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SACRED HEART AND VISITATION CATHOLIC CHURCHES

St. Isidore Newsletter

Father Ray Burkle

June 5 is Pentecost Sunday, a celebration 50 days after Easter Sunday, when we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, while they were huddled in the upper room. A strong driving wind, and then tongues of fire came and settled upon them, and they left the upper room, boldly proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. They were no longer afraid of being arrested for being a follower of Jesus. In fact, when they were arrested, or punished, they went forth excited over the fact that they were worthy of such treatment for the sake of Jesus. This shows us what St. Paul was saying a few weeks ago, to the newly converted believers, "That it is necessary for us to undergo many hardships, so as to enter the kingdom of God."

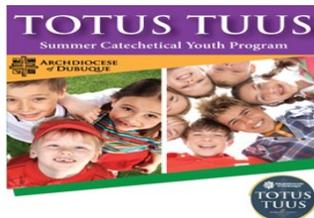
After Jesus had risen from the dead on Easter Sunday, he appeared to his disciples on numerous occasions, informing them of things past, and things yet to come. He promised his disciples that after he ascended to the Father, that he would send them an advocate. One that would guide them, and strengthen them to go forth proclaiming the Word, as well as carrying out their mission; "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Matt28:19-20)

A few weeks ago, we confirmed our sophomores, and in that celebration we invoked the Holy Spirit to come upon them more fully than it did in Baptism. That they might receive the gifts of Knowledge, Council, Wisdom, Understanding, Reverence, Judgement and Fear of the Lord. During this Mass, those to be Confirmed re-affirmed their faith in God saying that they want to continue to deepen their love for God and neighbor, and the Church also confirmed our desire to have them as members of our church.

As we use the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit, we produce the 12 fruits of the Holy Spirit: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control and chastity. These are fruits that our world needs in greater degrees. We are called to put our faith in our God: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

Summer Youth Program – Totus Tuus

FREE WILL DONATION
NO REGISTRATION FEE



TOTUS TUUS (Totally Yours), a summer catechetical youth program, is being held at Sacred Heart. The grade school program (grades 1-6) runs Monday-Friday, June 27-July 1, 2022, 9:00am-2:30pm. The day includes catechetical instruction, daily Mass, songs, games, and recess. The middle and high school program (grades 7-12) runs Sunday-Thursday, June 26-30, 2022, 7:00pm-9:00pm.

TOTUS TUUS combines catechesis and having FUN!!! The youthfulness and energy of the teachers is contagious; come out and join us!!! Registration is available through the Faith Formation Centers at Visitation or at Sacred Heart or available at the St. Isidore Cluster office.

Contact Barb Brumm at 641-710-2441 or Tammy Lamb at 641-732-3428 if you would like more information.

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The Faithful Old Bulletin Board...by Barbara Ann Brumm

Just outside my office at the Visitation Faith Formation Center is an old bulletin board.

It hangs on the wall between two entrances and exits of the Faith Formation Center. There are about 12 bulletin boards in the facility; three of which are in the hall adjacent to the one outside my door. The three in the hall hold postings of schedules, events, thank you cards, policies, procedures, some seasonal decor, and some notices. These three bulletin boards get very little attention.

The Faithful Old Bulletin Board outside my door gets all the attention because it is the most important. That bulletin board proudly displays 14 First Communion group photos showing joyful smiling children and offering delightful memories of a special day. The bulletin board is most happy from September until May, especially on Wednesday evenings when the children attend Faith Formation classes. Sometimes the children stop on their way to the classroom to take a quick look, but mostly, they gather in front of the bulletin board after class while they wait in the hall for their ride home. The children look, giggle, point, and chatter about their First Communion day. The pictures on The Faithful Old Bulletin Board reminds them of when they accepted the invitation to receive Jesus into their hearts for the first time. The children then share stories of that day; how they got dressed up in their finest white dress or suit or tie, how nervous they were, how excited they were, how they celebrated this beautiful Sacrament of the Eucharist in Mass with family and friends.

I watch as the little kindergarten and first grade children look on and see a brother or sister or friend in the photo and with eager eyes anticipate the day when they will receive Jesus for the first time and get their photo on the old bulletin board. Never a Wednesday night goes by without someone gazing and smiling at the photos on that bulletin board. I never tire of those Wednesday night moments.

I pass the bulletin board numerous times throughout the day, on my way to the resource room, or the kitchen or the classrooms. Sometimes I glance quickly at the photos and smile. Other times I stop and gaze at each photo; how the children have grown, how blessed we are to share faith with these children. I say a little prayer for these children, hoping that they realize that Jesus is as close to them every day, as He was on their First Communion day.

The Catechists smile as they pass The Faithful Old Bulletin Board when they enter and exit the building on Wednesday nights or throughout the week on their way to their classroom. Sometimes, after class, they join with the children listening and looking at the photos and offering their story of when they received Jesus for the first time, many years ago.

