



Sacred Heart

C a t h o l i c C h u r c h

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Phone: 763-537-4561

Formed in His Heart, Serving with His Heart, Giving From His Heart

Public Masses have resumed at no Greater than 50%, or 250 persons in the Church due to COVID-19 in accord with Gov. Walz' protocols
Mass Live Streaming will continue for Daily Mass and for one weekend Mass.
Join Facebook, and "Like" us: facebook.com/shrobbinsdale

To attend Mass in Church a sign-up must be used. It can be found on our Website.

Saturday—Lord's Day Vigil

4:00 PM Mass - In Church
5:30 PM - Parking Lot Mass
** Tune Radio to FM 104.9 **

Sunday— The Lord's Day

8:00 AM Mass - In Church
10:00 AM Mass - In Church
11:30 AM Latin Mass - In Church

Daily Mass Live Stream

Tuesday — Friday:
8:00 AM Mass - In Church

Eucharistic Adoration

The Sacred Heart Chapel will be open for personal prayer and adoration before the monstrance on Thursdays from 9 AM - 2PM
N.B. *When restrictions ease we intend to return to the former schedule.*

Parish Office Hours

Open to the General Public.
Parish Web Site: shrmn.org
Parish Phone: 763-537-4561

February 14, 2021



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. - Mk 1:44-45b

Parish Directory

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Deacon: Dr. James Ramsey

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The Church, as a voice of the Gospel, proclaims the sacredness of all human life. Everyone created by God is fashioned in God's image and has Divine DNA at the center of their soul. God never leaves what God creates but always remains intimately bound to what he has given form. Everyone has a place and because they have received the gift of Divine Blessing, nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, unclean or marginalized. Even the most broken of souls has a place. We, the Body of Christ, have the privilege and responsibility to give voice to the voiceless. The cries of the little one in his or her mother's womb are just as sacred as the cries of one who is homeless and hungry. The migrant deserves our attention as much as the forgotten elderly and even the prisoner, with a heart hardened by anger and resentment, deserves respect and dignity.

The Gospel of Life is often hard to swallow, and we would rather keep those we consider unclean, different or unfixable in a place by themselves. It is hard to see them with us, but they deserve to be. There is far too much violence in this world and the result of that violence is the assault on human life. Many are forced to leave the place they call home in search of safer ground, finding few if any along the way who will help them. How different today's Gospel story would be if Jesus gave in to what was politically correct at that time. The leper would have been turned away and a soul, already beaten down by disease and fear, would have experienced an even deeper wound. Jesus wouldn't have captured much attention from anyone, nor would he have mirrored the Father's compassion and love.

Where do we stand with all of this? Do we at least understand that God's vision is often in conflict with the vision put forth in our world and even the one we advance ourselves? There is no doubt that it is incredibly challenging to find a place for everyone at the table. This challenge is compounded when the systems of operation and structure that are so ingrained in us affirm power and privilege rather than inclusivity and justice. Everything really goes askew when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement raise their ugly heads and we find ourselves with quite a mess. It's time to admit that things have been a mess for a very long time. The mess needs to be healed, not by erasing it but by allowing God to touch it and make it whole. We need to bring God back to the center of life where God belongs. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But, knowing that wholeness, healing, and dignity are worthy pursuits, we can more confidently labor to achieve God's vision.

Appointed Sunday Readings

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time-2/14/2021

First Reading: He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp. (Lv 13:46)

Psalm: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation. (Ps 32)

Second Reading: Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. (1 Cor 10:31)

Gospel: The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. (Mk 1:42)

Latin Mass Sunday Readings

Quinquagesima Sunday

Epistle: Brethren: If I speak with the tongues of men and of Angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. (1 Cor. 13:1-13)

Gradual: Thou art the God that alone dost wonders: Thou hast made Thy power known among the nations. (Ps. 76:15, 16)

Gospel: At that time Jesus took unto Him the twelve and said to them: Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things shall be accomplished which were written by the Prophets concerning the Son of Man. (Luke 18:31-43)

Appointed Daily Readings

Monday, Feb. 15—Saturday, Feb. 20

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

Prayers of the Faithful

Please remember in your prayers

Those Who Are Ill: Tom Ambrose, Brady Swenson, Mary Jo Faustgen, Bunny Dargis, Andrea DeOtis, Medard Keisershot, Shelly Steward, Cody Bonstock, Bob Barton, Carol Borman, Eleanor Diedrich, Delia Roca, Ray Swadner

Those Serving In Our Armed Forces: Sam Dahlgren-Castilla, Justin Rathbun, Liam Gregory, Jordan Reese, Andrew Gladitsch, Cathal & Cormac O'Connor, Lisette Knaeble

Administration

Stewardship-Your Commitment is Vital !

