



Get Thee Behind Me, Satan
James Tissot (1836-1902)

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

With the passing of Labor Day and as we begin a new year of parish activities, I just have a few housekeeping notes to share with you.

The first has to do with visiting the sick, the Last Rites, and Communion to the homebound or those residing in our local care centers. Each year, and sometimes a couple times a year, I find it worthwhile to offer a bit of encouragement with regards to the importance of communication on these matters.

Deacon Andy Dorrington regularly visits those who are homebound and brings Communion to them and to the residents of the care centers as well. Sometimes this ministry involves reconciling folks back to the Church in the later stages of life, and this is where you can help. As secularization increases in our culture, children of elderly parents do not always think to provide for the pastoral care for their folks. I cannot tell you how many times I get calls literally at the last-minute informing me that someone is about to die; and they have been ill for several months.

Clearly there is an issue with waiting until the end, especially after a long illness, because there are no guarantees and there have been occasions where it was too late. But what concerns me the most is that it is always preferable that an individual be alert and in full possession of their faculties so that they may make a good Confession and receive the Sacrament of the Sick, or the Last Rites, with faith and hope in the goodness of God. Obviously, there are times when this is not possible, but I am speaking about the best-case scenario. The reason why I need your help in this regard is that in the absence of any communication from the family, you may be the only point of contact with a lapsed Catholic, or even one of the faithful who have fallen through a crack because of poor communication. I know that all of you would want the full benefit of the pastoral care of the Church if you were to become ill, so let's make an effort, where it is possible, to look out for each other.

So, if you know that you will be away from Mass for some time due to illness or rehab, or someone you know, please contact the parish so that we can make arrangements for your pastoral care. If you know of someone who may have fallen through the cracks or is in danger of being forgotten, please contact the parish so that I may reach out to these folks. You are the ones living out and about in the world and I depend on your eyes and ears.

The second item has to do with the reception of Holy Communion. During this past year there was a heightened awareness of the necessity to receive Holy Communion properly and I am grateful for your responsiveness, but some difficulties

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12 September 2021

Sacred Heart, Ronan
Immaculate Conception, Polson
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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.



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New Parishioners Welcome Dinner

Sunday, September 19th following the 10:30 am Mass at Immaculate Conception.

Please consider joining us for a community meal to get to know one another, newer and formerly established parishioners alike!



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still remain. Because the issue is a bit too complex to include in this column, I will be preparing a brief instruction that will be included as an insert in this week's bulletin which I will follow up with some remarks before my homily. The most troublesome issue still has to do with people who receive Holy Communion in the hand and walk away without consuming the Sacred Host. I will only say this for the time being, if you see this happening, which is usually beyond my peripheral vision, please *do not* hesitate to get up and ask the person in question to immediately consume the Sacrament.

Finally, towards the end of September I will be joining Bishop Vetter and the priests of the diocese for our annual assembly in Butte. During this time we will have an opportunity to hear from the bishop something of his vision for the diocese and his expectations regarding the priests. Because of the restrictions on public gatherings last year we were not able to meet as a presbyterate, and this after a year without having a bishop. It has been a long haul without an opportunity to assemble with a bishop and I look forward to sharing with you the fruits of our meeting, and certainly you will have a chance to hear everything first hand when Bishop Vetter visits our parish at the end of October.

That is about all for now.
God bless,
Fr. Kevin Christofferson

Bulletin Correction:

Coffee and doughnuts with the Knights of Columbus on September 12th, and the KofC meeting on September 19th, at Sacred Heart have been cancelled. Please watch the bulletin for more details. Sorry for any inconvenience.

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.



**St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
September 17**



Peace and union are the most necessary of all things for men who live in common, and nothing serves so well to establish and maintain these as the forbearing charity whereby we put up with one another's defects.

When we appeal to the throne of grace we do so through Mary, honoring God by honoring His Mother, imitating Him by exalting her, touching the most responsive chord in the sacred heart of Christ with the sweet name of Mary.

Flee idleness... for no one is more exposed to such temptations than he who has nothing to do.

There is no one who is without faults, and who is not in some way a burden to others, whether he is a superior or a subject, an old man or a young one, a scholar or a dunce.

Liturgy Calendar & Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 11th

Vigil of The 24th Sunday in OT

The Repose of the Soul of Donna Shaffer Henderson

Sunday, September 12th

24rd Sunday in OT

Sick & Shut-Ins of the Parish

/Intentions of the Parish Faithful

Wednesday, September 15th

Our Lady of Sorrows

The Repose of the Souls of the Shaffer Family, r.b. Melissa Miller

Thursday, September 16th

Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

The Repose of the Souls of the Parish Faithful

Friday, September 17th

St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Intentions of Bishop Vetter

Humbly asking for your prayers

Marcy Bishop, Mary Oullette, Maryalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, 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, Caroline Hummel.

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 September



An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle: We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

Please pray for our seminarians!

