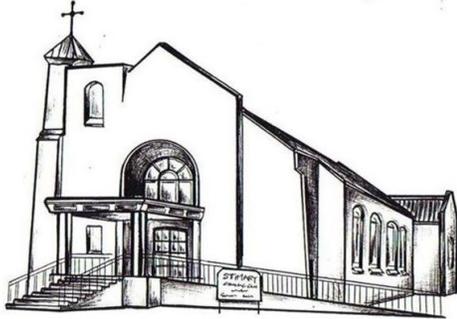


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Mass Schedule			
		Umbarger	Happy
Mon, November 18	Dedication of Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul	No Mass	No Mass
Tue, November 19		7 PM - Christian Mothers	No Mass
Wed, November 20		8 AM - Isabel Spiriti	No Mass
Thu, November 21	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8 AM - Marcel Fischbacher	7 PM -
Fri, November 22	St. Cecilia	8 AM - Clara Grabber	No Mass
Sat, November 23	St. Clement I	No Mass	5:30 PM - Parish Family
Sun, November 24	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	9:00 AM - Parish Family	No Mass

ST. MARY'S

Date	Lector	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Usher	Gifts
November 24, 2019	Roger Batenhorst	April Artho Kaytlyn Garrett Sonora Garrett	Rick Auckerman Kelley Wegman Terri Branum	Jerry Brorman & KC Usher	Volunteers
Thanksgiving Day November 28, 2019	Robert Friemel	Jacie Guerrero Kyle Guerrero Matthew Steffens	Kevin Schenk Kathy Wieck Kelley Wegman	Mike Wegman & KC Usher	Volunteers

Divine Mercy Chaplet: 1st Sunday at 10:30 AM
Anointing of the Sick: By Request
CYO 4th Sunday 6:00 pm. at the Hall
CCD: Sundays at 10:15-11:30

Umberger Sausage Festival

Kevin & Denise Schenk would like to thank everyone in the parish and the community for coming together and working hard to make our sausage festival a great success!

St Mary's Prayer Blanket Ministry: If you or a loved one suffers from a serious illness and would like a blanket, please contact Laurie Wegman or Fr Grant.

Christian Mothers - Tuesday, November 19 will be the last meeting for 2019. The evening will start with Mass at 7pm followed by a short meeting then a Christmas Ornament exchange. Please bring your favorite snack foods & a wrapped ornament. All Chirstian Mothers invited.

Catholic Men: The Knights of Columbus will be having their monthly meeting on 11-17. We will be preparing for our upcoming fundraisers. We invite all Catholic men to please come and join us, we would love to have you.

This is one of the biggest spiritual hurdles to overcome

By Philip Kosloski

Whether we like it or not, our spiritual pride can often get in the way of true holiness.

In an age of overwhelming individualism and in a culture that promotes self-reliance, it's tempting to transfer these principles into the spiritual life. It doesn't take long for us to think that we can be a saint on our own and that we are the ones who know what is best.

Unfortunately, what often happens is that we refuse to accept any help or advice from another person, even our own parish priest. We try to live out Christianity on our own terms and are proud of our personal interpretation of the spiritual life.

This can quickly turn into a spiritual pride, where we isolate ourselves from others. It can have grave consequences, as St. John of the Cross explains in his Sayings of Light and Love.

The virtuous soul that is alone and without a master is like a lone burning coal; it will grow colder rather than hotter.

Those who fall alone remain alone in their fall, and they value their soul little since they entrust it to themselves alone.

If you do not fear falling alone, do you presume that you will rise up alone? Consider how much more can be accomplished by two together than by one alone.

The blind person who falls will not be able to get up alone.

None of the saints was able to achieve holiness by themselves. Even the greatest mystics of the Church needed a spiritual director to help them sort through the many visions they had.

One could even argue that Jesus could not have ascended Mount Calvary without the aid of Simon of Cyrene, who shared the weight of the cross.

Humility is one of the chief virtues of being a saint, and it requires a great deal of humility to allow another person to give insight into your own spiritual life.

