#### YOUTH GROUP NEWS: St. Bridget of Kildare, Nyssa

Saint Bridget Catholic High School Youth recently had a day of rest and relaxation. Our youth have been busy with summer jobs, raising their Fair animals, and getting ready to start the school year. So, a fun-filled day was planned with a trip to Idaho and three stops for the 15 youths. First stop was St. Mary Mount Hermitage in Mesa, Idaho, where they were given a tour of the facility. Next they travelled to Council, Idaho, for 10:00 a.m. Mass with Father Tim. To complete the day, they travelled on to McCall, Idaho, where they enjoyed hiking, swimming, good food, and some rest and relaxation. What a great way to finish the summer!

Submitted by Mary Clark, Director of Religious Education



## St Thomas Catholic Church in Redmond Invites You To:



## "A Day With Jesus"

A one-day Retreat for Families

Date: Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 2018

Time: 9am – 3pm

Place: Church & Gym

Registrations:

After Mass or in the Parish office

\*(Donations are welcome)\*



# PARISH NEWS: OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL

On Sunday, August 26, 2018, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parishioners in Chiloquin honored one of their own members. Danette Hood, secretary for the parish, is retiring after eight years of dedication to the church. Danette has



been there to help Father Stephen Manthuruthil and his predecessors with support and the carrying out of church business. She did it all, from keeping the books to all the office duties throughout the year. Danette is a hard worker and spent a great deal of her time at the office helping our pastor and parishioners with their everyday needs.

Last winter, Danette and her husband, David, spent time in Arizona and decided to purchase a second home and will be dividing their time between there and Chiloquin.

At the end of Mass on the September 26, Danette was presented with a gift from the Parish, a gold crucifix and chain. A brunch was held in the Parish Hall after Mass.

We wish all the best to the Hoods. Danette's successor will have big shoes to fill. God Bless you, Danette and thank you for your service to our Church and to its community!

Submitted by Rosemarie Dobbs, Danette's successor.



### Thoughts Along the Way

Bishop Liam Cary

#### Apostolic Betrayal

This column is a revised version of a homily given at St. Francis of Assisi in Bend on 23 September.

In today's second reading St. James gets to the heart of the worldwide summer of scandal in the Catholic Church: "Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice."

With the "foul practice" of sexual abuse by *priests* we have grown all too sadly familiar in the past twenty years. But this summer's shocking revelations brought into focus a different, far more disturbing scandal: "selfish ambition" among *bishops* has spread the "disorder" of complicity-incover-up to the highest ranks of the Church—to the apostolic level, that is to say, because successors of the Apostles have been agents of corruption.

In today's Gospel Jesus' question to the Twelve helps us see that the Church He founded has been vulnerable to unhinged Apostolic ambition from the very beginning. "What were you arguing about on the way?" He asked them. They might have been quarreling over a saying "they did not understand" but "were afraid to question Him" about: "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men, and they will kill Him, and three days after His death the Son of Man will rise." There's plenty in that statement to prompt discussion for many a mile about His future— and theirs.

But no: death and resurrection had not troubled them on the way. "They had been discussing among themselves . . . who was the greatest." And not for the last time. At table with Jesus the night before He died, St. Luke reports, a "dispute arose among them, which of them was to be regarded as the greatest."

This Gospel portrait of persistent Apostolic ambition leaves Christians no room for naiveté: "selfish ambition" on the part of Church leaders is an ineradicable component of each generation's share in the Apostolic inheritance.

Ambition seems to have tugged at all of the Apostles; betrayal was peculiar to one. The other Apostles, most notably Peter, ran away into the night when Jesus was captured; they *abandoned* Him. Judas alone *betrayed* Him; he actively plotted with the priests to hand Jesus over to the Romans; he deliberately gave Him up to the will of His enemies.

Judas has never been forgotten. With the Gospels we inherit the Church's bitter memory of his Apostolic betrayal. And we need to draw on it now to get beyond our dismay that the unimaginable has become undeniable: cardinals and bishops abused and covered up and advanced their careers in the Church. They betrayed their innocent victims. They betrayed the priesthood. They betrayed the Mass. Didn't anyone know what they were up to?

