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SYNOD SCOOP

In choosing the Twelve we could say that Jesus formed the original Christian small group by living and sharing the faith in a small community. And our Lord set the example by saying, "Follow me." This Lent, see why small groups – in our Lord's time, and now – are a powerful way to live our Catholic faith in the company of other believers. Small groups will:

- foster personal relationships
- build community, and
- provide formation, so we all may grow as joyful missionary disciples of Christ.

Join a small group this Lent! Stay tuned for sign up information!

Mark your calendar for a special Lenten event!
40 Hours for Our Lord will be held
Friday, March 8th - Sunday, March 10th, 2024.
More information to come soon!



Weekly Meditation

*Let us not again hear the voice of the Lord.
(Deuteronomy 18:16)*

Addressing the Israelites as they are about to enter the Promised Land, Moses recalls what happened when God was about to give them the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. God announced his presence with lightning, thunder, a deafening shofar blast, and menacing dark smoke (Exodus 20:18-19). Terrified, the people backed away, saying, "Let us not again hear the voice of the Lord!" (Deuteronomy 18:16). They begged Moses to go and bring God's word back to them!

Now, knowing he was not going to be with them much longer, Moses promises that God will send them someone to take his place, "a prophet like me . . . to whom you shall listen" (Deuteronomy 18:15). What a relief! God promises they will never have to endure the trauma of hearing him directly. And so it was. In every generation, God raised up prophets for the people. Deborah, Elijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah: these and others heard God directly and proclaimed what they heard.

But now, through Jesus, the living "Word" of God, everything has changed. By destroying sin and death, he has opened the pathway for us sinners to come before the all-holy God. Now, every single person can know God personally. Every single person can hear his voice—in Scripture, through the Church, and most important, in the depths of their hearts.

You don't ever have to be afraid of coming into God's presence! In fact, he is already present in you! Through his Spirit, he is urging you to call out to him, "Abba, Father!" (Romans 8:15). He is waiting to receive you with open arms, to wash you clean in his mercy, and to fill your heart with his joy and consolation.

Your heavenly Father has a message that he wants to speak to you today—a message meant only for you. So quiet your heart, calm your fears, and listen.

"Here I am, Lord! I long to hear your voice today!"

Psalms 95:1-2, 6-9

The Word Among Us - January 2024 Edition

Saturday, February 3rd @ 5:00 pm

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer

Altar Servers: Rylan Mackedanz & Caleb Danzeisen

Eucharistic Ministers: Jeff Burkhardt & Red Petersen

Greeter: Linda Zimmermann

Lector: Jessica Magrum

Sacristan: Mark Logeais

Ushers: Cliff Zimmermann, Ron Mares, Mike Zuehlke & Tim Waldschmidt

Sunday, February 4th @ 8:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer

Altar Servers: Ethan & William Millner

Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Holthaus & Renee Logeais

Greeter: Renee Wyffels

Lector: Janet Braun

Live Stream: Brent Danzeisen

Sacristan: Jennifer Braun

Ushers: Dominic Braun, Peter Braun, Dan Oliver & Doug Zachman

Sunday, February 4th @ 10:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer

Altar Servers: Molly Schnabel & Presley Dwenger

Eucharistic Ministers: Shelly Naaktgeboren & Peggy Jo Fortner

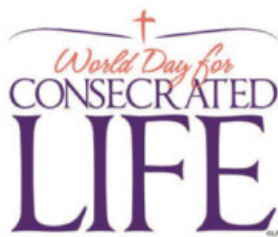
Greeter: Paul & Karla Braun

Lector: Mary Nowak

Sacristan: Shelly Naaktgeboren

Ushers: Bob Guck, Al Guck, Joe Martin & Traci Arends

Thank you
Ministry Volunteers



World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Friday, Feb 2, 2024 and in parishes on the weekend of

Feb 3-4, 2024. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

MARDI GRAS
FEBRUARY 10TH

EVENT & CASH RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!

Join in the Mardi Gras festivities on February 10th starting with 5:00 pm Mass. A fun filled evening that includes social time, a traditional Mardi Gras dinner, games with prizes and our yearly cash raffle. The seafood raffle is back in addition to our memorable Heads & Tails and 50/50 card games and Trivia so be sure to bring a little extra jingle in your pockets to play an activity or two. For added fun costumes are not only welcomed, but **ENCOURAGED!** Tickets are \$45 per person and are available to purchase each weekend in the gathering space or weekdays at the Parish Office until they sell out. Hurry before they are gone! Bring your friends and enjoy the merriment and help support our fundraiser to purchase new tables and chairs for the dining hall.