Our guests, parents, past students, Council and Committee members pass the bulletin board when they come to visit, to pick up children or to attend a meeting. They stop to look at the happy faces of the children and then recall their First Communion day; and maybe for a moment, they realize too, that Jesus is still alive in their hearts as on their special day.

In a few days I will display another First Communion group photo to The Faithful Old Bulletin Board. The bulletin board is overflowing with photos, but I don't have the heart to move it to another spot. It is really a focal point of our Faith Formation Center. It is the symbol of the love Jesus shares with all of us. It reminds all of us, who stop and gaze upon the posted photos of the children, that we are all created by God and even with all our differences, we are still the same, celebrating our oneness through the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We are thankful for our common union with Jesus.

At the end of the day, I shut the lights off in the hall and The Faithful Old Bulletin Board rests for another night, awaiting the dawn of a new day when it will show forth the love we all have for Jesus in the Eucharist, through the faces of the little children.

I am thankful forThe Faithful Old Bulletin Board.

Visitation First Communion 2022...by Barbara Ann Brumm



One of the second grade projects in preparation for their First Communion was to make and bake unleavened bread and then bring it to class for show and tell.

The story of the Jewish people leaving Egypt in a hurry to freedom in the Promised Land, the celebration of the Passover and the Last Supper when Jesus changed the bread and wine into his Body and Blood was discussed.

First Communion - April 24, 2022

Barbara Ann Brumm, DRE/CRE
Fr. Raymond Burkle
Carol Mullenbach, Catechist

Communicants are:
Miles DeMaris
Reynold Marzen
Riley Adams
Blake Horgen
Mason Thome
McKenzie Wilberding



Sacred Heart First Communion 2022...by Tammy Lamb



The First Communicants are praying over the loaves of bread before baking. This activity took place during their First Communion retreat on Saturday, April 9, 2022.

First Communion was held on Sunday, April 24, 2022. Congratulations to our First Communicants; front row, left to right are Miranda Erickson, Kora Taets, Seth Power, and Blake Newton; back row, left to right are Maxwell Erickson, Paetyn Hobbs, Father Raymond Burkle, Caroline Norby, and Catechist – Deb Popp.

Sacred Heart and Visitation Graduates 2022

May 8, 2022



Noah O'Malley, Conner Lifka, Nathan Havel, Cole Adams, Tyler Oberfeoll, Josephine Keck



Lorne Isler, Bradley Hackmiller, Abby Hemann, Kasey Hemann, Nathan Brumm

Visitation and Sacred Heart Confirmation 2022...by Tammy Lamb



Confirmation Mass was held on Saturday, April 2, 2022, at Visitation Church. Congratulations to our Confirmandi; front row, left to right are Catechist– Robertta Huffman, Isabelle Brumm, Sierra Jones, and Ericka Power; back row, left to right are Father Raymond Burkle, Ethan Adams, and Natalie Bork.
Fr Ray & Jack Low

The Confirmandi and their sponsors took part in activities and question & answer session at their Confirmation retreat that was held on Sunday, March 27, 2022, at Visitation Hall. Here they are pictured together with the wooden cross/dove activity.

Visitation Mission Quilters...by Marlys Rogers



Date is March 19, 2019

Mission quilters are Betty Blake, Verena Kramer, Anita Adams and Elaine Havlovic (standing)
In back at second quilt frame: Ann Durben, Diane Lowe, Jo Blake and Mary Blake

You may be an expert quilter, or you may not know how – experience is valuable, but not required to join Visitation Mission Quilters, a congenial group with a worthy purpose. All, men included, are welcome.

The quilters have a long history. On February 6, 2000, a notice appeared in the church bulletin announcing an “organizational meeting of anyone interested in helping make quilts for the needy.” Sixteen women gathered on the afternoon of February 7 in the church hall.

Evelyn Nickerson and Mary Brumm led the group. The decision was made to meet most Monday afternoons until the middle of April. Recipients of quilts were to be, in addition to the local needy, “missions” such as homeless shelters in Mason City, and buyers or raffle winners at the Fall Festival.

Over these first three months the following ladies helped put together 40 quilts: Evelyn Nickerson, Mary Brumm, Anita Adams, Gladys Blake, Marge Stolzenberg, Marcella Halbach, Mary Blake, Helen Falada, Imelda (Mo) Mayer, Martha Beland, Vera Adams, Margaret Blake, Betty Brumm, Verena Pitzen, Bernice Reding, Terry Newton, Marge Michels, Verena Kramer, Ann Durben, Betty May, Theresa Blake, Vangie Landherr, Margaret Heimer, Dorothy Wageman, Dolly Hackenmiller, Hazel Heimer, Karla Hatten, Mary Ann Klapperich, and Alvina Theobald.

