



## St. Michael Catholic Church Mission of St. Dominic

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**January 17th, 2021**

Dear family:

A letter written by St. Raymond of Penyafort offers solid encouragement to Catholics in persecution:

*“Jesus has told us that all who want to live righteously in Christ will suffer persecution. If he spoke the truth and did not lie, the only exception to this general statement is, I think, the person who either neglects, or does not know how, to live temperately, justly and righteously in this world.*

*May you never be numbered among those whose house is peaceful, quiet and free from care; those on whom the Lord’s chastisement does not descend; those who live out their days in prosperity, and in the twinkling of an eye will go down to hell.”*

His point is well taken in these days particularly. One who follows Christ closely will suffer the buffeting of the world which will try to snuff the life out of the Body of Christ just as Jesus was silenced and put to death by the corrupt leaders of his generation. The world will gladly receive your renunciation of Christ in exchange for being “friends”.

*“John was standing with two of his disciples and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, “Behold, the Lamb of God.” The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus.” (Jn 1:35-37)*

*“Your purity of life, your devotion, deserve and call for a reward; because you are acceptable and pleasing to God your purity of life must be made purer still, by frequent buffetings, until you attain perfect sincerity of heart. If from time to time you feel the sword falling on you with double or treble force, this also should be seen as sheer joy and the mark of love.”* In this we hear the echo of St Francis of Assisi, who saw in every affliction suffered for the love of Jesus a cause of joy. The persecuted truth seeker and follower of Christ has cause for joy in finding himself imitating our Lord by being rejected by the world.

*“The sword falls with double and treble force externally when, without cause being given, there breaks out from within the Church persecution in spiritual matters, where wounds are more serious, especially when inflicted by friends.*

*Look then on Jesus, the author and preserver of faith: in complete sinlessness He suffered, and at the hands of those*

*who were his own and He was numbered among the wicked. As you drink the cup of the Lord Jesus (how glorious it is!), give thanks to the Lord, the giver of all blessings.*

*May the God of love and peace set your hearts at rest and speed you on your journey; may he meanwhile shelter you from disturbance by others in the hidden recesses of his love.” Here I am, Lord. You called me! Fr. Flumm*

### **Civil Rights 2021**

The March for Life is still on in Washington this year! It will be held on **January 29<sup>th</sup>**. This is the civil rights issue of our time and many of our leaders in government are still unwilling to defend the right of every human being to live a full life.



It is imperative that our nation come to the loving conclusion that the unborn, who cannot defend themselves, must be protected. Pray, fast and march to bring an end to this horrifying violation of human rights!

### ***The Challenge of St. Joseph***

Join us in making our yearly resolutions as a parish and mission family:

1. **To memorize and pray daily the ancient prayer to St. Joseph that you will find in this bulletin.** When we pray we are entering into a conversation with God, the angels or the saints. St. Joseph has a special relationship with us as our spiritual father. Go to him daily with confidence.
2. **To receive God’s mercy in confession monthly** as our Lady requested at Fatima. While the ailments of our body cry out for medicine and a doctor’s care, too often we ignore the voice of our soul which cries out for God’s mercy found in the sacrament of Penance. After his baptism by John, Jesus began his ministry with the words, “Repent and believe in the Gospel!”
3. **Spend 15 minutes of unbroken prayerful silence each day in the presence of St. Joseph** (of whom no word is recorded in Sacred Scripture). The absolute best place for this is in Adoration at St. Michael church.

## Ancient Prayer to St. Joseph

(This prayer dates to 50 AD.)

*Oh, St. Joseph whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh St. Joseph do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers. Oh St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press him in my name and kiss his fine head for me and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen.*



## Please PRAY for our SICK

For those who suffer from chronic illness, especially Christopher Becker, Eddie Bond, Arlene Bloom, Arlene Bonds, Madison Brady, Keith Brown & Family, Ann Canter, Aldrin Castillo, Charlene Cardwell, Tom Cardwell, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Greg Connick, Mary Connick, Leah Danielson, Diane DiSandro, Leo Dixon, Marysa Dixon Dorothy Dunston, Angela Farmer, Kathy Fisher, Mabel Hamilton, Barbara Harding, Florence Henderson, Crystal Johnson, Bernice Kirby, Marie Knobel, Wanda Langley, Betty Lindsay, Kenny Lindsay, Adam Lumpkins, Mr. Maida, John Martone II, Rita Miller, Michael Mohun, Claire Mason, Ralph and Regina Nasatka, Fannie Newman, Yvette Parker, Carolyn Parson, Michael Proctor, Joyce Pickeral, Rev. Robert Pittman, Betty Proctor, Garland Proctor, Gary Reinhardt, Marsha Reinhardt, Shawn Reinhardt, Traci Renner, Dawn Russo, Mary Savoy, Frances N. Sewell, Blanche Simms, Dee Smith, Geraldine Stewart, Savannah Stuart, George Thomas, Marion Walzel, Shirley Watson, Ken Wilson, Terry Wilson, Belinda Windsor, Beverly Windsor, Caroline Yashinski, Carmelita, Cheryl Young, Lewis Young. Jesus, heal and console us!

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	01/16/21	5 PM	Deacon James Somerville +
Sunday	01/17/21	8 AM	Flaim Family
Sunday	01/17/21	10 AM	PARISHIONERS
Sunday	01/17/21	11:30 AM	Amy Zager
Monday	01/18/21	7 AM	Margaret Payne McConnell +
Tuesday	01/19/21	8 AM	Flaim Family
Wednesday	01/20/21	7 AM	Joseph Stecklein
Thursday	01/21/21	8 AM	Cheryl Kerwin
Friday	01/22/21	7 AM	Josh & Katie Coffin
Saturday	01/23/21	8 AM	Amy Zager

## Day of Prayer

On the liturgical calendar of the Church, **January 22nd, 2021** is a Day of Fasting and Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.

**“A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and Lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.” (Saint Pope John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae, #100)**

## The Universal Call to Holiness

After these chaotic months in our country, let us remember our call to holiness: *“You shall be holy; for I, the Lord your God, am holy.” (Lev 19:2)*

**“All the faithful of Christ of whatever rank or status, are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity... They must follow in His footsteps and conform themselves to His image seeking the will of the Father in all things. They must devote themselves with all their being to the glory of God and the service of their neighbor. (Lumen gentium, n. 39-42.)**

He will baptize you



With the Holy Spirit

## Come, Holy Spirit!

Bring your gifts before Jesus in the Eucharist where our true Treasure lies. Urge you to consider making a weekly commitment to adoration.

These hours are not yet committed to:

**Thursdays: 5-6 PM**

**Saturdays: 9-10 AM, 1-2 PM, 6-7 PM**

**Sunday: 4-5 PM**

Please consider having one family member in the Church adoring Jesus for an hour each week. If you would like to be on our **substitute list**, call the office (240) 681-3551.

## YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS – Jan. 10, 2021

**St. Michael** Offertory Collection \$5007.00

**St. Dominic** Offertory Collection \$1775.00

*May God reward your generosity!*

Please Pray for

the Soul of the Faithfully Departed

*Robert Raymond Stallings,*

*Let Perpetual Light shine upon him.*