CCW Mardi Gras Raffle— Choose Your Prize!

The CCW will be sponsoring a Mardi Gras raffle and all proceeds will go toward a college scholarship for one of our graduating senior girls. Tickets will be sold after all Masses as well as during the Mardi Gras event.

Tickets are \$5.00 each.

Prizes: beautiful quilt, Valentine's Day basket, Date Night basket.

Winners will be announced at the Mardi Gras event.

Good luck and thanks for supporting this scholarship!

Wine Donation For Mardi Gras

Got some extra wine? We are looking for wine donations to use for prizes at the Mardi Gras. This weekend, January 27th and 28th and following weekend Feb 3rd and 4th we will be collecting wine at the Mardi Gras Ticket Table in the gathering space. If you have wine that you would like to donate you may drop it off before or after Mass that weekend or at the parish office by February 6th.

Thank you for your help!



Office Hours:

Mondays 8am - 12pm and 1pm - 4pm

Tuesdays 8:30am - 3:30pm

Wednesdays & Thursdays 8:30am - 12:00pm

Fridays 8am - 12pm and 1pm - 4pm

Meals on Wheels—February

St. Ignatius is responsible for the delivery of Meals on Wheels for the month of February. Shifts are Monday thru Friday, beginning at 11:15. Routes take approximately 45 minutes. If you are interested in volunteering, you can use the link for Sign Up Genius on the parish website or call Jen Filek at 612-743-9108. Remember you need a background check to volunteer. You may complete the background check at Senior Dining if you haven't done so already.



Retreat Opportunities

Men of Christ— Rising Daily in Discipleship

Join men from throughout the Archdiocese for the 2024 men's conference on Saturday, **March 23 from 9am to 3pm**. Keynote speakers Deacon Harold Burke-Sievers and Jeff Cavins will lead the day that will include presentations by Bishop Joseph Williams, Deacon Joe Michalak, and Bishop Izen. For more info call 651.291.4488 or email flomos@archspm.org.

Central Minnesota Koinonia Retreat

A weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. Retreats are held at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. The next English retreat will be held **March 1-3, 2024**, more info at www.centralmnkoinonia.org

Personal Reflection

First Reading: Moses taught the Israelites that God would raise up a prophet like him to teach them the Lord's commands. But he also forewarned about false prophets. How can we avoid listening to false prophetic voices?

Second Reading: Paul expresses his desire for the Corinthian believers to be free of anxiety so they can focus their attention and energies on Jesus. What distracts you from the Lord?

Gospel: Mark informs us that early in Jesus's public ministry his "fame spread" quickly throughout Galilee because of his powerful deeds, such as the healing of the demon-possessed man in today's reading. Is there something or someone in your life that you pray Jesus would heal?

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Gospel Meditation

I love movies about exorcisms. Apparently, so do many others. The 2023 movie "Nefarious" features a possibly possessed inmate on death row. Critics were not impressed, but audiences scored it at 97% on the website Rotten Tomatoes. Most people have an appreciation for the demonic realm, even if cultural elites are generally embarrassed about it. As is standard in exorcism movies, the afflicted person (in this case, a man named Edward Brady) thinks and acts like multiple persons. He is someone besides himself. We know what that is like. We feel fake sometimes, not ourselves.

The same dynamic is on dramatic display this week in the Gospel. Jesus the Exorcist approaches a possessed man who utters, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?" Notice the plural, us. The basic effect of the demonic is division. The man's identity is fractured, divided, and thus many. Jesus powerfully expels the spirit by saying, "Quiet! Come out of him!" Jesus' word has the power to restore the man's singularity — him — and indeed it does.

All this helps us to dismiss childish images of demons sporting red goat tails. Equally, it overcomes the cultured aloofness that dreams demons are mere metaphors for evil. We see instead that fallen angels are conscious and intelligent beings who orient their agency toward division. They bring about schism where there should be unity, e.g., in persons, families, communities, politics, and so on. Thankfully, Jesus commands demons to flee from all these places to restore wholeness and peace. What if we made room for his word where we need it?