These ladies, and those who came after them, have produced an astonishing number of quilts. From 2000 – 2019 they made a total of 914 quilts/comforters. Over 20 years, that is an average of more than 45 per year. In 2003 the group made 58.

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Though most of the quilt/comforters are donated to those in need, the fine, hand-stitched quilts are auctioned or raffled at the Visitation Fall Festival. Top price paid for a quilt - \$1,300. Smaller quilted items, such as a top for a pillow, a table runner, or a baby blanket, are sold at the Fanciwork booth.

Terry Newton, one of the original members and source of information for this article, wrote a description of a typical meeting: "Some of the ladies are very talented long-time quilters while others are cutting, sorting, planning, and tying. Many ladies are amazing at matching fabrics and using odds and ends to make lovely and/or lively comforters! Usually, six to eight ladies are hand-quilting on one frame while, on another frame, six to eight others are matching tops, fillers, and backs before tying with yarns or crochet threads. Also, we do a lot of visiting!"

In a normal year, meetings take place once a week in the Visitation Church Hall, starting in January and ending in the middle of April. Fourteen to twenty women usually participate, and sessions last 2½ to 3 hours. While much is accomplished, it should be noted that some ladies do a great deal of work at home. There have been, at times, a couple of men who have participated, and they, too, have worked at home.

A word about quilts and comforters. Both require at least three layers of material, the binding done with tiny stitches or lengths of yarn that are tied. When stitched, the term is quilted. Those tied are called comforters, but are sometimes also referred to as quilts. All have tops, a filler of some sort, and backs.

Tops are made of blocks of fabric sewn together. For comforters, these blocks are usually of single thickness. For finely stitched quilts, the blocks are more elaborate, usually with multiple pieces of fabric sewn together to form patterns.

Choice of filler varies. Commercial batting is made from a polyester blend of spider-web type construction designed to trap air in pockets for warmth. There are various thicknesses. Those with more loft are warmer. Sometimes the filler is a blanket – other times, an old sheet.

Nearly all materials are donated – bolts of fabric, giant rolls of batting, sheets, blankets, thread, yarn, mattress pads, cotton tablecloths, cotton drapes, old blue jeans, polyester and cotton clothing that can be cut apart for fabric, and unfinished sewing projects.

In the beginning the women could often find an ideal fabric stored at the back of their closets – 70's pants suits. The double-knit was especially appropriate for comforters going to shelters, in that it was warm, colorful, and "wore like iron". Backing with cotton allowed the quilts to breathe.

Denim comforters are popular, though they make a heavier quilt. The filler is usually a sheet, and they are often backed with flannel to add softness. Some people like the weight because they find it relaxing.

Recipients of quilts have included: homeless shelters, women's shelters, area hospitals, Mitchell County Home Health, local families in need, Crisis Intervention Service and Four Oaks Family and Children's Services in Mason City, Salvation Army, Ronald McDonald House, and a one-time donation to Catholic Aid Association in St. Paul. Not all quilts are given to the needy – some have been donated to local cancer patients, others to children who are victims of trauma.

Sessions are cancelled for funerals, bad weather, and projects requiring use of the church hall. Covid ended production in 2020 and 2021. In 2022 the group got a late start, partly because of lingering fear of the pandemic, and fewer ladies ventured out. They met only four times, and at most seven women attended. These seven, or fewer, produced eight tied comforters.

Disregarding 2020 and 2021, 2022 was the first year since the group began in 2000 that Mary Brumm, one of the original organizers, was not present. Next year she will be 100 years old. Mary did an exceptional amount of work at home making countless high-quality tops.

In addition to the 29 women who quilted in 2000, the following made significant contributions over the years: Veronica Adams, Betty Blake, Jo Blake, Sharon Blake, Helen Church, Janice Hackenmiller, Marcella Hackenmiller, Elaine Havlovic, Irene Hemann, Connie Jensen, Theresa Johnson, Veronica Juenger, Regina May, Marjorie Mayer, Marge Salz, LouAnn Simon, Carol Sisterman, Barb Streit, Aggie Theobald, "Pete" Walser, and Marge Weis.

During construction of the addition to Visitation Church, the ladies could not work in the church hall. They did not want to be in the way, and did want to stay out of the construction dust. They weren't to be shut down, however.

They hauled cumbersome frames, heavy fabrics, other materials, and even pole lamps across the street to the Parish Center. They did run into more dust there, because the rooms had been largely unused. So they cleaned. Not only have these ladies been dedicated to quilting for many years, they are determined to provide their valuable service!

May Crowning at Visitation

On May 1, a crown of flowers was placed on Mary's head and the First Communicants carried flowers to Mary's altar as the congregation sang praises to Mary. Dear Mary hear our prayers and watch over us.



