

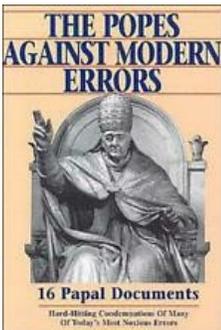


Sacrifice of Isaac
Rembrandt (1606-1669)

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

This week I thought we might venture a bit into a study and an investigation into some of the difficulties that plague the modern world, and what to make of it all as Roman Catholics. At first I was contemplating the possibility of doing some kind of catechesis on the Church's teaching regarding *communism* and *socialism*, but then I thought better of it. It is true that everywhere you turn people are having conversations about these things, and not just for the lack of anything better to do; these are very real threats to our lives and our way of living that require talking about these philosophies. However, I want to turn our attention rather to the 1960's and the Second Vatican Council, a council that took place in the very midst of great social, political and cultural upheaval, and not long after two devastating world wars.

For pretty much the entire 19th century, every single pope spoke forcefully and unambiguously about the errors of the modern world and the dangers they posed outside and even inside the Church. Among these errors were communism and socialism, and the influence of secret societies such as Freemasonry. The Second Vatican Council itself did not address these errors using their proper names, and history will judge whether or not that was a wise thing to do; or perhaps it was thought that the errors were already well enough known, and the well articulated points made in the previous century did not need to be belabored. Some believe



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Second Sunday of Lent

28 February 2021

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

Immaculate Conception at 6:00 pm
Confessions are available at 5:00 pm

Sunday

Sacred Heart at 8:30 am
Immaculate Conception at 10:30 am

Wednesday-Thursday-Friday

Immaculate Conception at 12:10 pm

Confessions are heard on each of these days at 11:30 am and again after the 12:10 pm Mass on Wednesday during a period of Eucharistic Adoration.

FIRST WEEKEND DEVOTIONS

Immaculate Conception Church

Thursday, March 4th

Confessions at 11:30 am
Mass at 12:10 pm

Votive Mass in Honor of Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest
Holy Hour of Reparation at 7:00 pm
Confessions are heard during this time.

Friday (First Friday), March 5th

Confessions at 11:30 am

Mass at 12:10 pm - Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday (First Saturday), March 6th

Confessions at 9:30 am

Mass at 10:00 am

Votive Mass in Honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (after Mass)

During the period of Eucharistic Adoration the 5 Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary will be prayed, followed by a further 15 minutes of silent meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary as Our Lady had requested at Fatima.

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that the council fathers wanted to strike a conciliar tone in the documents of the council in order to leave a door open for dialogue, but nonetheless the errors themselves are identified in the documents without apology, even if they are not named.

However, let's get back to the topic at hand. What I am seeing and hearing is a lot of talk about rights, the common good, personal autonomy, and so on and so forth, all wrapped up and packaged with just enough of a veneer of Catholic social teaching to make it sound passable, but it is a horrible deception and a distortion of the truth. Sr. Lucia, one of the three seers of Fatima, warned, or rather spoke of a time of great confusion that would come upon the world which she would describe as a *diabolical disorientation*. Now, I cannot claim to know Sr. Lucia's intention for using the word *disorientation*, but it is a word that has specific meaning in a clinical sense as an issue affecting one's state of mental health. A person who is disoriented is one who has lost their sense of identity and location, it is a state of mental confusion that can include anxiety, loss of clarity in thought, and even delirium. Disorientation has the further and ultimate effect of robbing one of any sense of direction. Sr. Lucia nailed this one!

The cure for disorientation is obviously the truth. *You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free (John 8:32). I am the way, the truth and life (John 14:6).* With this week's bulletin I am going to make available chapter one of *The Pastoral Constitution On The Church In The Modern World*. This chapter treats of the dignity of the human person, the point of departure for any conversation about the social teaching and doctrine of the Catholic Church. For those who are more ambitious, I will make available the entire document, but be warned that this is not something you breeze through like a newspaper article you read with your morning cup of coffee. Please begin a careful and prayerful reading of this document, and let's begin to cut through the fog and get to the truth of things.

God bless,
Fr. Kevin Christofferson



Stations of the Cross

Immaculate Conception & St. Joseph Mission
Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday during Lent at 6:00 pm beginning on February 19th.

Humbly asking for your prayers

Marcy Bishop, Mary Oullette, Maryalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Lou Marchello, Liz Hipp, Michael Conrad, Ellen Holland, Kevin Normandeau, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, Leonard & Gail Piedalue, Kate Shrider Olsen, Don Herbst, Bill Nash, Donna Jacobs, Derrie Edge, Madge Vert, Bob Mahon, Joe Wolfekuhle, John Miller, Mike Lies.

Please help to keep the list current by contacting the Parish Office. Also, out of respect for a person's privacy, please make sure that all individuals wish to be publicly identified.

