



Saint John the Baptist Bearing Witness
Annibale Carracci (1560-1609)

From St. Ignatius of Antioch's Letter to the Ephesians
The Harmony of Unity

It is right for you to give glory in every way to Jesus Christ who has given glory to you; you must be made holy in all things by being united in perfect obedience, in submission to the bishop and the presbyters.

I am not giving you orders as if I were a person of importance. Even if I am a prisoner for the name of Christ, I am not yet made perfect in Jesus Christ. I am now beginning to be a disciple and I am speaking to you as my fellow-disciples. It is you who should be strengthening me by your faith, your encouragement, your patience, your serenity. But since love will not allow me to be silent about you, I am taking the opportunity to urge you to be united in conformity with the mind of God. For Jesus Christ, our life, without whom we cannot live, is the mind of the Father, just as the bishops, appointed over the whole earth, are in conformity with the mind of Jesus Christ.

It is fitting, therefore, that you should be in agreement with the mind of the bishop as in fact you are. Your excellent presbyters, who are a credit to God, are as suited to the bishop as strings to a harp. So in your harmony of mind and heart the song you sing is Jesus Christ. Every one of you should form a choir, so that, in harmony of sound through harmony of hearts, and in unity taking the note from God, you may sing with one voice through Jesus Christ to the Father. If you do this, he will listen to you and see from your good works that you are members of his Son. It is then an advantage to you to live in perfect unity, so that at all times you may share in God.

If in a short space of time I have become so close a friend of your bishop – in a friendship not based on nature but on spiritual grounds – how much more blessed do I judge you to be, for you are as united with him as the Church is to Jesus Christ, and Jesus Christ to the Father, so that all things are in harmony through unity. Let no one make any mistake: unless a person is within the sanctuary, he is deprived of God's bread. For if the prayer of one or two has such power, how much more has the prayer of the bishop and the whole Church.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

15 January 2023

Sacred Heart, Ronan
Immaculate Conception, Polson
St. Joseph Mission, Charlo

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This week's office hours:

Tuesday 2-5 pm; Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 10 am-12 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

Immaculate Conception at 11:00 am
Confessions are available at 10:00 am

January 15

Celebrant: Fr. Paul Cochran, SJ

January 22

Celebrant: Fr. Craig Hightower, SJ

No weekday Masses available until further notice.

Daily Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Monday through Friday at 12 pm (noon)

Immaculate Conception

Adoration & Rosary

Fridays at 8:30 am

Sacred Heart

Rosary before Mass

Sundays at 10:30 am

Immaculate Conception

A funeral Mass will be offered for the repose of the soul of Marshall Bjork at Immaculate Conception on Wednesday, January 25th, at 11:00 am. Following the funeral there will be a luncheon downstairs in the parish hall.

May he rest in peace.



Coffee & Doughnuts Social
Next Sunday, January 22
Downstairs after Mass
Join us!



TRIVIA

Last week's question...
How many popes of the 20th century are canonized Saints?

Four of the eight are Saints: Pius X, John XXIII, Paul VI, John Paul II.
See also Venerable Pius XII, and Blessed John Paul I.

Who composed the popular *Anima Christi* prayer? ("Soul of Christ, sanctify me...")

See next week's bulletin for the answer!



Check out the popular podcast, Reason & Theology, for a recent episode featuring one of our own priests from the Diocese of Helena, Fr. Eric Gilbaugh!



Priestly Advice to Confused Catholics w/ Fr. Eric Gilbaugh



Food Pantry Necessities

Peanut butter and cereal are a constant need; as well as oats, flour and rice. Clients tend to prefer healthy options for food that are not so loaded with sugar. The Food Pantry will also accept money donations as well. Charitable donations may be left in the basket at the entrance of the church.

Humbly asking for your prayers

Marcy Bishop, Maryalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Michael Conrad, Ellen Holland, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, Kate Shrider Olsen, Don Herbst, Bill Nash, Donna Jacobs, Derrie Edge, Madge Vert, Bob Mahon, Heather Stocki, Betty Bjork, Vicki Weiss, Jason Avison, Floyd Smith, Nash Niemeyer, Richard Call, Teresa Cullis.

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 January

For educators: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



Please pray for our seminarians!