If you want to progress in the spiritual life, admit to yourself that you don't have all the answers and that someone else is holier than you. Once you do that, you are on the right path.

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Is this the most powerful tool for sharing your faith?

By Jeffrey Bruno

It might be missing from the paintings of saints of the past, but you can see it in the faces of the saints of today.

One of the challenges faced by people who want to share their faith is that of how to make the initial approach. You might be able to quote Scripture like a Gospel preacher or have the Catechism committed to memory, but if the person you're trying to engage is put off at the get-go, you might be shut out completely.

A study at Stanford University conducted by Nalini Ambady and Robert Rosenthal, concluded that within the first few seconds of meeting a person a plethora of assessments are made, all forming the all-important first impression.

Impressions of how open, honest, likable, optimistic, empathetic, competent, etc, are processed and stored, creating a working thesis by which one is judged. This is the initial basis for how receptive a person is to what you will say.

So what can you do to make sure that you make that good first impression? So that a person will be more receptive to hear about why you love your faith?

Well there are things you can't control, of course: perhaps hair color, weight, or height — but that's okay, because there's one thing that towers over all of these when it comes to getting a good start.

A smile.

St. Teresa of Calcutta famously once said, "I will never understand all the good that a simple smile can accomplish."

Also, "Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing."

She understood the value and power of a smile, as did St. Therese of Lisieux: "A word or a smile is often enough to put fresh life in a despondent soul."

Though there might be many reasons, it's unfortunate that so much of the artwork portraying saints casts them in such a serious light, i.e., no smiles. If one were to base an opinion of what it means to be holy upon the serious faces of so many of the saints depicted in the paintings and sculptures of the past, one might believe that holiness and piety must be accompanied by a dour countenance or a scowl.

But as St. Teresa of Avila once said, "From silly devotions and sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us!"

Chances are that the holiest people that you've encountered smile a whole lot and are accompanied by an overarching positive attitude. That's actually a manifestation of a gift of the Holy Spirit, namely Joy. And thanks to photography, many images of the last few decades show the joy of our more recent saints in candid settings, where they convey their joy in all it's un-posed glory.

The benefits of approaching with a smile are truly unparalleled. It's a sign of care, of acceptance, of optimism and approachability. But even beyond that, studies conducted by Professor Alexander Todorov, one of the world's leading neuroscientists at Princeton University, revealed that a

genuine smile makes a person come across as more trustworthy.

So the next time you encounter a person that you hope to inspire in faith, or even just speak with, remember the first thing to do before you say a single word: SMILE!

"Smile at each other. Smile at your wife, smile at your husband, smile at your children, smile at each other — it doesn't matter who it is — and that will help to grow up in greater love for each other."

– Mother Teresa

¿Nos volvemos ángeles cuando morimos?

By Philip Kosloski

En la cultura popular, es común referirse a las personas que han fallecido como "ángeles" en el Paraíso. Para muchos, esto significa sencillamente que consideran que la persona difunta está con Dios, donde viven los ángeles.

Sin embargo, a veces este pensamiento consolador se vuelve más concreto y algunos creen que los seres humanos de verdad se convierten en ángeles al morir. ¿Es esto cierto? ¿Puede una persona volver a la vida como un ángel después de morir? La respuesta corta es no. No es posible que un ser humano se convierta en ángel. Cuando morimos, nuestra alma se separa de nuestro cuerpo temporalmente, pero se reunirá con él en el final de los tiempos.

Convertirnos en ángeles después de la muerte significaría que nos convertiríamos en un ser totalmente diferente. Los católicos creen que los ángeles son espíritus únicos e irrepetibles. Fueron creados antes que los humanos; una teoría aceptada en la creencia católica es que el primer día de la Creación, cuando Dios hizo la "luz", la "luz" estaba hecha de ángeles (Génesis 1,3).