Collections for January 30 & 31 2021 (week 31)	Dollars	# Donors
Sunday Envelope Collections	\$ 5,067.00	68
Electronic Donations	\$ 200.00	3
Plate (non envelope) Collections	\$ 492.50	
Total Collections for week 31	\$ 5,759.50	71

Year-to-date Sunday Collections

	This Year	Last Year	Behind
Actual versus last year Jan 31, 2021 (week 31)	\$ 344,612	\$374,704	\$(30,092)
	This Year	Budget	Ahead
Actual versus Budget Jan 31, 2021 (week 31)	\$ 44,612	\$327,540	\$ 17,072

Flocknote Reminder

We are utilizing Flocknote on a more consistent basis as a way to communicate with our Sacred Heart community through e-mail and texting. If you are currently not receiving Flocknote messages and would like to, please go to our website (www.shrmn.org) and click on the Flocknote button in the upper right hand corner of the main page. It will take you to a Flocknote Sign-up Page. Please fill in the information and click "Sign Me Up". You can also contact the Parish Office at 763-537-4561 and we can add your e-mail and cell phone information to Flocknote for you.

Catholic Services Appeal

Together in Hope



The Catholic Services Appeal Foundation is an independent foundation partnering with fellow Catholics to share Christ's love with neighbors in need through ministries that serve the poor, support life and strengthen the Faith.

Your gift brings hope.



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Magnificat Lenten Companion

Please pick up your free copy of the Magnificat Lenten Companion Guide found at the Church entrances while supplies last.

Lenten Guide

The Lenten Guide with information about Ash Wednesday, Stations of the Cross, Holy Week, Easter, etc. has been mailed. It is also posted on our website. Please contact the Parish Office if you did not receive.

Sacred Heart Catholic School



Fish Fry 2021 Take-out only

We are gearing up for our annual Fish Fry Dinners during Lent. Plan to join us on March 5, 12, 19, 26. **This year, we are only providing take-out orders.** Our guests may order online, by email or by calling the parish office.

Menu:

Adult: Fish Fillet, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Garlic Bread, Brownie \$13.00

Adult: Large Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Brownie \$12.00

Child: Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Brownie \$6.00

Child: Fish Fillet, Green Beans, Brownie \$6.00

**Kids 3 and under eat free.

Become a Fish Fry Donor

Give a man a fish and he eats for a day. Buy a box of fish and he, friends and family eat a great meal. Donate \$70.00 for a case of fish and receive 2 FREE dinners. You may designate your donation in honor/memory of someone special.

Schedule a Virtual Tour or Visit Us In-person, PreK-8th grade

Come visit Sacred Heart Catholic School to see what is putting smiles on our students' faces! As you consider your educational options for the 2021-2022 school year, we invite you to set up a time for a virtual tour or you may come in-person after school hours.

We have many options for Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten, including half and full days. Discover our school and the activities that enhance each child's educational experience. See how our integrated faith lessons combined with our C-STEM program enrich our classrooms each day. We are preparing our students for 21st Century skills called the 4 C's: Creativity, Critical Thinking, Collaboration, and Communication. Call the school office to schedule a tour, 763.537.1329.

AIM HIGHER FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS –DUE February 20, 2021

Applications are now available. We are pleased to announce the availability of \$1,000 tuition-assistance scholarships to attend a Catholic school for the 2021-2022 school year. Families may apply at www.mytads.com and click on the purple Financial Assessment tab. Create a new account or login to an existing account. Complete all the information and submit the application. Families will be notified by Aim Higher in March.

