

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:

Carol Sebastian
Katie Kautzman
Marie Hauser
Cody Jacobsen
William Kelley
Rebecca Wanner
Donna Reinbold
Ernie Schantz
Zaylee Schmidt
Christine Lawson
Kris Kuntz
Harvey Tibor

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

The Latin responses are found in the St. Michael Hymnal, #105 is the Kyrie that Father sings. Follow along from #101 on for the rest of the Mass parts.

Mass Intentions

April 23	6:30 PM	+Sister Miriam Wehri by Leonard & Irene Wehri
April 24	8:30 AM	For the People of the Parishes
April 30	6:30 PM	+Noreen Tibor by Francis & Shirley Tibor
May 1	8:30 AM	+ Vicente Ornelas

Ministers

April 23rd- Saturday 6:30 PM:

Lector: Nicole Vogle
Ushers: Clayton & Jan Carter
Rosary: Chester Brandt
Servers: Jovie & Levi

April 24th- Sunday 8:30 AM:

Lector: Kathy Sardelli
Ushers: Dave & Kathy Sardelli
Rosary: Ken Duppong
Servers: Sophia, Ava & Isla

April 26th-Tuesday, No Mass

April 29th- Friday, No Mass

April 30th- Saturday 6:30 PM:

Lector: Karen Lewis
Ushers: Shawn & Karen Lewis
Rosary: Chester Brandt
Servers: Addison, Tegan, Cambri

May 1st- Sunday 8:30 AM:

Lector: Dave Wanner
Ushers: Dave & Cheryl Wanner
Rosary: Harvey Tibor
Servers: Elena, Simon & Brynlee

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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
1 PM Tuesdays and Thursdays**

**** Confessions Half an Hour before Mass****

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

**Our Parishes are deciding on whether or
not to continue the Catholic Service of
Formed. It costs us about \$900 yearly. If
there is a great enough interest, we will
continue. If not, we will discontinue it.
Please give me your feedback. God**

Bless you.

- Fr. Gary Benz

Stewardship of Treasure

Adult: \$275

Loose: \$455

Easter Offering: \$880

Holy Land: \$575

Kids: \$3

Thank you for your donations!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

* **Rice Bowls**- Please Bring your Rice Bowls into the gathering space in the Rice Bowl box. Thank you for donating!

* **CCD/CYO News**- Grades 7-12 CYO is finished for the year.

Preschool through grade 6 will end on April 27th.

* **Bible Study**- starts May 5th, Thursday at 7pm. We will begin the 23-week Great Adventure Bible Study. Workbooks are about \$40 and include online access to the course. The workbooks are not essential and you are welcome to pop in and out of these fun sessions as you are able and learn about our ancestors in Faith in the Old Testament Scriptures. For info call or text Robin 290-6651 or 878-4375.

* **Muffins for Moms** – May 7th, Saturday. In honor of Mother's Day, we will be having muffins and cookies after the 6:30 PM Mass in the basement. Muffins will be left in gathering space for those who attend Mass on Sunday.

* **Senior Saturday**- May 21st, Saturday. In honor of the graduates, we will be having bars and cookies after the 6:30 PM Mass in the basement.

* **Spring Cleaning**- May 25th at 9 AM we will need help deep cleaning the upstairs portion of the Church. Lunch will be provided!

* **Summer 2022:** Volunteers are needed to assist with the Summer Reading Program for our children. This will cover a Bible School program. It will be during the months of June & July each Tuesday morning. Ideas are welcomed and appreciated! Please call Sally if interested in helping! (Phone number listed on other page)

* **Rummage Sale**- Saturday, June 4th during the Old Red Trail rummage sale. If anyone has anything that they have in the church that they do not want donated, please come get it so it does not get sold. Thank you!

“Unless I see the marks of the nails in His hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.”

Saint Thomas the Apostle had one problem we have all shared in as well . . . doubt. Despite everything we say and believe, we still doubt that all things are possible with God. It is comforting to know that Jesus always offers us the gift of faith; He wants us to believe. Doubts are not the work of Jesus; they are the work of the Evil One. Therefore, do not fret when questions or even doubts arise concerning our faith in God, the Church, and the doctrines of our Faith. Even the greatest saints, including Saint Thomas the Apostle, experienced doubts. They were tested, but never despaired, because Jesus was always there to sustain them in their trials and temptations. Jesus is also present to us, especially in the Holy Eucharist. Bring your doubts and uncertainties to the Holy Mass and experience the peace and joy offered by the graces of the Holy Eucharist . . . the greatest remedy for our “Doubting Thomas” episodes.

I thought the Church abandoned that? “Why do some priests wear a Roman (i.e., fiddleback) chasuble?”