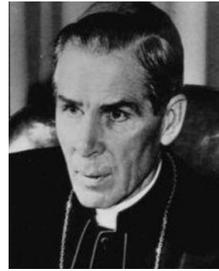
Grace be to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for you all; Making a remembrance of you in our prayers without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 1:2

The Holy Father's prayer intention for March

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

Please pray for our seminarians!

Dillon Armstrong, Tyler Frohlich, Matthew Christians, Kyle Tannehill and Kaleb Michell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, John Cooney



The refusal to take sides on great moral issues is itself a decision. It is a silent acquiescence to evil. The Tragedy of our time is that those who still believe in honesty lack fire and conviction, while those who believe in dishonesty are full of passionate conviction.

— Fulton J. Sheen —



Food Pantry Necessities

Peanut butter and cereal are a constant need; as well as oats, flour and rice. Pet foods are frequently in demand, and clients tend to prefer healthy options for food that are not so loaded with sugar. Items may be left in a bin at the entrance of the church.



Liturgy Calendar & Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 27th

Vigil Mass; Second Sunday of Lent

Joe Havlovick rb the Family

Sunday, February 28th

Second Sunday of Lent

Sick and the Shut-ins of the Parish/The Intentions of the Parish Faithful

Tuesday, March 2nd

Lenten Weekday

NO MASS SCHEDULED TODAY

Wednesday, March 3rd

Lenten Weekday

The Repose of Bill Clay rb Sheila Marquardt

Thursday, March 4th

Votive Mass in Honor of Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest

The Intentions of David Huerta rb Sheila Marquardt

Friday, March 5th

Votive Mass in Honor of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Special Intention



St. Katherine Drexel
Memorial March 3rd

The Eucharist is a never-ending sacrifice. It is the Sacrament of love, the supreme love, the act of love.

If we wish to serve God and love our neighbor well, we must manifest our joy in the service we render to Him and them. Let us open wide our hearts. It is joy which invites us. Press forward and fear nothing.



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My sweetest Joy is to be in the presence of Jesus in the holy Sacrament. I beg that when obliged to withdraw in body, I may leave my heart before the holy Sacrament. How I would miss Our Lord if He were to be away from me by His presence in the Blessed Sacrament!

Christ wishes the Christian Community to be a body that is perfect because we work together towards a single end, and the higher the motive which actuates this collaboration the higher, no doubt, will be the union. Now the end in question is supremely exalted: the continuous sanctification of the Body for the glory of God and the Lamb that was slain [Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament].

**Knights of Columbus
Annual Lenten Fish Fry**

This year the Polson Council of the Knights of Columbus will be preparing their annual fish fry for Lent; but with a few modifications. *This year orders will be for take-out and your fish dinner can be brought out to the curb. When you arrive, call the parish office (883-2506), and your order will be brought out to you.* Indoor dining is available, but seating will be limited. All meals will be prepared using safe food handling protocols, as always, and the dinners will be served with side dishes (mac 'n cheese and colslaw) offered in separated covered containers (not buffet or serving line style). The cost is \$10 per individual, \$15 for a couple or \$25 for the whole family. **The fish fry's are Friday at 6:30 pm.**



All Sunday homilies are available on YouTube and can be found by searching the full name *Fr. Kevin Christofferson.*

ROSARY GROUP

St. Joseph Hospital Chapel

Monday at 6:00 pm
Friday at 9:00 am



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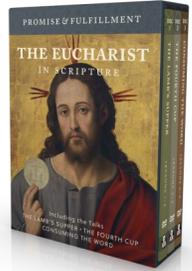
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PARISH ACTIVITIES



NEW ACTIVITY!

Beginning on Sunday, February 21st, at 6:00 pm, a Bible study series on the Mass presented by Scott Hahn will be available to the young adults of the parish (married or single). The series is 6 weeks long and participant books are \$15. If you have any questions, please call Katie Devlin at 406-207-8186. Please respond soon so that materials can be ordered. Thanks!



Endow study group for women on Thursdays at 10:30 am. Please call Sheila LeBrun for more information at 406-208-5788.



That Man Is You!

Thursdays at 6:00 am. Meetings start with hot premium roast coffee and breakfast.



The Polson Council of the Knights of Columbus has resumed their monthly meetings. The next meeting of the Polson Council will be **Thursday, March 18th at 7:00 pm.**

Knitting Group

Knitters and Crocheters meet in the parish hall of Immaculate Conception on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Please contact Julie Hille at 715-882-2716 for more information. All are welcome!



Parish Offertory Progress Report

Fiscal Year beginning July 1st

Immaculate Conception
\$118,823 of \$170,000 (69%)
Sacred Heart/St. Joseph
\$24,304 of \$44,500 (54%)



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