Dillon Armstrong, Tyler Frohlich, Matthew Christians, Kyle Tannehill and Kaleb Michell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, John Cooney, Jamie Severson, Hayden Petterson, Alex Olmes, Anthony Olmes, Alex Ramirez, James Semling.

24th Sunday OT

Antiphon:

*Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.*

Collect:

*Look upon us, O God,
Creator and ruler of all things,
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,
grant that we may serve you with all our heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.*

Readings:

Is 50:5-9a
Ps. 116:1-2,3-4,5-6,8-9
Jas 2:14-18
Mk 8:27-35

Catechism of the Catholic Church:

1829 *The fruits of charity are joy, peace, and mercy; charity demands beneficence and fraternal correction; it is benevolence; it fosters reciprocity and remains disinterested and generous; it is friendship and communion:*

Love is itself the fulfillment of all our works. There is the goal; that is why we run: we run toward it, and once we reach it, in it we shall find rest.

Stress in Your Marriage? - There is less than a week left to sign up for Retrouvaille. Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness and simply shut down. Others experience conflict and arguments in their relationship and don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouses about it. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage and improve communication. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille VIRTUAL ONLINE Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: at 1-800-470-2230 or visit our website: www.HelpOurMarriage.org

September 16-19, 2021

Bishop Vetter Visit (Mark your calendar!)

Bishop Vetter will visit our parishes for the first time on Saturday, **October 23rd**, and Sunday, **October 24th**.

The Mass schedule will change for that one weekend only in order to accommodate the bishop's visit:

Sacred Heart: Sat. 10/23 Mass at 6pm, followed by a reception

Immaculate Conception: Sun. 10/24 Mass at 10:30am, followed by a reception

Let us give our shepherd a big welcome!



Prayer for Government Leaders

From Catholic.org/prayers



God of power and might, wisdom and justice, through you authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment is decreed. Assist with your spirit of counsel and fortitude the President and other government leaders of these United States. May they always seek the ways of righteousness, justice and mercy. Grant that they may be enabled by your powerful protection to lead our country with honesty and integrity. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Immaculate Conception Gift Shop

We have various Catholic items for sale in the parish office!
Rosaries, medals, small statues, etc.
If you are interested in purchasing an item from the gift shop, please contact Ruth Fischer: 883-5025.



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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Parish Offertory Progress Report

Fiscal Year beginning July 1st

Immaculate Conception
\$36,422 of \$170,000 (21%)
Sacred Heart/St. Joseph
\$6,269 of \$44,500 (14%)



Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH ACTIVITIES 2021-2022

KNITTING GROUP

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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The dates and times for monthly meetings are to be announced. If you are interested in becoming a Knight or an Associate, please call Luke Venters at 406-871-6112



FIRST WEEKEND DEVOTIONS

Devotional materials and catechesis are available at the entrance of the church in advance of each first weekend.

First Wednesdays

Votive Mass in honor of St. Joseph at 12:10 pm
as well as all Wednesdays when permitted.

First Thursdays

Votive Mass in honor of the priesthood of Jesus Christ
at 12:10 pm *when permitted.*
Holy Hour of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at
7:00 pm.

First Fridays

Votive Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus *when permitted* for 9 consecutive First Fridays from September through May at 12:10 pm

First Saturdays

Confessions are heard at 9:30 am and Mass in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is offered at 10:00 am. After Mass the Rosary is prayed followed by a 15 minute period of private meditation on one or any of the mysteries of the Rosary as Our Lady had requested.



Confessions are always heard each day at 11:30 am when a 12:10 pm Mass is scheduled.



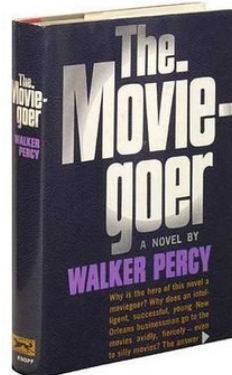
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Wednesday night is Family Night and there is a little of something for everyone of all ages, from pre-school to adult and seniors. Faith formation opportunities include: pre-school, Religious Education, Sacramental Preparation (First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation), middle school and high school Youth Group, and an Adult Study group with Fr. Kevin. Family Night begins on **Wednesday, September 22nd at 6:00 pm** with registration for Religious Education and an opportunity to meet your teachers. Snacks will be provided. Classes begin on the following Wednesday, the 29th. Dinner will be provided each Family Night at 7:00 pm. Adult classes will begin October 6th.



BOOK CLUB AND DISCUSSION GROUP



Discussion Group meetings will be on the first and the third Tuesday of each month from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm at the latest. The group is will be finishing up their discussion of Flannery O'Conner's *A Good Man Is Hard To Find*. For those who would like to participate for the next book, they will be reading Walker Percy's *The Moviegoer*. The next meeting will be September 21st.



ENDOW Women's Study Group

This year we will be studying the Social Teachings of the Catholic Church Meetings are on Thursdays at 10:30 am and will begin on October 7th. Please contact Sheila LeBrun at 208-5788 for more information and cost of materials.