In our parishes, you have seen me wearing the Roman chasuble at Mass, often called a “fiddleback”, because of its distinctive violin, or fiddle, form for the front of the chasuble. Unlike the usual “poncho” type chasuble, a Roman chasuble also has no long sleeves and they are normally more decorative in the back of the chasuble, with distinctively Catholic Christian symbols and imagery. I once was excited to wear a new white Roman chasuble for the first time, but my joy quickly turned to sorrow when my altar server asked, “Why are you wearing a giant bib?” So much for beauty and tradition! Why is the next generation of priests bringing back the fiddleback chasubles? Didn’t they go out of style with the advent of the “spirit of the Second Vatican Council”? Well, actually no, and perhaps there are good reasons for bringing them back for the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

First, on a practical level, they avoid one of the dangers of service at the altar . . . spillage of the Precious Blood. Almost every priest has had a dreadful experience of accidentally overturning a chalice on the altar, with the Precious Blood pouring out upon the altar and even worse, onto the sanctuary floor. Most of the time, the culprit was the long flowing sleeves of your typical

chasuble, which can drape over the chalice, wrap around it, and then lead to its overturning with the slightest movement. As priests, celebrants and guardians of the sacred species on the altar, the sleeveless feature of the fiddleback chasuble removes the potentiality of Christ’s Precious Blood spilling forth in such a tragic manner. What a relief to the celebrant of the Holy Mass, who has such a great reverence and esteem for the Blood of Christ, the same blood which poured forth from His sacred wounds as He endured the agony of His Holy Cross.

Secondly, on a practical level once again, the fiddleback chasubles are a great blessing to the priest when the heat of summer comes upon us. I find it kind of amusing when people complain about, “How hot it was in church today!”. Try wearing street clothes, an alb, and a lined chasuble and then we can talk about how hot it was in church! This is the genius of the fiddleback chasuble, which originated in the warm Mediterranean climate of Italy. The fiddleback chasuble does not drape the priest on all sides, like your usual chasuble, but it drapes down in the front and the back alone. Thus, on both sides, there is more air movement, keeping the priest much cooler, and of course, much happier. When Father Gary is happy, the Mass is shortened in duration and everyone is happy. It’s a win-win situation! [*To be continued*]

Have mercy on us and on the whole world

Please join us this **Sunday, April 24th**, for a *Divine Mercy* celebration at Sacred Heart Church in Glen Ullin. We will begin at **3:00 p.m.** with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by the chanting of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. The Sacrament of Penance will be offered as well throughout the time of Adoration. If you take part in these spiritual exercises, along with praying an *Our Father*, a *Hail Mary*, and the *Creed*, seeking as well a total conversion from sin, you can gain a plenary indulgence. What this means is a remission of all time spent in purgatory; when you die, you can go directly to heaven. What a great spiritual gift! God bless you and I hope to see you next Sunday, as we thank our Lord for the sublime gift of His Divine Mercy.

Let us seek tradition, not trends

At Saint Ann’s Parish, I want to see us omit certain trends that have crept into the Holy Mass in the past few years and really don’t belong there. First, I have no problem with children bringing up the gifts of bread and wine with their parents, but we don’t need them to carry flowers and place them in a vase at the altar. This only detracts from the primacy of the gifts of

bread and wine that have deep spiritual roots in the Last Supper. Second, we will begin singing the *Our Father* only on high feasts and solemnities, not during the seasons of Advent, Lent, and Ordinary Time. This is normative, because it gives due honor and glory to the most solemn celebrations of the liturgical year. Lastly, there will be no more “procession of the maidens” at Easter Vigil, when the Easter flowers are carried into church. This takes away from the awe and wonder that should happen when you enter the church at Easter Vigil or on Easter Sunday, especially after the austerity of Lent and Good Friday. I had asked that this not take place this past Easter, but in my absence at the Easter Vigil, it was done nonetheless. I guess when Fr. Gary is away, the mice will play; its kind of childish. Let’s work on making the Holy Mass sacred at Saint Ann’s, not trivial.

Come let us receive Christ

We offer our prayers and blessings to the children of Sacred Heart Parish who will soon receive their First Holy Communion: *Piazley Cotant; Karter Duppong; Jexton Emter; Elyse Feser; Arie Glasser; Paisley Hauck; Westie Hauck; Dalton Hellman; Molly Meyer; and Jace Schantz*. May God bless you children as you receive Jesus Christ into your souls, along with the spiritual gifts He brings, especially the outpouring of His love. Be assured of our prayers for you on the day of your First Holy Communion and every time you receive our Lord at the Holy Mass.

Away for a spell

I will be away from the parishes this week, **Monday-Thursday (April 25-28)** at our annual spring clergy conference. If a pastoral emergency should arise, please feel free to call me on my cell phone: **701-509-9504**. God bless you and know that you will be in my prayers each day of the conference.