Like our Facebook Page - [Sacred Heart Catholic School Robbinsdale, MN Alumni/Parent](https://www.facebook.com/SHCSRobbinsdale)

<http://www.facebook.com/SHCSRobbinsdale>

Follow us on Twitter - <https://twitter.com/SHCSRobbinsdal1>

Youth Ministry-Heggie' Pizza "THANK YOU"

On behalf of Sacred Heart's Youth Ministry program, I wanted to extend my gratitude to everyone who purchased pizza through our Heggies fundraiser. We were able to raise \$1000 to go towards providing scholarships for Extreme Faith Camp! Thank you all very much! Matt Kruc-Youth Minister

To Join Sacred Heart Parish

If you are new to our community, or have been attending Mass here but have not yet joined Sacred Heart call 763-537-4561 or stop in the parish office to register.

Sacrament of Initiation — RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

To join the Catholic Church call Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Baptism for Infants and Children (RCIC)

Baptism for Infants and young Children is celebrated on the first & third Sundays of the month at 1 PM. Pre-Baptism Class meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. To make arrangements call Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Confirmation

If you are in High School or an Adult who has yet to receive Confirmation contact Matt Kruc or Bunny Brouillard in the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

If you or your child have not yet made your First Holy Communion contact Bunny Brouillard. If you are shut in and would like to receive Holy Communion contact Deacon Ramsey to make arrangements

Sacrament of Penance

See the schedule for confessions or contact Fr. Pedersen to make an appointment. To receive instruction on making a first confession contact the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Anointing

To make arrangements to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or Last Rites contact the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Marriage

Registered Parishioners should call Father Pedersen or Deacon Ramsey at least 8 months in advance of the wedding date to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Holy Orders

Catholic Men contact Fr. Pedersen or Deacon Ramsey for more information on joining the Diaconate or Priesthood.

Sunday School

Open to children ages 3 years through Kindergarten. Meets during the 10 AM Mass October through April. Please call Morgan Timmerman in the Parish Office.

Religious Education

For students grades 1—10. Meets Wed. evening 6:30pm—7:45pm, Oct. through April. Please call Morgan Timmerman or Matt Kruc in the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions

****This Schedule is subject to change****

FEBRUARY

Sun. 14	8:00 AM	Estelle Stack+
	10:00 AM	Parishioners
Latin	11:30 AM	Joanne Seifert
Mon. 15	8:00 AM	-----
Tues. 16	8:00 AM	Bruce Johnston+
Wed. 17	8:00 AM	Steve Smarcarz
	10:00 AM	Parishioners
	Noon	Pat Rusch+
Parking	5:30 PM	Deacon Tom Coleman+
	7:00 PM	Pastor's Intension
Thu. 18	8:00 AM	Jim Daugherty+
Fri. 19	8:00 AM	Andrew Rusinko Sr.+
Sat. 20	4:00 PM	Francis Widmer+
Parking Lot	5:30PM	James Dunfee+
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Sun. 21	8:00 AM	Darlene Johnston+
	10:00 AM	Parishioners
Latin	11:30 AM	Joanne Seifert

Chapel Open for Prayer:

- Monday: 8:30am - Noon
- Tuesday-Thursday: 8:30a-4:30pm
- Friday: 8:30am - Noon

****Note: No more than 10 people in the Chapel for prayer at any given time. Practice physical distancing. Use disinfectant provided in Chapel to wipe your area after you leave****

Confessions

Daily Tuesday-Friday 7:30-7:45a.m.
Saturdays 9-10a.m. and 2:30-3:30pm
Sign is on Door #8 with Instructions.

Thursday Eucharistic Adoration

Extended Hours During Lent
9:00am-6:00pm

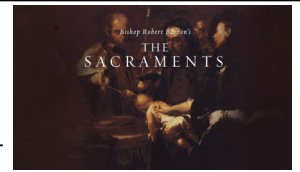


Faith Formation

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON'S THE SACRAMENTS

Until further notice these sessions will be in Virtual Mode. Deacon Nick Stark will send out a Flocknote to registered participants with a link to the Session and an email will be sent with the Handouts.