Our Lord did. St. John tells us that "Jesus knew from the first . . . who it was that would betray Him." This He made clear well before the Last Supper: "Did I not choose you, the Twelve, and one of you is a devil?" He was referring to Judas, "for he, one of the Twelve, was to betray Him."

Knowing Judas' duplicity all along, why did our Lord not head off his impending betrayal? Why did He not expose and expel His betrayer? Because to do so would fatally mislead us. Expelling Judas to save Himself would have taught us that betrayal is a sin beyond the reach of Divine Mercy, a sin too deep for the Fisher of Men to catch in His net of forgiveness, a sin too strong for love to break its hold on the heart of the sinner. Instead, because He "came to save sinners," Jesus followed the will of His Father and died of betrayal in order to overcome it forever with the life-changing love of Resurrection.

Judas, the betrayer, did not live to witness the dark defeat on the Cross which his betrayal brought about nor the bright light of victory which the Father's faithfulness caused to shine forth from the empty tomb. In stark contrast, Peter, the denier, wept bitter tears of repentance on Good Friday and heard His Risen Redeemer tell him to feed His sheep on Easter Sunday.

Jesus knew going in to His Passion that Apostolic betrayal would cost Him everything—and He kept going, all the way to the end. He drank the cup of betrayal to the dregs for you and for me—and for all those who will come after us if we hand on to them what was handed on to us.

#### Pensamientos Del Camino

Obispo Liam Cary

#### Traición Apostólica

Esta columna es una versión editada de una homilía dada en San Francisco de Asís en Bend el 23 de Sept.

En la segunda lectura, Santiago llega al corazón del escándalo mundial en la Iglesia Católica: "Donde hay envidias y ambición egoista, ahí hay desorden y toda clase de obras malas".

Con la "mala obra" de abuso sexual por parte de los sacerdotes, nos hemos vuelto muy tristemente familiarizados en los últimos veinte años. Pero las revelaciones impactantes de este verano trajeron a la luz un escándalo diferente y mucho más inquietante: "ambición egoísta" entre *obispos* se ha extendido el "desorden" de complicidad en encubrimiento hasta los más altos rangos de la Iglesia—al nivel apostólico, es decir, porque los sucesores de los Apóstoles han sido agentes de corrupción.

En el Evangelio de hoy, la pregunta de Jesús a los Doce nos ayuda a ver que la Iglesia que Él fundó ha sido vulnerable a la ambición Apostólica desquiciada desde el principio. "¿De qué discutían por el camino?" les preguntó Él. Podrían haber estado peleando sobre unas palabras que "no entendieron" pero " tenían miedo de pedir explicaciones": "El Hijo del hombre va a ser entregado en manos de los hombres; le darán muerte, y tres días después de muerto, resucitará". Hay mucho que discutir en esa declaración sobre Su futuro—y el de ellos.

Pero no: la muerte y la resurrección no los habían molestado en el camino. "Habían discutido . . . sobre quién de ellos era el más grande". Y no por última vez. En la mesa con Jesús la noche antes de que Él muriera, San Lucas reporta, "Surgió una discusión entre ellos, cuál de ellos debía ser considerado como el más grande".

Este retrato del Evangelio sobre la persistente ambición Apostólica deja a los Cristianos sin lugar para la ingenuidad: "ambición egoísta" por parte de los líderes de la Iglesia es un componente inextirpable de la participación de cada generación en la herencia Apostólica.

La ambición parece haber tirado de todos los Apóstoles; la traición era peculiar de uno de ellos. Los otros Apóstoles, más notablemente Pedro, huyeron a la noche cuando Jesús fue capturado; ellos lo *abandonaron*. Solo Judas lo *traicionó*. Solo Judas activamente conspiró con los sacerdotes para entregar a Jesús a los romanos; deliberadamente lo entregó a la voluntad de Sus enemigos.