Have we made a difference?...by Barbara Ann Brumm

Have we made a difference?

The Catechists and I have had many in-services over the years, at the beginning of the year, in the middle, and at the end of the year. Have we made a difference?

Faith does not pop up, grow and mature in isolation. Faith is handed down from generation to generation. The faith of our children and young adults is influenced by all of us, real people, real communities, all that we example, all that we share with the people in our lives. The most important influence on our children is their parents and their families. We, as Catechists, are here to support parents in the faith formation of their children. Have we made a difference?

We have heard, “nothing happened” in Faith Formation. Faith Formation is a lifelong process, for the children as well as the parents, Catechists, all of us. As Catechists, while laying a foundation for faith to grow, have come to realize, as we watch the children grow into teens and young adults, that at some point faith becomes a part of their lives without them ever being aware. As Catechists, we share our faith because we have come to know Jesus. Through our prayer, study and preparation for teaching the children, we have grown in our faith and find that sharing that faith with the children are welcomed blessings. Have we made a difference?

Yes, we have made a difference. We will continue to make a difference.

“We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise...We cannot do everything and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something. And to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for God’s grace to enter and do the rest. We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders. Ministers not Messiahs.”
From a homily written by Bishop Ken Untener

Visitation Faith Formation 1st and 2nd grade projects...by Barbara Ann Brumm



Visitation First grade: Levi, Mabel, and Hazel planted grass the first week of Lent and were excited to see it grow so quickly. The children took their Easter grass home with them the Wednesday of Holy week. Nestled in the Easter grass was a beautiful butterfly--a symbol of new life.

The first grade children crafted a Crucifix out of cardstock. They discussed the story of the death of Jesus on the cross and that Jesus gave his life to save us from our sins to give us new life.



The Visitation second grade students planted grass seeds the first week of Lent as the parable of the Sower in Matthew 13:1-9 was read. They were excited to see the grass grow. They learned that the seeds that fall on good soil will grow and bear fruit. These are the ones that hear the Word of God and follow Jesus.

"The children want to be good soil and good seeds."

Visitation Faith Formation 3rd, 4th and 5th grade projects...by Barbara Ann Brumm



Third grade with Palm Sunday projects.

Palm Sunday donkey: The donkey is a lowly hard-working animal. Jesus wanted to show that he was humble and a lowly king and that we should be humble too. This was a happy day when the donkey carried Jesus into Jerusalem.

Palm Sunday Palms: Making palms reminds us of the day Jesus came into Jerusalem and people cheered and praised him like a king, waving their palm branches. Palms remind us that Jesus came to save us.

Musing with the Pope: The 3rd grade children, Abby, Taryn, Vera and Alexa had their picture taken with Pope Francis while learning about the leadership for the Catholic church.



Planting the seeds of Faith. The 4th and 5th grade students discuss the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:1-9) and then planted the grass seed praying that during Lent they might become the perfect soil by repenting to receive God's grace; and also be the seeds to be nourished and strengthened to bear fruit in Gods' kingdom. "Only the seeds that fall on rich soil bear fruit. Jesus says these are the ones who hear the word of God and live it.

4th and 5th grade: Daniel, Stella, Harper, Ezra, Austin, and Abby

Visitation 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Experience Jesus' Passion...by Barbara Ann Brumm

These are the hands of some of the 6th-8th grade students as they experienced Jesus' Passion. After viewing the DVD on Experiencing Jesus' Passion with an interactive prayer, the students then walked to seven different stations where students paused to reflect on the steps Jesus took on his way to the Cross. They felt the crown of thorns, tasted vinegar, tore cloth, rolled dice, pounded a nail in a wooden cross, wrote their name on a sheet for Jesus to remember them and finally lit a candle of new life.



Rummage Sale – August 18-20

Sacred Heart Faith Formation program is once again going to have a Rummage Sale, August 18-20 at Sacred Heart Church Hall. Please start looking for items to donate. We will **NOT** accept TVs, computers, electronics, or exercise equipment. We are willing to take things as soon as you begin cleaning out and will store it in one of our classrooms in the Faith Formation Center.

Do you have a larger item/s to sell? (Furniture, tools, old car, etc.) We can help move or advertise to sell with proceed going to the Sacred Heart Faith Formation program.

To donate, volunteer, or would like more info: contact Carol at 641-330-3453 or Tammy at 641-732-3428 or the cluster office at 641-732-4342.

Donations can be dropped off at Sacred Heart Faith Formation Center, inside the west door of old school.



We welcome Marilyn to the Sacred Heart Staff as our Director of Music Ministry.

We are not perfectionists, but merely here to lead the congregation in enhanced voices and songs. I have heard comments on how people are excited to have both the Contemporary and the Covenant Choirs sing on a regular schedule. Since I have taken over this position, there have also been comments from some of you, 'I can't sing that well', 'I haven't sung in years and don't know how good I will be to you', or, 'everyone thinks I shouldn't sing with **MY** voice'.

