

NEWMAN WEEKLY

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

MONDAY

**ADORATION &
CONFESSION 4-5PM**

902 College Hill

MASS | 5:15PM

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**MEN'S & WOMEN'S
SMALL GROUPS**

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TUESDAY

ADORATION | 4-5 PM

902 College Hill

MASS | 5:15PM

902 College Hill

WEDNESDAY

ADORATION | 9AM-5PM

902 College Hill

MASS | 5:15PM

902 College Hill

VENITE: KICKBALL | 7:00 PM

Parker Field
(weather permitting)

THURSDAY

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CONFESSION 4-5PM**

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MASS | 5:15 PM

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FRIDAY

MASS | 12PM

902 College Hill

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY | MARCH 8TH

intention: † William Gerecke

TUESDAY | MARCH 9TH

intention: † Barbara Beard

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 10TH

intention: Special Intention J.D.

THURSDAY | MARCH 11TH

intention: † Virginia Elfrink

FRIDAY | MARCH 12TH

intention: † Sharon West

SUNDAY | MARCH 14TH

11:00am † Fr Oscar Lukefahr
6:00pm † Larry Schell
8:00pm No Mass

READINGS

SUNDAY | MARCH 14TH

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23
Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6
Eph 2:4-10
Jn 3:14-21

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

11:00 AM | ROSE THEATRE

6:00 PM | ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

8:00 PM | CANCELLED YEAR 2020-2021

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Holiness

A Reflection by
Fr. Laurent Okitakatshi

Saturday, February 27, 2021: Perfect.

The sentence that closes today's Gospel reading is the best summary of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. He says to his disciples: "So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." (Mt 5:48)

When we hear the word "perfect," we may wonder, how in the world can a human being be perfect? Does Jesus really mean what he says? The Greek word that Matthew uses to convey Jesus' command is "teleios," an adjective which qualifies something or someone as complete, whole, fully-grown, final, perfect. But there is more. Although Matthew wrote his Gospel in Greek, we know that Jesus preached in Aramaic. As a faithful and devout Jew, he was so well versed in the Hebrew Scripture that a passage as important as Leviticus 19:2 would have been the driving force behind his moral exhortation. In Lv. 19:2, YHWH's command to his people is unambiguous: "You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy."

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what we do, but more about
what God is doing in us.

Jesus who came, not to abolish the law, but to fulfill it, is reminding us our identity and our vocation. He calls us to perfection, that is, to holiness, because that is what we were made for. Our vocation is to be holy, to be saints, because we were made in the image and likeness of a God who is Holy. To be perfect, to be holy, is not a recognition we gain after death. It is true that the fullness of holiness is life with God in eternity. But it is also true that we are already saints in virtue of our Baptism. That is why whenever he wrote to his converts, the apostle Paul would call them "saints" or "holy ones."

We are holy because the Most Holy Trinity has dwelt in us since our baptism. It is by relying on the grace of our baptism and the grace of other sacraments that we can live a holy life. To be perfect is to be holy. To be holy is not a postmortem recognition. It is now. To be holy is not much about what we do, but more about what God is doing in us. Being perfect is not about being flawless and sinless, but it's about feeling uncomfortable in sin and allowing God to perfect us every day.

Go Deeper ON YOUR WAY HOME

1. In the first reading the Lord's people "added infidelity to infidelity." In what ways in our own lives have we practiced infidelity in our work, in our words, or in our relationships? How can we make a joyful return to the Lord by repenting from those practices this Lent?

2. The Psalm today is "Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!" What role does silence play in our lives? Should we take more time for it? Silence is said to be "God's first language." How can we speak it with him this week?

3. The Gospel show us that "... the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light." What darkness do we prefer and how can we trade it in for the light of God?

EVENTS THIS WEEK

**03/08
& 03/11**



Join a Small Group!

We meeting weekly and focus on scripture, friendship and prayer. This is the perfect opportunity to grow in your relationship with God and friends. Mondays and Thursdays have times available (listed to the right)

03/10



VENITE WEDNESDAY:

We are going to be playing Kickball at Parker Field at 7:00 pm (weather permitting) Bring a friend and a jacket!

MEN'S & WOMEN'S SMALL GROUPS

MONDAYS

Leader: Jacob	7:30 PM
Leader: Olivia	7:00 PM
Leader: Paige	7:00 PM
Leader: Rachel	TBD

THURSDAYS

Leader: Phil	7:15 PM
Leader: Olivia	6:00 PM
Leader: Jordan	7:30 PM

JOIN A GROUP

Text or Call Phil at
608.469.3736

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST AUGUSTINE FUNDRAISER

St. Augustine Parish CCW is hosting a Frozen Dressing Fundraiser. Bag of Raw, Orders will be available for pick up at St. Augustine School on March 27th after the 6 pm Mass & March 28th after the 7 & 8:30 AM Masses.

ST AUGUSTINE JOB OPENINGS

St. Augustine Catholic School is seeking a Principal for the 2021-2022 School Year, a Pre-School teacher's Aid and a Math/Science 5th Grade Teacher. Call Sarah Cato, Principal at 573-264-4644

ST JOSEPH SPRING DINNER

St. Joseph Catholic Church in Scott City, MO will be hosting a Spring Dinner on Palm Sunday, March 28, 202. The Dinner will be CURBSIDE ONLY from 10:30 am-1:00 pm. Meals are \$10 each.



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