Session 5: The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is scheduled for Wednesday February 17 starting at 7pm. If you have any concerns or questions please email or call Bunny in the Parish Office. Email: bbrouillard@shrmn.org. 763-285-6247 (Direct Line)



Pre-Baptism Class



PRE-BAPTISM CLASSES

Pre-Baptism Classes are offered at Sacred Heart on the Second Tuesday of the month. All parents are required to attend a pre-baptism class before the Baptism of their first child or if it has been over three years since they last attended a pre-baptism class. Our next scheduled session is **Tuesday March 9 at 7pm** in the Activities Building. **If you plan to attend this session, please call the Parish Office 763-537-4561.**

Youth Ministry

BUY COFFEE-SUPPORT OUR YOUTH

WE HAVE A NEW SHIPMENT OF COFFEE FOR SALE FROM OUR YOUTH GROUP. MEDIUM ROAST-WHOLE BEAN, OR GROUND BAGS OF COFFEE ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN THE PARISH OFFICE. \$13.00 A BAG. THANK YOU.



"Survived 25 Club"

SURVIVED 25 CLUB

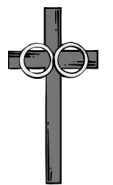
Feast of St. Joseph Celebration:

All Survived 25 Club marriages will be honored the weekend of March 20-21 with a special remembrance that will be placed in the bulletin.

If you would like your marriage of 25 years or more recognized and included in this remembrance please call

Laurel Murry 763-535-4101 or Anne Hedlund 763-535-4275.

Saint Joseph, pray for us.



Additional Wednesday Communion Dates

Additional Wednesday Holy Communion Sign up spots have been added through March 2021. Please see website for link to sign up.

*O the mercy of God!
Never does He refuse to be merciful,
but is ever present to those who turn to Him.
-St. Anthony of Padua*

Respect Life Ministry

SIDEWALK COUNSELING TRAINING SEMINAR

Sweet little Jermany was saved from abortion with the help of sidewalk counselors from Pro-Life Action Ministries.



MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021

7:00-9:00 P.M.

**EAST IMMANUEL CHURCH
1173 PAYNE AVE.
ST. PAUL, MN 55130**



For more information or to register, contact: debra.braun@plam.org

40 Days for Life



40 Days for Life Twin Cities ~ Lent, February 17 – March 28, 2021

All events take place at Planned Parenthood, 671 Vandalia St., St. Paul, MN 55114

Wednesday, February 17, 3pm ~ Opening Prayer Vigil
(to carpool call Carol R. at 763-533-8809 or 612-242-5807, leave message)

You are also encouraged to come out to pray anytime as an individual or group from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day.

DAILY 3:00 p.m. hour of prayer led by Pro-Life Action Ministries

Pro-Life Action Ministries invites all to join us in this international movement of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach to end abortion.

Please register at <https://plam.org/call-to-action/40-days-for-life-twincities/>

Spiritual Adoption

MONTH SEVEN – Developing Baby Spiritual Adoption Program

You are in the home stretch with your spiritually adopted baby. Beginning this month the baby uses all four senses. He can see, hear, taste, touch, cough, yawn and hiccup. He now recognizes his mother's voice. During this time he will also receive antibodies from his mother protecting him from a wide variety of diseases.

Say the following daily prayer for a period of nine months.

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of [baby's name] the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."

- Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Calendar of Events

****THERE ARE NO PUBLIC EVENTS SCHEDULED**
LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

Sunday, February 14–6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Quinquagesima Sunday, Trad.: Sts. Cyril & Methodius 885; St. Valentine 269, Trad.

Monday, February 15–St. Claude de la Colombiere 1682; Sts. Faustinus & Jovita 121, Trad.

Tuesday, February 16–Holy Face of Jesus, Hist. St. Juliana 305, Hist.

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

Wednesday, February 17–Ash Wednesday, Day of Fast & Abstinence

Mass & Distribution of Ashes

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

10:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

12:00 PM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

5:30 PM Parking Lot Mass

7:00 PM Latin Mass: Fr. Pedersen

Thursday, February 18–St Simeon 107, Trad.

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

Friday, February 19– St. Conrad of Piacenza 1351, Hist.

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

Saturday, February 20–Sts. Francisco Marto 1919 & Jacinta Marto 1920

4:00 PM Mass; Fr. Pedersen

5:30 PM Parking Lot Mass

Sunday, February 21– 1st Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

10:00 AM Mass: Fr. Pedersen

11:35 AM Latin Mass: Fr. Pedersen



**PLEASE CHECK THE
SACRED HEART WEBSITE
Covid-19 Update
And Our Facebook Page**

**For most up-to-date info.
Like and Follow the Church of the
Sacred Heart on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/shrobbinsdale/>**

Parish Prayer Line

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Council of Catholic Women

Dear Women of the Minneapolis Deaneries,

Our spring Deanery Day has been delayed, and so our February newsletter will slip to March. In the meantime, we'd like to share these wonderful opportunities for Lent.