I am here to tell you that all of us have a place in the choir. Even if all the experience of singing is in the shower, we welcome you. Even if all you can get to come out of your mouth right now is a whisper, we welcome you. Even if your friends or family tell you, 'You've got to be kidding!', we welcome you. Even if you can't be here every time we sing, we welcome you. If you have a desire to sing, God has planted the seed. We want you to be comfortable, and most importantly, you will not be judged. We have a lot of fun and great fellowship--while Praising and Worshiping our God. So, in case you still aren't getting the point...we are being brought together for a reason; we are imperfect, we are not performers, and most importantly, **YOU ARE GOOD ENOUGH** in God's eyes! I will be there every step of the way to encourage you. Let's make a joyful noise and raise the rooftop in Praise! I will leave you with this quote--although there is room for everything in our lives that makes us feel good--give singing a try, invite your friends and other parishioners to this most important ministry. If you have any questions, I am here for you.

Group singing is cheaper than therapy, healthier than drinking, and certainly more fun than working out. It is the one thing in life where feeling better is pretty much guaranteed. Anonymous—

Cantors/Songleaders-

Share in the responsibility of leadership for our congregation with confidence and ability, while praising and glorifying God in song. Song leaders will be scheduled according to your availability. We welcome high school age and up.

Accompanists/Organists-

Providing skilled ability with organ/piano for our liturgies, in support of the music ministry, and collaborating with song leaders. Also welcome to support choirs, instrumentalists, and special celebrations. Participation based on skill level.

Instrumentalists:

Liturgical Masses are enriched by the presence of musical instruments. We always welcome high school age and up to join in this capacity. Participation based on skill level.

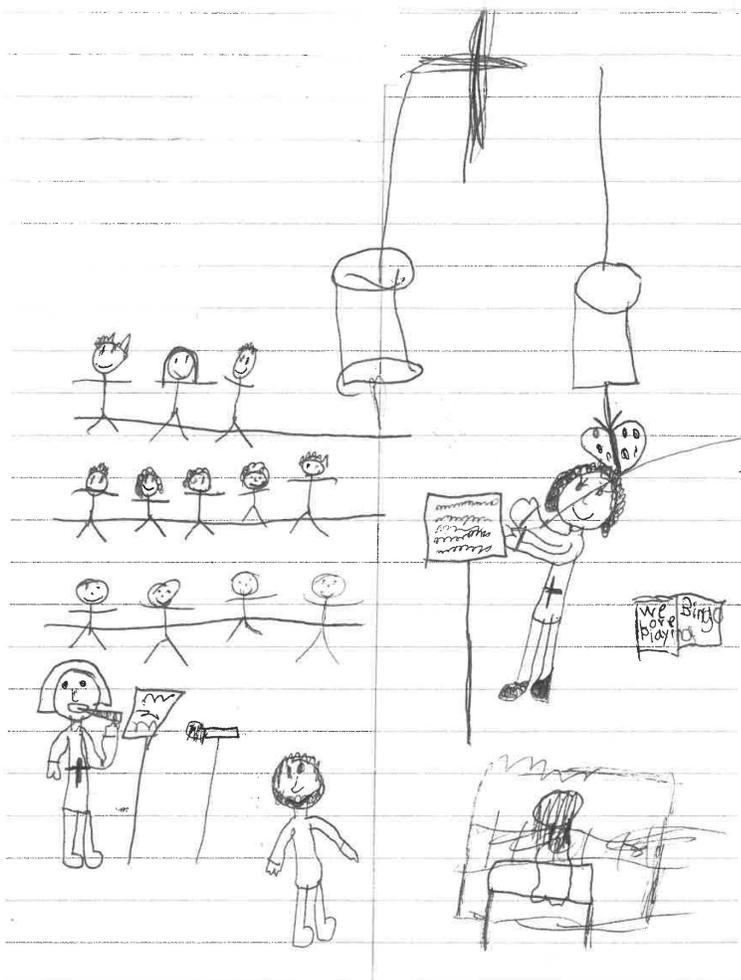
Covenant Choir: This choir assists with funeral liturgies, in lending support to family, congregation and to all those that come to say farewell to our brothers and sisters. We also participate in one Saturday evening Mass a month, meeting for rehearsal one half hour before. Many members of this choir are also members of the Contemporary choir. This choir sings familiar hymns--if you like to sing, come join us! Highschool age and up most welcome.

Contemporary Choir-The Contemporary choirs repertoire ranges from traditional to more contemporary music, and participates in one Sunday liturgy a month. Rehearsals take place one hour and 15 minutes before Mass begins. We are continually learning new music, and are often accompanied by instruments. Many of these members also sing with the Covenant choir for funerals and scheduled Masses. We look forward to having you! Highschool age and up welcome.

