

St. Ann's Bulletin

February 20, 20, 2022

“Stop condemning and you will not be condemned.” A teacher gave her students an assignment: “Tonight, go home and compliment your mother for something.” The next day, the students reported on their assignment. One mother thought she was being set up for a relaxation of the weekend curfew; another was so shocked she was actually speechless; and another began to cry because she was so taken aback. All too often, these mothers only heard their children’s complaints and condemnations that they didn’t know how to respond to this rare compliment. Sound familiar, for any of our family relationships or dynamics? Maybe the people in our life would be more pleasant and affable if we gave them reason to be so. A few kind words can make a huge difference; try it sometime.

I thought the Church abandoned that? “Why does the Church still use Latin within the Mass? Isn’t it a dead language?”

When great vocalists of our era, like Andrea Bocelli or Placido Domingo, sing songs in Latin such as *Panis Angelicus*, the crowds listen with great delight. When people go to weddings and hear the familiar *Ave Maria* sung at the Nuptial Mass, they note how it added so much beauty to the liturgy. When high school students (for state choir competition) sing Latin songs such as *Sicut Cervus*, the parents beam with pride as they listen to the angelic voices of their sons and daughters. Yet, when the parish priest attempts to bring some Latin to the Holy Mass, people go into convulsions. Latin! That dead language has no place in the modern Church! Well, I encourage such people to take some deep breaths and to reconsider why Latin does belong in the Holy Mass and how it can add so much sacredness and beauty to the liturgical life of the Church.

First, the Roman Catholic Church never “got rid” of Latin and in turn, Latin music. So many Catholics have been misinformed that the council fathers of the Second Vatican Council eradicated Latin from the life of the Church, including the liturgical life. This is simply not the case. Latin is still the official language of the Church, for all her documents and texts. In addition, Latin music is

still the preferred music for the Holy Mass and this was the official teaching of the Second Vatican Council. In the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (Sacrosanctum Concilium)*, the council fathers taught: *The treasury of sacred music [Latin music] is to be preserved and cultivated with great care. Choirs must be assiduously cultivated* (112).

The Church recognizes Gregorian Chant as being especially suited to the Roman Liturgy (116).

In *Sacred Music (Musicam Sacram)*, the council fathers taught: *Pastors of souls should take care that besides the vernacular [i.e., the native tongue of the people], the faithful should be able to sing in Latin those parts of the Ordinary of the Mass [i.e., the Gloria, the Sanctus, the Agnus Dei] which pertain to them* (47).

So, a priest who incorporates Latin into the Holy Mass is merely being obedient to the Church, doing what she asks him to do. Using Latin in the Holy Mass is living within the Tradition of the Church and being obedient to the Magisterium of the Church. A parish priest is not a free agent, but a loyal servant of the Church. If the Church says keep Latin alive, how can we ignore or reject the wisdom of Holy Mother Church? That would be pride or just great insolence.

Second, Latin is just more beautiful than other languages and God who is perfect Beauty deserves what is most beautiful within the celebration of the Holy Mass. Let’s be honest: for those of us who are of northern European descent, our languages are pretty harsh, or as the Italians say of our mother tongues, they are *brutta* (brutal). German, English, Slovakian, Bohemian, Norwegian, etc. are guttural languages and when set to sacred music, they still retain some of their roughness. Now compare this to the noble, flowing, and velvety nature of the Latin language. There is no comparison. Latin has a softness and loftiness that makes any sacred text more beautiful and prayerful. Some say this may be just personal opinion, but listen to the *Hail Mary* sung in English and then listen to the *Hail Mary (Ave Maria)* sung in Latin. You can hear the more angelic nature of the Latin version. In addition, how often do you hear the English version sung at concerts or at weddings? I rest my case. Latin is more beautiful and should be part of the Holy Mass, our supreme act of worship, by which we approach Him who is Beauty, ever ancient, yet ever new. *[To be continued]*.

Come to see a wholesome movie . . . that's a nice change.

This **Sunday, February 20th**, at **6:30 p.m.**, you are welcome to Saint Ann's Church for a Catholic movie night. On the big screen that night will be *The Adventures of Ociee Nash*, the story of a nine-year old girl who in the year 1898 is sent from her father and brothers in rural Mississippi to live with her refined aunt in Asheville, North Carolina. Popcorn and drinks will be provided that evening. Some may be self-conscious that in the evening, they may fall asleep during the movie and start snoring. Don't worry: Father Gary is used to this sound during his homilies. We will see you at the movies!

Great food, great company, and great ambience. The total package!

Next **Sunday, February 27th**, serving from **5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.** at the Sacred Heart Parish Center of Glen Ullin, we will have a youth fundraiser, an Italian meal, *The Taste of Italy*. The meal is a free-will offering and will benefit youth activities throughout the year. Please RSVP by **Monday, February 21st**, by calling the Sacred Heart Parish Office at **701-348-3527**. We hope to see you there and guys, if you forgot about Valentines Day, this could be a great way to redeem yourself. Aren't you tired of the cold, crammed conditions of the doghouse?

On the lighter side

A man asked the pastor, a gruff Irish monsignor, if he could officiate a funeral service for his dog. The monsignor angrily told the man that there would never be such an abomination in his church! The man replied, "I had been willing to make a donation to the church of \$50,000 in gratitude for this funeral service". The monsignor softened and said, "Why didn't you tell me your dog was Catholic."