Dillon Armstrong, Shae Bills, Lane Buus, John Cooney, Riley Helgoe, Alex Olmes, Brett Rotz, Jamie Severson, Deacon Kyle Tannehill, Carter Anderson, Matt Keck, Anthony Olmes, Jack Peed, James Semling, and Kaleb Mitchell.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon:

*All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!*

Collect:

*Almighty ever-living God,
who govern all things,
both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of your people
and bestow your peace on our times.
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:

FIRST READING: Is 49:3,5-6

RESPONSORIAL: Ps. 40:2,4,7-8,8-9,10;

R. *Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will.*

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 1:1-3

ALLELUIA: *The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. To those who accepted him, he gave power to become the children of God. - Jn 1:14a, 12a*

GOSPEL: John 1:29-34

Catechism of the Catholic Church:

John the Baptist is "more than a prophet." In him, the Holy Spirit concludes his speaking through the prophets. John completes the cycle of prophets begun by Elijah. He proclaims the imminence of the consolation of Israel; he is the "voice" of the Consoler who is coming. As the Spirit of truth will also do, John "came to bear witness to the light." In John's sight, the Spirit thus brings to completion the careful search of the prophets and fulfills the longing of the angels. "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. and I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.... Behold, the Lamb of God." (CCC 719)

If you require a record of your 2022 donations to the church, please call the parish office at 883-2506 or email lakecountyromancatholic@gmail.com.

Please note that if you have not yet registered with the parish, or if you registered mid-year, your donation record may be incomplete.

If you just moved here and are new to the parish, please make sure to register with the parish office! Sign up for Flocknote to receive the Sunday bulletin and other important announcements via email and text. Contact the parish office or sign up on our website, lakecountyromancatholic.org.

Parish registration forms may be found at the entrance of the church.

Notice: The Ring doorbell at the basement door is currently not connecting to the speaker in the office. If you are seeking entrance, please knock loudly or call the office at 883-2506 and I will try to accommodate!
Thank you ~ Katie the Office Manager

Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

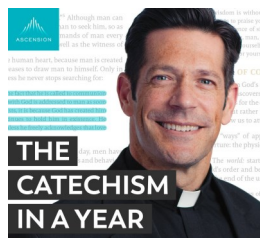
Feast Day January 21st

Agnes of Rome



I place my trust in You, O adorable Blood, our Redemption, our regeneration. Fall, drop by drop, into the hearts that have wandered from You and soften their hardness.

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WITH FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

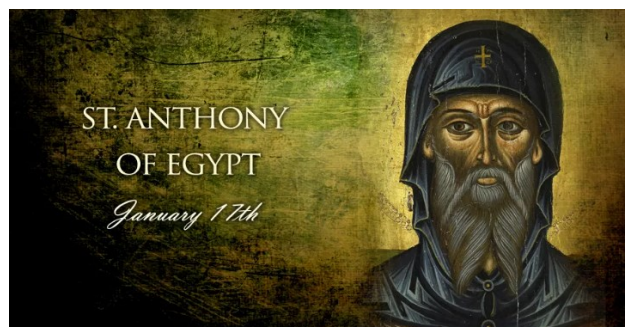
In response to countless requests, Ascension is launching *The Catechism in a Year* (with Fr. Mike Schmitz) on January 1, 2023!

With this podcast, Catholics will:

- Read the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church in 365 days
- Understand the essentials of the Catholic Faith and why they matter
- See how Church teaching is rooted in Sacred Scripture

- Absorb over 2,000 years of Sacred Tradition
- Encounter God's plan of sheer goodness
- Transform their relationship with the Church that Christ founded.

If you have ever wanted to **understand what it means to be Catholic** and allow those truths to shape your life—this podcast is for you!



ST. ANTHONY
OF EGYPT

January 17th

Saint Anthony the Abbot (c. 251-356), also known as Saint Anthony the Great or Saint Anthony of Egypt, is known as the founder of Christian monasticism. He is celebrated by both the Western and the Eastern Catholics, as well as Orthodox and Coptic Christians.

Reference: Catholic News Agency



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.



If you have information to be submitted in the bulletin, please contact the parish office by Wednesday morning before the printing of the next bulletin. Thank you!

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
\$86,426 of \$175,000 (49%)
Sacred Heart/St. Joseph
\$18,643 of \$44,500 (42%)



Weekly
Offering

Thank you for your generosity!