PRAYER OF SAINT AMBROSE
BEFORE HOLY MASS:
I draw near, loving Lord Jesus Christ, to the table of your most delightful banquet in fear and trembling, a sinner, presuming not upon my own merits, but trusting rather in your goodness and mercy. I have a heart and body defiled by my many offenses, a mind and tongue over which I have kept no good watch. Therefore, O loving God, O awesome Majesty, I turn in my misery, caught in snares, to you the fountain of mercy, hastening to you for healing, flying to you for protection; and while I do not look forward to having you as Judge, I long to have you as Savior. To you, O Lord, I display my wounds, to you I uncover my shame. I am aware of my many and great sins, for which I fear, but I hope in your mercies, which are without number. Look upon me, then, with eyes of mercy, Lord Jesus Christ, eternal King, God and Man, crucified for mankind. Listen to me, as I place my hope in you, have pity on me, full of miseries and sins, you, who will never cease to let the fountain of compassion flow. Hail, O Saving Victim, offered for me and for the whole human race on the wood of the Cross. Hail, O noble and precious Blood, flowing from the wounds of Jesus Christ, my crucified Lord, and washing away the sins of all the world. Remember, Lord, your creature, whom you redeemed by your Blood. I am repentant of my sins, I desire to put right what I have done. Take from me, therefore, most merciful Father, all my iniquities and sins, so that, in purified mind and body, I may worthily taste the Holy of Holies. And grant that this sacred foretaste of your Body and Blood which I, though unworthy, intend to receive, may be the remission of my sins, the perfect cleansing of my faults, the banishment of shameful thoughts, and the rebirth of right sentiments; and may it encourage a wholesome and effective performance of deeds pleasing to you and be a most firm defense of body and soul against the snares of my enemies. 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 superabundant 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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - FEBRUARY 24TH, 2018
Musings from your Parish Priest:
The last couple of weeks we have been reflecting on the newly developed practice of holding hands during the Our Father. We noted that the Church gives no direction to the faithful regarding their hands at the Our Father. “No position is prescribed in the Roman Missal for an assembly gesture during the Lord’s Prayer” (USCCB—Prayer During the Eucharistic Pray and the Our Father). We also considered the way in which the practice likely developed. It began when the Church invited the faithful to join in one voice with the priest celebrant in reciting the Our Father. Having united in voice, it was natural to want to unite in posture (hands extended). The hand extended position, which felt awkward to many, transitioned into holding hands, which felt more natural.

This review of the practice leaves us with the initial question, what is the most fitting posture during the Our Father at Mass? Vatican III’s document on the liturgy gives us an important liturgical principle: “Regulation of the sacred liturgy depends solely on the authority of the Church, that is, on the Apostolic See, and, as laws may determine, on the bishop…no other person, not even a priest, may add, remove, or change anything in the liturgy of his own accord.” Therefore, based on the principles of Vatican II, the most fitting option would be neither to extend hands or hold hands during the Our Father as this is clearly an unsupervised addition to the liturgy.

The second most fitting option would likely be for the faithful to assume the orans (hands extended) position, without holding hands. This would follow the simple logic that is generally used in the Mass. I.e. when we are united in one voice with the priest celebrant, we are also united in one posture. Consider the Creed. We recited it together, we stand together, we bow together at the words: “and he was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and became man.” We are united in voice and posture, so too, in the Our Father. Following this logic, though, people should fold their hands immediately following the Our Father, not retain them extended through the celebrant’s prayer, “Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil…” and into the doxology, “For the kingdom, power, and glory are yours…” You see this modeled when more than one priest is celebrating Mass together. Only the priest celebrant continues with hands extended after the Our Father, the other priests immediately fold their hands following the words: “and deliver us from evil.”

Finally, as regards the holding of hands at the Our Father, this seems to be the least fitting of the three possibilities. It is certainly an addition to the Mass, thus seeming to be in conflict with Vatican II. Further, it doesn’t correspond to the interior logic of the liturgy (unity of voice and posture), as does assuming the orans position. However, there is one potential foundation for retaining it—the concept of organic development in the liturgy. We will further consider whether or not this practice could be adequately understood as belonging to the category of organic development next week.

The above is a continuation of the series by Fr. Matthew Nicks on the holding of hands during the recitation of the Our Father during Holy Mass. I am away on pilgrimage in England this week, and want you to know that the parishioners of St. Patrick’s Parish are in my prayers.

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We are reading, “Sign of Life” by Scott Hahn. All are welcome to join us for discussion on February 27 at 2:00 PM at the home of Millie Hynes, 3109 E. Indiana Ave. For more information, call Millie at 568-1140.

Memorial Candle for February
Tea & Frances Eckhardt

St. Patrick’s Breastsplate

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Sundays 9:00 AM (Church)
Weekdays 7:00 AM (Convent)
Saturdays 8:00 AM (Church)
Holy Days Consult Bulletin

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Penance: Saturdays, 8:30—9:00 AM by appointment.

Holy Matrimony: Please contact a Parish Priest at least 6 months in advance of your wedding.

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St. Thomas More Parish Pray for us and our families!
Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me. Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ lying down, Christ in sitting, Christ in rising up, Christ in the heart of every person who may think of me, Christ in the mouth of every person who may speak of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me! St. Patrick's Breastsplate

Happy Birthday Roger Ackare!
February 28

St. Thomas More After Society Luncheon/Card Party, March 5, 11:30-3:00, $8 per person, call Pat Martin at 466-7358 by Feb. 7 to reserve a table.

St. Francis of Assisi Women's Club Card Party/Luncheon
3/20, Noon till 3, $8 per person, call 600 to 328-4818

Catholic Daughters Annual Spring Tea and Fashion Show, April 13, 10 AM to 2 PM, STM PACC, $25, call Kathy at 466-3392.

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