Judas nunca ha sido olvidado. Con los Evangelios heredamos el amargo recuerdo de la Iglesia de su traición Apostólica. Y debemos recurrir a él ahora para sobrepasar nuestra consternación de que lo inimaginable se ha vuelto innegable: los cardenales y los obispos abusaron y encubrieron y avanzaron en sus carreras en la Iglesia. Traicionaron a sus víctimas inocentes. Traicionaron el sacerdocio. Traicionaron a la Misa. ¿Acaso nadie sabía lo que estaban haciendo?

Sí sabía Nuestro Señor. Nos dice San Juan que "Jesús supo desde el principio . . . quién sería el que lo traicionaría". Esto Él lo dejó claro mucho antes de la Última Cena: "¡No los elegí a ustedes, los Doce, y uno de ustedes es un demonio?" Él se estaba refiriendo a Judas, "porque él, uno de los Doce, iba a traicionarlo".

Conociendo la duplicidad de Judas todo el tiempo, ¿por qué nuestro Señor no evitó su inminente traición? ¿Por qué no expuso y expulsó a su traidor? Porque al hacerlo nos engañaría fatalmente. Expulsando a Judas para salvarse a Él nos hubiera enseñado que la traición es el pecado más allá del alcance de la Divina Misericordia, el pecado demasiado profundo para que el Pescador de Hombres lo atrape en Su red de perdón, el pecado demasiado fuerte para que el amor rompa su dominio sobre el corazón del pecador. En cambio, porque Él "vino para salvar a los pecadores", Jesús siguió la voluntad de Su Padre y murió por traición para vencerla para siempre con el amor de la Resurrección que cambia la vida.

Judas, el traidor, no vivió para presenciar la oscura derrota en la Cruz que su traición produjo, ni la luz de la victoria que hizo brillar la fidelidad del Padre desde la tumba vacía. En marcado contraste, Pedro, el negador, lloró amargas lágrimas de arrepentimiento el Viernes Santo y escuchó a Su Redentor resucitado decirle que alimentara a Sus ovejas el Domingo de Pascua.

Jesús sabía al entrar en Su Pasión que la traición Apostólica le costaría todo—y Él continuo, hasta el final. Bebió la copa de la traición a los escombros para ti y para mí, y para todos aquellos que vendrán después de nosotros si les entregamos lo que nos fue entregado.

#### New Laborer in the Vineyard



We are happy to introduce a new laborer in the vineyard of the Diocese who recently joined our chancery staff. Mark French comes to us from St. Francis of Assisi parish in Bend. He is stepping into a new role as the Director of Stewardship.

"I was born in the Bay Area of California, where I enjoyed a long

relationship with the Church and Christ. My father was very spiritual and seriously considered going into the priesthood at one point, so I learned a lot from him about how to listen for understanding, and how to appreciate the joy of serving," said Mark.

A graduate of Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, in Business and Information Systems, Mark worked for years as a software engineer in the high tech industry bridging the gap between business needs and system solutions. Later in his career he progressed into sales and organizational development where he led the design of new systems, processes and created an empowered staff. Mark has a reputation for finding the win-win and creating change for the greater good.

Mark and his wife are blessed with a wonderful son, who is already spiritual beyond his years. To raise their son with the same traditional values, they moved to Bend almost five years ago and enjoy being an integral part of a close community. They attend Sunday Mass at St. Francis of Assisi in Bend and are members of the parishes Hospitality Team.

Mark is looking forward to working for you through the Diocese of Baker — serving everyone, finding new ways to bring value, and leveraging God's abundances for the gift to all of peace, love and joy!