1. St. Alphonsus CCW is presenting a Day of Reflection on Saturday, Feb. 20. The topic is FORGIVENESS: The Medicine of Healing.

Please note that there is also a virtual option.

Due to pandemic and seating limitations, food will not be served; therefore there is no charge. However, due to seating limitations, please call Anne Louise Vosika at 763- 566-6395 or Eileen Jaglo at 612-802-9998 to reserve your seat.

This event will also be live streamed at: www.facebook.com/StAlphonsusMN.

2. NCCW Leadership Commission is presenting a Leadership Day via Zoom on Saturday, March 6. Our MCCW Board participated in this training in November, and it was very helpful. This day is offered for those who missed the opportunity, and for parish presidents and officers to attend.

Via Zoom you will see presentations by National Council of Catholic Women members on Mentoring, Membership and Communication. Included will be handouts electronically for you to bring back to your Deaneries and Parishes. There is no cost for this wonderful morning of information from NCCW.

Contact the ACCW Office to Register before February 24.

ACCW@ARCHSPM.ORG 651-291-4545

News From Other Sources

Callings of Women in the Church: A Young Feminist Perspective

It's an experience many women share: they are talented and passionate about discipleship, but they serve a church that puts limits on their participation simply because of their gender. Who can Catholic women turn to for encouragement? How is God calling people of all genders to speak their truths and stand up to the patriarchy? Presented through a young feminist lens, this presentation welcomes people of all genders to consider how the church can grow into a more inclusive, empowering community.

Thursday, February 18, Webinar presentation from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Event is Free. Registration is required (register at least five days in advance of the event); please visit www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, call 320-363-3560, or email theologyday@csbsju.edu to register.

Why Do Catholic's Do That

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: In today's digital world, do we really need to be face-to-face with a priest to confess our sins? Would Facetime or Zoom ever be allowed?

Answer:

The question of whether or not Catholics can celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation virtually (via social media, by phone, or in some other way) is a question that has actually been around for several years. The recent COVID-19 pandemic brought the question back in a new way, especially as many parishes were forced to introduce a sort of "social distanced" confession, with the sacrament being celebrated outdoors.

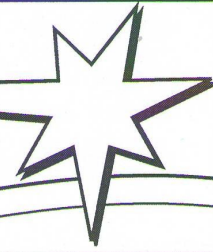
In reflecting on this question, however, there are a couple points that we want to keep in mind. First, as the Code of Canon Law observes in different places, the faithful have a right to the sacraments of the Church and the Church's ministers have a responsibility to make them accessible. At the same time, however, we always have to be sure that we respect the nature of the sacraments themselves.

Although modern forms of technology and communication can help us in our work of evangelization catechesis, the Pontifical Council for Social Communication has reminded us that, "Virtual reality is no substitute for the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, the sacramental reality of the other sacraments, and shared worship in a flesh and blood human community. There are no sacraments on the internet" (The Church and the Internet, no. 9).

Although our encounters with others on the internet and via social media can be considered "real" in one sense, in the sacraments we encounter Christ in a personal and ecclesial way. It is never just a private experience but is always grounded in the life of the Church and this means that it must truly be personal, including the contact between the confessor and the penitent. While the convenience or ease of online celebrations might be appealing for many reasons, at heart, we always want to keep in mind the fullness of the Church's tradition and the meaning of the sacraments.



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Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

February 2021

Sacred Heart Church
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Thoughtful Moments

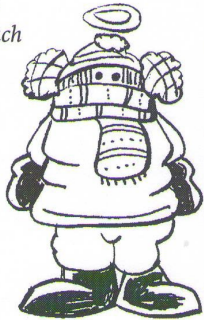
Pray for friends

In his Gospel, St. Mark tells a story of a paralyzed man whose friends showed great determination to bring his needs before Jesus. The house in which Jesus was speaking was too crowded for their friend, so they lowered him through a hole they made in the roof (Mark 2:1-12). In response, Jesus changed the man's life. Amazing things can happen when we place our friends' needs before Jesus.