Yet to Come- Youth Choir! Stay tuned for details....

Child's drawing of the Sacred Heart Church Proper Easter morning

Note the hanging light fixtures with the butterfly, choir, musicians, Bingo flyer that was on the bulletin board and Fr Ray at the ambo. I think that is Mary playing the piano.



Angie Clark led the children processing in at Easter Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart Church. They rang the wind chimes up the aisle during the opening hymn.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS (Divine Office)...by Janice Schonrock

The Liturgy of the Hours or Divine Office is the Official Prayer of the Catholic Church! It is second only to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass! (More important than the Rosary?) (I didn't know this.) These prayers are a means to Sanctify our Day and unite our prayers to Catholics around the world. They have their origin back in the Old Testament, using many of David's Psalms. Did you know that Jesus prayed the Psalms? So, when we pray the psalms we are praising and thanking God our Father just as Jesus did! Alleluia!

Divine Office? Have you heard that term before? You may have heard it used, as I had, to describe the prayers said by priests, monks, deacons and religious sisters during the day and night. Today, it is usually referred to as "Liturgy of the Hours" or just Morning, Daytime, Evening and Night Prayer. But, since Saint John Paul II was our Pope, the church has been encouraging the Laity to pray the Hours, also. The prayers are from the Bible. (Many psalms, readings, canticles, antiphons, gospels, etc.). They follow a 4-week cycle and the gospel of the day.

What are the "Hours"? First, it doesn't mean you pray for 'hours'. :) The term refers to the time of the day when you pray. For example, Morning prayer is said when you wake up in the 'morning', Evening prayer is said late in the day, in the 'evening. Those are the 2 most commonly suggested times for the Laity. (Us!) Actually, you may remember when Covid first started, Father Ray led us in Morning and Evening Prayer on the computer each day, for a while. Maybe, some of you knew that you were praying the "Liturgy of the Hours"? Sorry, Father! If you told us, I missed that! :(I do remember you saying we could go to "iBreviary" to follow along, but my computer skills wouldn't let me!! And, even that BIG clue went over my head. (Just a little dense sometimes?). ;)

So, the Breviary is the book containing this "Liturgy of the Hours". I'm told it is somewhat difficult for some people since it requires lots of ribbon turning to get to different sections, but with practice it is doable. It is Free online.

But, recently Bishop Robert Barron from California and "Word on Fire" Institute has announced he is printing monthly booklets with each day having the prayers together. (No page hunting) \$7.00 a month.

In case you are wondering, like I was, you can find "Liturgy of the Hours" online. Free! I found one on YouTube. I especially like it because parts are chanted and sung and I can follow along with the words on the screen. And, you know what they say about singing prayers, "to sing is to pray twice"!! (St. Augustine)

There are some online to read yourself, others that are read to you with some singing, others just read to you. (Just google "Liturgy of the Hours"). Or go to YouTube!

Also, the Magnificat magazine has a shortened version of the 'Hours' along with the Mass readings each day. Great for those without computers or with not a lot of extra time in their day.

If you are interested and want to learn more, I found an excellent interview with Father Timothy Gallagher about his book on this subject. Find it on YouTube - EWTN Bookmark "A Layman's Guide to the Liturgy of the Hours". He suggests those trying this for the first time should probably start with one prayer a day. And, remember you are praying with people all around the world! That is AWESOME!! Amen! Alleluia!

Ukraine Relief

Many thanks to those who contributed to Ukraine Relief. All contributions have been sent directly to Caritas International, an international relief agency of the Catholic Church. Caritas is on the ground across Ukraine and in bordering countries, providing safe shelter, hot meals, hygiene supplies, transport to save areas, counseling support, and more. We sent \$5,441 from Visitation Parish and \$5,959 from Sacred Heart Parish for a total of \$11,400.

THE STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION—VIA LUCIS (Way of Light)..by Janice Schonrock

In a manner much like the Stations of the Cross, but with emphasis on inspiring events After the Resurrection, this new ‘Way of Light’ was born. In 1988 Father Sabino Palumbieri , a professor at Salesian University in Rome proposed the creation of a new set of stations. All of these stations are events taken from the Gospels and Acts of the Apostles. They are events that happened from the Resurrection to Pentecost. Each station consists of a reading, a meditation, a prayer and a verse from a hymn. If pictures are used there is a procession from one station to the next while singing the hymn.

“In December 2001, the Holy See promulgated a ‘Directory on Popular Piety and Liturgy’ which commented very favorably about this Way of Light. It said it is “a potential stimulus for the restoration of a “culture of life” which is open to the hope and certitude offered by faith, in a society often characterized by a “culture of death and despair.” We certainly are in need of restoring the “Culture of Life!”