Esta teoría podría confirmarse incluso cuando se dice que Dios "separó la luz de las tinieblas" y que eso haría referencia a la rebelión de los ángeles liderada por Lucifer (Génesis 1,4).

Esta idea la presentó san Agustín en La Ciudad de Dios: En efecto, al decir Dios: "Que exista la luz, y la luz existió", si en esta luz se entiende rectamente la creación de los ángeles, bien claro es que fueron hechos príncipes de la luz eterna, que es la misma inmutable Sabiduría de Dios, por la cual fueron hechas todas las cosas, y a quien llamamos Hijo unigénito de Dios. Iluminados ellos por esta luz, por la cual recibieron el ser, fueron ellos hechos luz y llamados día por la participación de la luz inmutable y del día, que es el Verbo de Dios, por el cual fueron creados ellos y todas las cosas.

Esto tiene sentido, ya que el "Sol" y la "Luna" no fueron creados hasta el cuarto día.

Con o sin esta interpretación de la Escritura, lo cierto es que los católicos creen que todos los ángeles que habían de existir fueron creados antes que los seres humanos y que son seres distintos.

Te puede interesar: ¿Existen los Ángeles? ¿Quiénes son y en qué nos ayudan? Por tanto, cuando un humano muere, no se convierte en ángel, tampoco su alma. Continúa siendo un alma humana, que se reunirá con su cuerpo en la resurrección de los muertos.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

FOR BULLETIN NOTICES – Bulletin

Deadline: Thursday @ noon. Please Contact Fr. Grant by email: frgrantspinhirne@gmail.com or Christina Wegman by email: cwegman696@yahoo.com or by phone: (806)499-3531.

Baptism or Wedding Please contact Fr. Grant at least 1 month in advance for baptisms and 6 months advance for weddings.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Umbarger: Sundays at 8:30 am or by appointment. **Happy:** Saturdays at 5 p.m. and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. or by appointment.

To use or rent the church or parish hall, please contact Fr. Grant or Debbie Batenhorst at least 3 months before the event.

FOR MASS INTENTIONS please talk to Fr. Grant or leave the intention in the collection basket. There are envelopes available in the back of Church.

Please pray for all the sick in our parishes

ST. MARY'S: Marie Wieck, Anita Adams, Sawyer Lane, Jeanie Bartley, Dianna Donathon, Jeremy Koch, Bill Stocker, John Grabber, April Artho, Mary Kolac, Gene Schenk, John Wilson, Kyle Henderson, Jose Sanchez, Ashlee Trevino, Audree Rose Gomez, Mike Smith, Oscar Olvera, Collier Friemel, Marcella Brandt, Tuffy Schenk, Lusi Ortiz, John Kreighauser, Sean Schenk, Misty Blevins, Chris Adams, Severo Gomez

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Would you Like to attend an ACTS Retreat Weekend?

Next Retreat: **December 26-29, 2019**
Teen's Retreat

There is more information about the ACTS Retreat online. If you or someone you know would like to attend you can register online at: ACTSamarillo.org

Nazareth Thanksgiving Dinner & Raffle:

Sunday, November 24: Adults- \$10 10 yrs & younger - \$5
11 AM - 2 PM at Nazareth Community Hall
Turkey, Dressing, Homemade Dessert & all the trimmings!
Sponsored by the Christian Mothers Society
Holiday Arts & Crafts Bazaar
9:30 AM - 2:30 PM at Nazareth School Cafeteria
Christmas Shopping, home decor, homemade baked goods and more!
Sponsored by the Nazareth Art Club

Save the Date:

School Sisters of St. Francis Harvest of Blessings Gala 2019

-Saturday, November 23-
Sunset Center - Red Room - Ann Crouch Events Center
\$100 Donation admits 2
6:30-11:30 PM

Includes: Smoked Sirloin/Rib Dinner, Dancing to AFK, Live & Silent Auction, Calcutta Boards & Lots of Fun!
Proceeds to benefit the Life and Mission of the Sisters
For more information:

www.panhandlefranciscans.org/gala or call 806-683-8035