A point to ponder: *God didn't add another day in your life because you needed it. He added it because someone needed you.*

Prayers for the Sick

Please help us keep the list of the sick updated. If you would like to be on the email prayer chain or want to submit a prayer request of any kind please email joanconlon59@yahoo.com:

Fr. Jeff Zwack
 Fr. Charlie Heidt
 Carol Sebastian
 Katie Kautzman
 Marie Hauser
 Mallory Mims (Granddaughter to Ardelle Tibor)
 Cody Jacobsen
 Ross Kuntz
 William Kelley
 Shelley Sailer
 Mary Cooper
 Rebecca Wanner
 Donna Reinbold
 David Opp
 Mary Schantz
 Zaylee Schmidt
 Christine Lawson

Calendar of Events

Feb 19	9:00 am	Mass at Sacred Heart
Feb 19	3:30 pm	Confessions at Sacred Heart
Feb 19	4:00 pm	Mass at Sacred Heart
Feb 19	6:00 pm	Confessions at St. Ann's
Feb 19	6:30 pm	Mass at St. Ann's
Feb 20	8:00 am	Confessions at St. Ann's
Feb 20	8:30 am	Mass at St. Ann's
Feb 20	10:00 am	Confessions at Sacred Heart
Feb 20	10:30 am	Mass at Sacred Heart

If you are unable to fulfill your ministry, including Altar Servers, PLEASE FIND SOMEONE TO FILL IN FOR YOU.

Mass Intentions

Feb 19	6:30 pm	++ Vince & Rita Barth by Ken & Mary Duppong
Feb 20	8:30 am	For the People of the Parishes
Feb 22	9:00 am	+ Beverly Thomas by Kirk & Gretchen Peterson
Feb 25	9:00 am	+ Rosa Kearnes
Feb 26	6:30 pm	+ Archie Wanner by Dave & Robin Johnson
Feb 27	8:30 am	For the People of the Parishes

Ministers

February 19th- Saturday 6:30 PM:

Lector: Chester Brandt
 Ushers: Clayton & Jan Carter
 Rosary: Leonard Wehri
 Servers: Scarlet, Felix & Tegan

February 20th- Sunday 8:30 AM:

Lector: Ken Duppong
 Ushers: Levi & Vanessa Hoff
 Rosary: Don Wanner
 Servers: Sophia, Ava & Isla

February 22nd- Tuesday 9:00 AM

February 25th- Friday Mass at 9:00 AM;
 Adoration from 9:30 AM TO 5:30 PM

February 26th- Saturday 6:30 PM:

Lector: Karen Lewis
 Ushers: Shawn & Karen Lewis
 Rosary: Leonard Wehri
 Servers: Addison & Brynlee

February 27th- Sunday 8:30 AM:

Lector: Kirk Peterson
 Ushers: Kerry & Brenda Richardson
 Rosary: Don Wanner
 Servers: Elena & Simon

Events in the Diocese

Search for Christian Maturity is a weekend retreat experience sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Bismarck. The weekends are for anyone of high school or college age (at least 15 years old). Search weekends are held at the Badlands Ministries Camp just south of Medora. Upcoming weekends for 2022 are: Jan. 14-16; Feb. 25-27; and April 8-10. More information can be found at www.bismarckdiocese.com/search1.

Cursillo Weekends

The Cursillo of the Bismarck Diocese will be holding their 2022 Cursillo Weekends at Trinity High School in Dickinson in March. Cursillo is a short course in Christianity for adults that takes place over a four-day retreat. The Men's Weekend will be March 3-6 and the Women's Weekend will be March 17-20. For more information or to register, please visit our website at bismarckcursillo.com or call/text Dennis Meyer at 701-290-7091 (for the men's weekend) or Kim Kostelecky at 701-590-4726 (for the women's weekend).

Job Opening

St. Joseph Catholic School in Williston has an opening for an elementary education principal. The qualified candidate must have a master's degree in education with a North Dakota teaching certificate and has, or is able to obtain upon assuming position, a principal credential. Must advance and support the philosophy of Catholic education as articulated by the Diocese of Bismarck and supported by St. Joseph Catholic School. Salary range is \$70,000 to \$85,000, plus a \$10,000 signing bonus. A full benefits package is included. For a detailed description, please visit www.stjparish.com or contact Father Russell Kovash at rkovash@bismarckdiocese.com or 701.572.6731.

Mass Schedule – Central Time

Masses at St. Ann's

Saturday 6:30 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM

Tuesday & Friday 9:00 AM

Masses at Sacred Heart:

Saturday 9:00 AM & 4:00 PM

Sunday 10:30 AM

Thursday 9:00 AM

**Parish Office Hours are 10 AM TO 1PM Tuesdays
and Thursdays**

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

***February 20th**- Sunday at 6pm
there will be a family movie
night featuring the movie *The
Adventures of Ocie Nash*
Popcorn will be provided.
Please bring your own
beverage!

*** February 27th Sunday 5pm to
7pm** - A Taste of Italy- RSVP by
February 21st. Signup sheet in
gathering space

***Bible Study**- Tuesdays after 9
AM mass & Thursdays at 7PM.
Study will conclude the week
prior to Holy Week.

Stewardship of Treasure

Adult: \$1,190

Loose: \$61

Black & Indian Missions: \$60

Thank you for your donations!

**FIRST, THIRD AND FIFTH WEDNESDAYS
THERE WILL BE EUCHARTISTIC
ADORATION FROM 5 TO 6
FOLLOWED BY MASS.**