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From the Desk of Fr. Joseph Sevcik

Growing in the Spiritual Life Series with St. Ignatius of Loyola

St. Ignatius is incredibly sober in his teaching about the spiritual life. We now know that it is normal to expect times of alternating consolation and desolation. Though we rightly enjoy consolation, growth can occur during desolation as well, if we prepare for it! In this next rule, we learn a strategy for growth to consider in times of spiritual consolation.

Tenth Rule. "The tenth: let the one who is in consolation think how he will conduct himself in the desolation which will come after, taking new strength for that time" (126).

In our life of faith we will have certain key moments of profound spiritual consolation. These are pure gift. In these moments, we simply receive, basking in the graciousness of God. Other times, we will experience a more moderate consolation. In these times, Ignatius encourages us to make a plan so that we are not surprised when desolation comes. It will come. If we are prepared, we can avoid the harm that it otherwise might bring to us. Some questions to consider: How have I previously been tempted? When have I been able to overcome temptation? When am I particularly vulnerable? Wisdom encourages us: Know Thyself. What structures do I need in my life to properly deal with my weaknesses? Fr. Gallagher comments, "For Ignatius, spiritual persons do not allow themselves to be borne along passively by the inevitable alternations of spiritual consolation and desolation. On the contrary, they live with constant spiritual awareness" (130), emphasis in original. ...Constant spiritual awareness...

If we prepare in these times of consolation, we will not be shocked unhealthily and act imprudently. Instead we are proactive, praying for strength. Meditating on the truths of the faith also helps to build a firm foundation. We repeat, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phil 4:13). We can reflect upon previous defeats and victories and strive to understand them. We can consider the value of maturing spiritually through times of difficulty. God counsels us especially in times of consolation. Therefore, it is good to prepare during a time of peace, because it can be exceptionally difficult to know what to do when difficult moments come. Cultivating discipline, habits, and accountable friendships can greatly aid us.

Source: The Discernment of Spirits: An Ignatian Guide to Everyday Living by Fr. Timothy M. Gallagher, OMV.

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Early Bulletin Deadline

April 11, 2021
bulletin articles
are due by
3:00 PM on
March 31, 2021

Our Fathers Podcast

Tune into a podcast by Fr. Joseph and Fr. Josh of Mason City by going to the homepage of the Archangels website.



"PRAYER, HUMILITY,
AND CHARITY
TOWARD ALL ARE
ESSENTIAL IN THE
CHRISTIAN LIFE:
THEY ARE THE WAY
TO HOLINESS."

Pope Francis

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION

St. Joseph Parish in Wesley invites you to a very special Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration on Sunday, April 11, 2021, with Exposition/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions at 2 pm. The special "Hour of Mercy" will be at 3 pm, which will include a beautiful song of reflection, readings, prayers, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song. CDC guidelines of facial coverings and social distancing will be followed.



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Cluster Calendar of Events

Friday, April 2

Cluster Office Closed

Good Friday

Saturday, April 3

9:00 AM

D Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Monday, April 12

6:30 PM

G CDA #642 meeting in basement

7:30 PM

D FCCLA meeting at Duncan Hall

Tuesday, April 13

6:30 PM

FC Cluster Pastoral Meeting

Thursday, April 15

6:00 PM

FC Finance Meeting

COURT ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA #284

We are always collecting "Best Choice" product barcodes for our court as a continuing fund-raiser for our charitable works. We only need the barcode, no need for a label. We also continue to collect used eyeglasses to send to Haiti. There are also homemade greeting cards for sale. All of these items are found at St. Patrick's in Britt's east church entrance, below the bulletin board. Thank you so much; your donations continue to help us with our ability to support many charities, locally and beyond.

Discipleship Quads

We are continuing to sign people up for Discipleship Quads within our Cluster. These groups meet weekly and deepen their faith with one another through sharing how Christ continues to be present in their lives. The responses of the current groups have been quite amazing! They truly seem to love their groups and the deepening of their faith within it. If you are interested in being a part of the quads contact Fr. Joseph. We hope to add more quads ASAP!

From the Pastor

Examen Prayer – Review

This is the portion of the prayer that we begin to look back on the previous day or period of time if we do this prayer more than once in a day. Ignatius would do this prayer twice a day once near midday and once at the close of the day. The purpose of this portion is to look back and to find times that we felt God's presence and were consoled by God and to find those times where we felt distanced or desolate and did not experience God's presence. This can be as simple as the Sun shining on a day that was mostly cloudy and dreary but that peak of sunlight gave us an experience of God's love. It could also be that it was a calm light rain all day and it was what we needed and it was like God showering us with grace. It can be almost anything but what is important is that we look through our entire day. This will be important in the next step as well. This review and acknowledgement of God's presence is aided by the first two steps. As we become more grateful for God and continue to ask him for blessings we see how he answers our prayers and are able to recognize his presence in our lives. May we continue to review our daily lives and see how God is at work within them. God bless.