The stations I have listed are from the “Amen” app, a Free Catholic prayer app from the Augustine Institute. (Like Formed) Their mission is to ‘inspire your daily conversation with God through faithful meditations and nourishing scripture.’

I had never heard of these Stations of the Resurrection before Dr. Tim Gray from Augustine Institutes mentioned them on a Formed Gospel Reflection video. So, I did a little research and thought I’d share!

The Stations of the Resurrection. - Via Lucis (Way of Light)

1. The Resurrection
2. The Empty Tomb
3. The Risen Lord Appears to Mary Magdalene
4. On the Road to Emmaus
5. The Breaking of the Bread
6. Christ Appears to the Disciples
7. Receive the Holy Spirit
8. The Faith of Thomas
9. By the Sea of Tiberias
10. Jesus and Peter
11. The Great Commission
12. The Ascension
13. Awaiting the Promise of the Father
14. Christ Sends the Promised Spirit - Pentecost

To Pray the Stations of the Resurrection with the “Amen” app download the free app. Then Google - amenapp.org/prayer/t89z9p

This Easter Season is the perfect time! It is Amazing! Enjoy!

June 7

Moving Forward Together (Bereavement Group) will get together on Tuesday, June 7.

There will be a free soup lunch and activities beginning at noon. We especially invite those that have not attended before. Come join us for fellowship and fun. Current members, invite someone to accompany you.

Julie Neeley and Annette Uker are hostesses.

Unbound

14 Adults and Children were sponsored by St. Isidore parishioners in May. There are many parishioners who have been sponsoring someone for many years. Thank you for your generosity.

Bingo at Sacred Heart Church Hall

Bingo was held one day each month in February, March, April, and May. We will not have Bingo in June, July, or August. Bingo will resume on September 21. We play from 10:30-11:30am and then have a light lunch. Each card is \$.25 with a 50% payout. Lunch is \$5. Public is welcome, so bring your friends and neighbors! Come for coffee, Bingo, lunch and fun. We have had many positive comments about the great fellowship!



Sue Wageman won a Bingo Basket which included free bingo, lunch, and a "Lucky Bingo T-Shirt" at the Ladies Spring Fling. The card in front of her means "No quarters here." She didn't win any games that day even though she wore her "Lucky Bingo Shirt". But she had a lot of fun.



Ladies Spring Fling at Sacred Heart

Many ladies enjoyed this event that was held May 7. There were many silent auction items, raffles, and door prizes which were donated by business and parishioners. The proceeds of approximately \$3,300 went to the Sacred Heart Building Fund. Sam Crosser played the piano for our enjoyment. Sandwiches, salads and strawberry shortcake were served. Several ladies decorated tables and were the hostess for their table. Some of the Osage Knights of Columbus men helped at the event.



TUXEDO
BOBBY



Parenting Pointers

Video: Tuxedo Bobby

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At age six, Bob Perron's son Bobby wanted one thing for Christmas - a tuxedo! The reason: His mom was the "best mom in the world" and he wanted to take her out to dinner. Big Bob shares the important lesson he learned from his son as he prepared him for his "date with mom."

Watch this video. It is great!!

Pentecost—Sunday, June 5, 2022

Happy birthday to the Catholic Church! Happy birthday to you, who are the body of the Church!

We're all familiar with our own birthdays, and we celebrate them because they mark the day of the year in which we entered into this life. But did you know you have a second birthday?

Because you are part of the body of the Church, Pentecost is the Church's birthday, and yours as well. And like any birthday, it's a cause for celebration.

The word Pentecost is Greek and it means "50th day." Fifty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and their followers, and the beginning of their Earthly ministry to make disciples of all nations.

Pentecost is also a Jewish holiday, which the Jews use to celebrate the end of Passover. Jews celebrate the gift of the law to Moses at Mt. Sinai on this day. But we, as Catholics celebrate the birth of our Church.

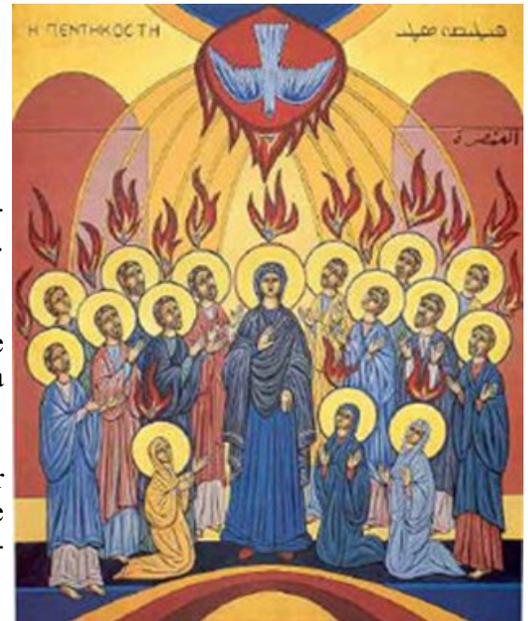
At Pentecost, the Apostles and their followers were gathered in a room. Jews from all over the world were gathered with Peter, the leader of the Apostles and the Eleven. At this time, a great wind blew and a flame appeared as a tongue of fire, which split itself into many individual flames above the heads of all those present. The Holy Spirit came upon these people and each began to speak in tongues. Despite the fact many had no common language, they were perfectly able to understand one another.

