St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Pierce, O most Sweet Lord Jesus, my inmost soul with the most joyous and healthful wound of Thy love, with true, serene, and most holy apostolic charity, that my soul may hunger after Thee, and do all things to the praise and glory of Thy name, with perseverance unto the end. May Thou alone be my hope, my entire assurance, my riches, my delight, my bread of angels, the refreshment of holy meat, my fragrance, my sweet savor, my food, my refreshment, my refuge, my help, my wisdom, my portion, my possession and my treasure, in whom may my mind and my heart be fixed and firmly rooted immovably henceforth and forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF SAINT BONAVENTURE AFTER HOLY MASS:

Pierce, O most Sweet Lord Jesus, my inmost soul with the most joyous and healthful wound of Thy love, with true, serene, and most holy apostolic charity, that my soul may ever languish and melt with love and longing for Thee, that it longing for Thee, that it may yearn for Thee and faint for Thy courts, and long to be dissolved and to be with Thee. Grant that my soul may hunger after Thee, the bread of angels, the refreshment of holy souls, our daily and supersubstantial bread, having all sweetness and savor and every delight of taste; let my heart ever hunger after and feed upon Thee, upon whom the angels desire to look, and may my inmost soul be filled with the sweetness of Thy savor; may it ever thirst after Thee, the fountain of life, the fountain of wisdom and knowledge, the fountain of eternal light, the torrent of pleasure, the richness of the house of God. May it ever compass Thee, seek Thee, find Thee, run to Thee, attain Thee, meditate upon Thee, speak of Thee, and do all things to the praise and glory of Thy name, with humility and discretion, with love and delight, with ease and affection, and with perseverance unto the end. May Thou alone be ever my hope, my entire assurance, my riches, my delight, my pleasure, my joy, my rest and tranquility, my peace, my sweetness, my fragrance, my sweet savor, my food, my refreshment, my refuge, my help, my wisdom, my portion, my possession and my treasure, in whom may my mind and my heart be fixed and firmly rooted immovably henceforth and forever. Amen.

Musings from your Parish Priest:
Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and Forever! Last week we heard from Fr. Nicks about the phenomena of holding hands during the Our Father, in the new (post Vatican II) Mass. We will continue this series for a few more weeks.

Last week we began considering the phenomena of holding hands during the Our Father. We noted that the practice of holding hands doesn’t seem to have a historical precedent in the liturgy. We were left, then, with a question as to its origin. Here is one possibility:

Recall that the Our Father began as a purely presidential prayer (i.e. the priest extended his hands and spoke the prayer by himself on behalf the faithful). However, in the new order of the Mass, it became an unique blending of a presidential prayer with congregational prayer. The priest still holds his hands extended in the orans (praying) position, but the people join in union with him in speaking the prayer.

It often happens that, when people join a priest or religious in reciting prayers, they will instinctively begin to imitate the priest’s postures as well. This is true both inside and outside of Mass. For example, when I have been in groups in which I regularly lead in reciting the doxology (Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit), people will begin to bow their heads at the Trinitarian invocation, because that is what I am doing (and that is great!). The same often occurs among visitors who frequent a monastery for the recitation of the Divine Office. At the beginning of the recitation of the Magnificat during vespers, religious will make the sign of the cross while praying “my soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.” The faithful who regularly attend also make the sign of the cross as they join in reciting those words, though nothing spoken or written suggested that they ought to do so. It was just natural for them to join in same posture as those with whom they were united in voice.

Something similar likely developed in the recitation of the Our Father during Mass. When the new order of the Mass was promulgated, parishioners were instructed to make two changes. First, they were asked to now stand during the Our Father, when before they had knelt (ow mass). Secondly, they were invited to join the recitation of the Our Father.

As the faithful throughout the world began for the first time to follow the priest presider in the unified recitation of the
Call 487-7738.

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**Holy Days Consult Bulletin**

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**ACA Rebate**

We received our ACA rebate from the 2017 campaign. $5,804 was deposited into our savings account. Thank you for your generosity last year and on our current campaign.

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**Catholic Youth Conference 2019** March 1-3rd @ Gonzaga Prep

**Finance Council:** Mark Kelly, Chair; Members: Ed Sinclair, Dorothea Moore, Kathy Sharp, Julie Carpenter

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:

If you are in 9-12th grade please join our group! Cost: $95 and includes the conference, two nights in a hotel and meals.

Contact Athena Gautier if you would like to register: atgautier@gmail.com or 360-927-2001.

All high school students welcome!

**Other Happenings Around Town…**

- **2/18-21: St. Francis of Assisi Pre-Lenten Parish Mission, “A Spirituality for Relationships,” 9 AM or 7 PM**
- **St. Thomas More Altar Society Luncheon/Card Party, March 5, 11:30-3:00, $8 per person, call Pat Martin at 466-7358 by Feb. 27 to reserve a table.**
- **Catholic Daughters Annual Spring Tea and Fashion Show, April 13, 10 AM to 2 PM, STM PACC, $25, call Kathy at 466-3392.**

**Upcoming Events:**

- **Exultate, Bishop Skyrlstad, 2/19, 10 AM to 12 PM**
- **Ash Wednesday, Sacramental Portals of Mercy, Fr. Blazowski, 3/16**
- **Lenten Retreat: Journeying with Jesus on the Way to Jerusalem, Fr. O’Liva, 3/20**
- **Marion Devotion: Walking with Mary towards her Son, Fr. Mohr, 3/22, 6 PM**

**Attaining Interior Freedom and Peace in the Church of the Holy Spirit, Fr. Phillippe, 3/29, 6:00 PM**

To register for any of these events, call the HRC at 448-1224 or go to www.hrc.net

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Dear Friends,

The Catholic Medical Association, Gonzaga University, and the Diocese of Spokane are hosting a unique conference focusing on the growing problem of pornography in our culture. Pornography inflicts spiritual wounds and has become one of the leading public health crises of our day. The conference will be held on Saturday, February 23 and is open to the public.

The conference will focus on the individual, familial, and cultural impacts of pornography. The National Center on Sexual Exploitation reports that 64% of young people ages 13-24 seek out pornography on at least a weekly basis. As this problem is clearly growing in our communities, especially among young people, I encourage pastors and principals to take the lead in inviting others to attend the conference. Many teachers, parish employees, and volunteers who work with youth and young adults could benefit by learning from the experts who will be presenting.

The impacts of pornography are extensive, as the speakers at this conference will attest. I hope this event will begin to turn the tide in Eastern Washington against this damaging moral and public health crisis.

In Christ,

Bishop Daly