— Father John Muir

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Remember in your prayers:

Larry Oberg	Wayne Dearing
Joseph Niznik	Ronda O'Brien
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Lynnea Stay	James Utecht
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Mary Wittsack	Deb Cole
Mary Danielson	John Holker
Mark Johnson	Marlene Niewind
Paul DeMars	Karen Sommers
Julie Pelarski	Loren Frappier
Sally Phenow	Monsignor Callaghan
Reanna Braun	Janet Aretz
Lynnae Frappier	Leon Zachman
Dan Schultz	Nicki Wilson
Louise Borstad	Tanya Anderson
Nick Mares	Mary Ann Becktold
Jaden Hanson	Ed Biegler

Mass Intentions:

Saturday, January 27th

5:00 pm † Shari Danzeisen

Sunday, January 28th

8:30 am † Sheryl Anderson

10:30 am Parishioners of St. Ignatius

Monday, January 29th

8:00 am † Leo E. Koshol

Tuesday, January 30th

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Ignatius

Wednesday, January 31st

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Ignatius

Thursday, February 1st

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Ignatius

Friday, February 2nd

No daily Mass on Fridays

8:00 am Mass available at St. Timothy

Saturday, February 3rd

5:00 pm † Elaine Manke

Sunday, February 4th

8:30 am † Sylvan Gillitzer

10:30 am Parishioners of St. Ignatius



Projected weekly giving\$5,890.00
494 parish families

Envelopes.....\$3,805.00
Plate\$633.00
Auto Deposits\$1,440.00
Total.....\$5,878.00



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Parish Pastoral Council

Council member information and meeting minutes are available on our website or by requesting a copy from the parish office. On the website, use the "Ministries" menu at the top of the page, and then select "Pastoral Council" on the drop down menu.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Mass - 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses - 8:30 am and 10:30 am

8:30 Mass is live streamed on the parish Facebook page and

You Tube channel

Daily Mass

Mondays 6:00pm

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays 8:00am

(No Daily Mass on Fridays)

Reconciliation

5:30 pm Monday (one-half hour prior to Mass)

4:30 pm Saturday (one-half hour prior to Mass)

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

Last Thursday of the month, 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

Sacraments

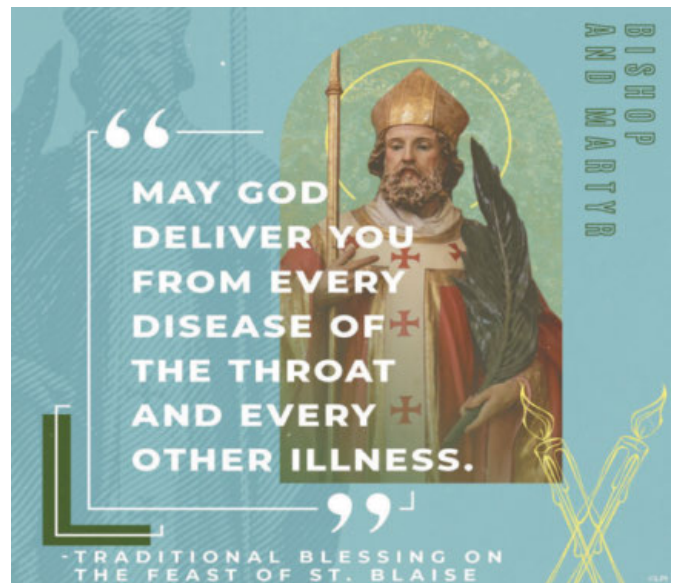
Baptisms

Please contact the parish at least two months in advance of the Baptism. Parents are required to attend a Baptism class prior to the Baptism. Baptisms are scheduled through the parish office, and are held following the 10:30 am Mass.

Marriage

Please contact the pastor at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date.

**Bulletin submission deadline is Tuesdays at noon
unless an early deadline notice is posted.**



You may be familiar with the annual “blessing of throats” that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise’s command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen ©LPI

**Blessing of the Throats will be offered at the
5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, February 3rd**

Calendar of **EVENTS**

Sunday, January 28: Donut Sunday following
8:30 & 10:30 am Masses

Tuesday, February 6: Care Center Mass 10:30 am

Saturday, February 10: Mardi Gras Event

Saturday, February 11: 8th grade Mass

Wednesday, February 14: Ash Wednesday
Masses 8:00 am & 7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 21: Food for Kidz Event
6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Sunday, February 25: Donut Sunday following
8:30 & 10:30 am Masses

Thursday, February 29: Eucharistic Adoration
8:30 am - 7:00 pm

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