Others who were not so blessed, accused those speaking in tongues of being drunk, but Peter arose and addressed the crowd, explaining that it was only 9 o'clock, and that this phenomenon was not intoxication, but rather this was the work of the Holy Spirit, prophesized in the scripture.

Peter then called all those present to be baptized and about three thousand people were baptized that day.

These people were among the first Catholics, and Peter is the first pope of the Catholic Church.

The symbols of Pentecost are the flame, wind, and the dove, which represents the Holy Spirit. The color of Pentecost is red and the priest wears red vestments on this day. Parishioners are also invited to wear red on this day. Red decorations as well as celebrations are appropriate, similar to any other birthday. Special prayers are often said just for Pentecost.



Anniversaries

25 years

June 6 Jason & Jill Reams

30 years

June 13 Mike & Kelli Hemann
June 27 Scott & Donna Wagner

35 years

June 20 Kevin & Cynthia Meyerhofer
July 11 Michael & Betty Johnson
July 18 Richard & Liz Stevens
August 29 Myron & Barbara Baldwin

40 years

June 5 Steven & Mary Jane Michaels
June 19 Peter & Margie Indra
August 13 Charles & Sara Heiderscheid
August 21 Michael & Linda Mullenbach

45 years

August 5 Raymond & Linda Kisley
August 13 Dennis & Jean Hemann

50 years

August 11 Dan & Annette Uker
August 19 Douglas & Karen Brumm

55 years

June 17 Vaughn & Carol Rossum
July 1 Rick & Carol Brumm
August 19 Gary & Diane Krebsbach

65 years

June 8 Edward & Bev Boehmer

Happy Birthday!

Celebrate 85 years and older!

June 4 Phyllis Buckingham
June 12 Verena Kramer
June 19 James Havlovic
July 10 Leslie Weber
August 2 LouAnn Simon
August 24 Rosemary Hemann
August 28 Marjorie Weis

June 2 Barbara Lappe
June 7 Darlene Mayer
June 8 Violet Steffen
June 10 Irene Mullenbach
June 19 Florence Smith
June 25 Dorothy Niess
July 5 Mildred Betts
July 5 Elizabeth Kisner
August 7 Duane Brockney
August 13 John Dempsey
August 22 Marilyn Sullivan

Blood Pressure Screening at Sacred Heart

Beginning in June, we will have blood pressure screening in the Sacred Heart Church meeting room after each Mass the 2nd weekend of the month.

We need volunteers, including nurses and PAs. We will need 1 receptionist, 2 to take blood pressures, and 1 medical person on hand if a consult is needed; for each Mass. Please call Annette in the church office if you would like to volunteer.

Each person will have a card that will stay in the church office and a card that you can take home with you.

Our first weekend will be June 11 and 12.

Monetary contributions for blood pressure equipment (stethoscopes and cuffs) can be put in an envelope marked "blood pressure" and put in the collection basket.

Baptisms

VIS 3-12-22 Lennon Peggy, daughter of Aron & Brandi Brake
VIS 3-12-22 Saylor Marie, daughter of Aron & Brandi Brake
SH 3-13-22 Caleb Tracy, son of Alex & Jade Chisholm
SH 3-13-22 Joanna Jean, daughter of Alex & Jade Chisholm
VIS 3-20-22 Hadley Jo, daughter of Alex & Melanie Emerson
SH 4-2-22 Theodore Gage, son of Demetris & Sara Robinson
VIS 4-23-22 Indie Mae, daughter of Jason & Bridget Rice
SH 4-23-22 Graham Gideon, son of Jeremy & Sarah Gerbig
SH 5-21-22 Scarlett Grace, daughter of Michael & Trisha Mack
VIS 5-28-22 Owen Doyle, son of Adam & Tamra Shook

Deaths

SH 3-17-22 Marcella Chrencik
VIS 3-23-22 Glen Mayer
SH 3-25-22 Annette Sonberg
VIS 4-7-22 Judith Johnson
VIS 4-19-22 Vernon Mayer
SH 4-25-22 Elsie Chisholm
VIS 4-25-22 Helen Church
Meyer 4-30-22 Ardella Krebsbach
SH 5-18-22 Donna Mobley

Marriage

Meyer 5-29-22 Tony Heimer & Lauren Wilde

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