#### BISHOP CARY'S SCHEDULE

Nov 4

Oct 21	St. Pius X, Klamath Falls: 9:00 a.m. Mass and 10:15 a.m. Faith Formation
Oct 21	Sacred Heart, Klamath Falls: 12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass
Oct 25	Episcopal Council Meeting, Mt. Angel
Oct 27	Our Lady of the Valley, La Grande 3:30 p.m. Geography of Faith Talk (English) 5:30 p.m. Mass and 6:30 p.m. Potluck Dinner
Oct 28	10:00 a.m. Mass 11:30 a.m. Geography of Faith Talk (Spanish)
Oct 29	10:30 a.m. Christ in the Desert Meeting, Burns
Oct 31	5:30 p.m. Review Board Meeting, Redmond

4:00 p.m. Mt. angel Seminary Dinner, Portland



#### SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE CATHOLIC STYLE

Guest Speaker: Daniel Ali: "From Muslim to Catholic - Urgent to Preach the Gospel"

St. Thomas Church in Redmond is hosting its next Saturday Night Live - Catholic Style event on November 3, 2018. All are welcome to join us for another amazing event in the Parish Center. We'll gather immediately after the 5:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass to enjoy a delicious Oktoberfest-themed meal (with all the trimmings), and we'll toss in some surprises. Then we'll sit back and listen to a powerful presentation by our special guest speaker.

About our speaker: Daniel grew up as an Iraqi Muslim and experienced firsthand the brutal gassings and chemical weapon attacks by Saddam Hussein against the Kurds. In his college days he became an active resistance

leader and was jailed and tortured numerous times - but his life was miraculously spared. He became an expert in evading capture, but in 1995 he never could have dreamed that he would be captured by Jesus Christ. Three years later he and his wife were received into the Catholic Church.

Since his conversion, Daniel has written about his experiences and published several books including one especially for Catholic audiences called "Inside Islam: A Guide for Catholics". He has produced media presentations with EWTN's Fr. Mitch Pacwa and has been a repeat guest on The Journey Home with Marcus Grodi. He has been featured at Catholic conferences around the country and is known for his passion for evangelism, his straightforward answers to the most probing of questions, and his entertaining sense of humor.

Tickets are \$12 and go on sale at St. Thomas, after all Masses, through October 27/28. If you are coming from out of town, you will need to call the Parish Office (541)923-3390 and reserve a ticket no later than October 30. You can pick it up at the Will-Call table in the Parish Center on the night of the event.

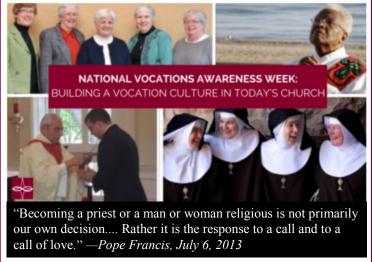
Our annual Oktoberfest event has become extremely popular and tickets go fast, so be sure to purchase yours soon. Come and join us for a great evening!

> Submitted by Barry and Penny Greig, Saturday Night Live-Catholic Style Committee

#### The Traditional Latin Mass in Bend

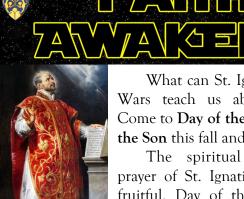
The Extraordinary Form (Latin) Mass is now offered every Sunday at 1:00 p.m. at Saint Francis of Assisi Historic Church. A High Mass (Sung Mass) is offered on the second and fourth Sundays. Confessions will be heard before Mass on these Sundays from 12:15 to 12:45.

#### 2018 NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK, NOV. 4-10



National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to ordained ministry and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

Observance of Vocation Awareness Week began in 1976 when the U.S. bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year for the celebration. It was later moved to Feast of the Baptism of the Lord in January. In 2014, after extensive consultation, the Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations moved the observance of National Vocation Awareness Week to November to engage Catholic schools and colleges more effectively in this effort.



What can St. Ignatius and Star Wars teach us about out Faith? Come to Day of the Spirit or Day of the Son this fall and find out.

The spiritual exercises prayer of St. Ignatius are infinitely fruitful. Day of the Spirit will be November 2-4 for Middle School Students, and the Day of the Son

will be November 9-11 for High School Students.

We live in a world full of choices, noise, and distractions. How do we avoid falling into the darkness and remain in the light of God our Father. St. Ignatius' Examen Prayer, and the Discernment of Spirits are two powerful ways of coming to know God's Will in our lives. Come be introduced to these great spiritual tools from this great Saint.