Source: The Examen Prayer: Ignatian Wisdom for Our Daily Lives by Fr. Timothy M. Gallagher, OMV.

Hosanna!
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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Walk Every Step with Christ

Holy Week is a week for being mindful. We must set loose the baggage of Lent, and not be deterred by the dazzling sunrise of Easter morning beckoning in the distance.

It's okay for us to be excited for Easter. We've waited so long, after all. In my opinion it's one of the best feelings there is: the yearning we have in our hearts for the Resurrection as we embark on Palm Sunday. And in a purely logical sense, many of us have Easter celebrations for which we are preparing, and practical considerations to contend with. It's going to be a busy week, one likely full of happy distractions.

But my friends, we simply must keep our feet on the ground. Let's not "skip" Holy Week. Resist the urge to flip to the last page of the book, to fast-forward to the final scene of the movie. Don't rob yourself of the journey. This week is a blessed opportunity. It is this week that teaches us who we are. In the span of the Triduum, we have the birthday of the priesthood, the institution of the Eucharist, the sacrifice on Calvary and so many other vivid and meaningful scenes.

It may sound strange, to advise someone to savor the moments of Holy Week. There are so many violent and heartrending moments, after all. But this is the valley of tears, remember — we are not in Heaven yet. And here, in our fallen, sin-filled world, it is the heartrending moments that seem to matter the most.

These are the moments that define us as Catholics. Live them. Cherish them. Be present for each one.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 29

Forest City 8:00 AM Mike Heebink (health)

Tuesday, March 30

Duncan 8:00 AM ✦ Joan Hrubec
Forest City 5:30 PM Culture Partners Volunteers

Wednesday, March 31

Lake Mills 5:15 PM ✦ For the Departed
Britt 5:30 PM ✦ Ernest & Clara Malek

Thursday, April 1

Forest City 7:00 PM ✦ Cletus Nedved
Garner 7:00 PM ✦ Adam Godfrey Schmidt

Friday, April 2

Britt 3:00 PM Good Friday Service
Forest City 3:00 PM Good Friday Service
Duncan 8:00 PM Tenebrae Service

Saturday, April 3

Duncan 8:00 PM For the People

Sunday, April 4

Lake Mills 7:00 AM ✦ Paul Sorenson
Britt 8:00 AM ✦ Chuck Rudisill
Forest City 9:00 AM ✦ Nicholas Romano
Garner 10:00 AM ✦ Daryl Upmeyer
Buffalo Center 11:00 AM ✦ Helen Kelso

Mass times, events and announcements can also be found on
www.archangelscc.org/calendar

RECONCILIATION

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

Duncan 7:30 AM
Forest City 5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

Britt 5:00 PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

Garner Cancelled

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

Duncan Cancelled
Buffalo Center Cancelled

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

Britt Cancelled
Lake Mills Cancelled
Forest City Cancelled
Britt (Span/Eng) Cancelled

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Low Gluten hosts are now
available in the Archangels
Catholic Cluster
Contact Fr. Marr if Interested.

FAITH FORMATION

Your Kids Need the Eucharist

This might seem like an obvious statement, as we all need the Eucharist in our lives since it is the Body and Blood of Jesus. However, it's not as obvious to kids because it can be hard to understand the gravity of what is happening when a priest goes through the process of Communion and Transubstantiation (changing of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus). Children most often go through 1st Communion in second grade - the typical age being somewhere between 7-9. Personally, I have faint memories of my 1st Communion. I remember practicing for it and getting excited for the day, and then finally receiving it on the day of the Sacrament at St. Boniface in Garner. However, to say I actually understood the gravity of what was happening - no!

A child can be told that it's the Body and Blood of Jesus, but most of them don't truly understand what is really going on. I didn't realize until about 9th grade that we are truly consuming Jesus, as it just kinda went over my head up to that point! Interestingly enough - one of the biggest differences between the Catholic Church and many of our Protestant counterparts is the fundamental belief of the transformation of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus. The Catholic Church universally agrees that Jesus truly meant "this is my Body, this is my Blood." Be sure to reinforce this concept to your children, no matter what age they may be!

When it's time for the Eucharist at Mass, we are not representing the Body and Blood of Christ, as it is not a symbol! Instead, we are Re-Presenting the exact Body and Blood of Jesus as he did at the Last Supper because you have to remember, there is not more than one Jesus, therefore it is always the same Eucharist! The Lord gave his one and only Son for us - John 3:16 explains this to us. Jesus himself shared his perfect flesh to nurture our souls so that we may become more like him. So please, be sure to consume the Eucharist along with your children as Jesus told us to do about 2,000 years ago... We need plenty of energy to get through this journey of life, and the Eucharist is our perfect fuel!

Theodore Schoneman, Faith Formation Admin

Shoe Drive Update - We have officially hit 1,200 pairs of shoes! That means 1,300 remain with a little over a week remaining - let's kick this drive into high gear and pump up the donations!

