a registered trademark of the March for Life Education and Defense Fund, all rights reserved. Learn more about the March for Life at MarchforLife.org.



Mass Intention Schedule

Sat. June 8th	4:00pm Sacred Heart	† Norbert, Hariet & Ronald Von Ruden
	6:00pm St. Augustine	For the People
Sun. June 9th	8am at St. Mary's	† Cindy Otterson
	10am at Sacred Heart	† Norman & Bernice Brueggen
Sat. June 15th	4:00pm Sacred Heart	Living & Deceased mem- bers of the Ludgar & Anna Pieper Family
	6:00pm St. Augustine	For the People
Sun. June 16th	8am at St. Mary's	† Joe Flock
	10am at Sacred Heart	† Jerome & Martha Hundt & Judy Dickson

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Gn 3:9-15/2 Cor 4:13—5:1/Mk 3:20-35 (89)

Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6/Mt 5:1-12 (359)

Tuesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 (580)/Mt 5:13-16 (360)

Wed. 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Mt 5:17-19 (361)

Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46/Mt 5:20-26 (362)

Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Mt 5:27-32 (363)

Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21/Mt 5:33-37 (364)

Sunday:

Next

Please pray for these Intentions

- -Pope Francis
- Bishop Battersby
- -Lynn Evans
- -Tressa Klinkner
- -Carol Leuck
- Florentine Geier
- -Hope Waite
- Adam
- -Steve Laufenberg
- Marlene Flock
- -Corey Janzen
- -Sheila Vukovich
- -Louis Zanon
- -Jeanne Allen
- -Ed Schreier
- -Jerome & Margaret Leuck
- -Glen Miller
- -Wesley Clements
- -Louise Melby
- -Special Intention
- -Gene Degenhardt
- -Jeff Mullenberg
- Grace FowlerNancy Karis
- David Schwarz
- Alice Schmitz
- -Mary Leuck
- Bobbi Baker
- Mike Metzler
- Joshua Mack
- —For Vocations to Holy Orders and the Consecrated Life and all the seminarians of the Diocese of La Crosse including our own seminarian Thomas Cummings.

For migrants fleeing their homes

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

Lector/Serving/Usher Schedule June 15th & 16th

Ez 17:22-24/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34 (92)

St Augustine	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
6pm Saturday	Azaria Carpenter		Volunteers Appreciated
Sacred Heart			
4pm Saturday	Pat Hansen		Volunteers Appreciated
10am Sunday	Ruth Wolf	Clayton Lee & Gerard Cummings	Volunteers Appreciated
St. Mary's			
8am Sunday's	Glen Miller	Thaddeus Slattery & Jeffery	Volunteers Appreciated
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