Just ask

Jesus tells us to ask God for what we need and to be persistent until we hear from Him. Don't worry about pestering God. Think of how eager we parents are to help our children—especially if they are struggling. It's the same with God – our perfect Father – who never tires of helping us.

"If you then...know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him"
(Matthew 7:11).



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Observe a fruitful pandemic Lent

Once again, Lent will look different for many families. One goal of the season is to eliminate distractions and turn our hearts back to God. A few adjustments to your Lenten observance may help you transform your family's hearts, even in the midst of a pandemic.

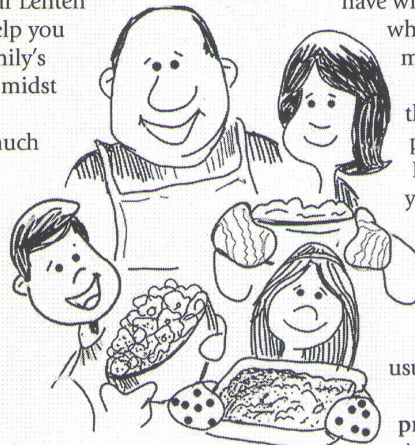
Offer it up. So much of what we are experiencing in the pandemic is sacrificial. Use visual aids to help children offer deprivation or sacrifices to God's purposes. For example, place a jar on your kitchen counter and encourage everyone to place a jelly bean in it each time they suffer a deprivation – a canceled sport season, a missed gathering, a scaled-down birthday celebration. Celebrate by

eating the candy at Easter.

Practice gratitude. Gratitude helps to keep everything in perspective. Stay aware of the pleasant moments you have with your family and do what you can to create more of them.

Be flexible. Accept that the landscape in a pandemic is different. Prioritize your family, your health and the health of your loved ones. Try not to hold onto specific ideas for accomplishing your usual activities.

Swap screen time for prayer time. Spending time watching or reading bad news or scrolling through social media sites filled with negativity creates stress. Turn to God in family prayer and rest in His presence in your lives.

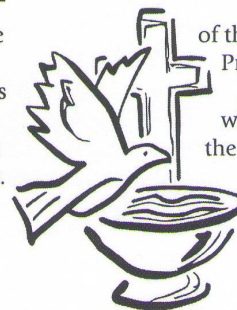


Why Do Catholics Do That ?

Once the bread and wine has been consecrated during Mass, Jesus Christ is wholly present under the appearance either of bread or of wine in the Eucharist.

In fact, Christ is wholly present in any fragment

Why do Catholics believe Christ is in the Precious Blood and the Host?



of the Host or in any drop of the Precious Blood.

It is possible to receive the whole Christ in just one form or the other. However, it is most fitting to receive Christ in both forms during the celebration of the Eucharist.

Give your family the gift of "Little Easter"

Every Sunday is a "Little Easter," with Mass as a celebration of Christ's victory over death and sin. Many Catholic families find that strengthening Sunday habits bring them closer together and closer to God. Try these ideas:

Family forgiveness: On Friday or Saturday night, gather together and ask each other for forgiveness for offenses committed against one another. Then, if you feel comfortable, go to Confession as a family as often as you can.



Prepare for Mass: Participating in Mass is critical to bring strength to a Catholic family. If you can't attend in person, watch it together, but don't miss it. Before beginning, go over the readings you will hear at Mass so you can answer questions ahead of time. Spending the time waiting for Mass to begin in silence leaves time for prayer and reflection.

Mass intentions: Ask each person to pick someone for whom the family can pray during Mass. Write each name on a list and offer a family prayer for these intentions after Communion.

Scripture LESSON

Mark 9:2-10, The test of the Transformation

When Jesus met with Elijah and Moses on the mountaintop, they talked about the journey Jesus was going to make to Jerusalem and the Cross. Perhaps the holy men were offering support and comfort, and Jesus probably felt strengthened by the meeting.

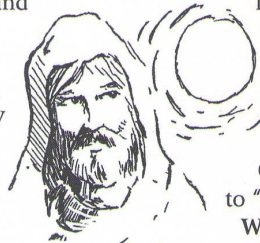
Certainly he was bolstered by hearing the voice from Heaven. Still, he had a difficult road ahead and he realized that despite all of his efforts, some would refuse to listen and would be lost. But God knew that the desire to follow Jesus comes

from confidence about who he is. If we believe Jesus is God's Son then we will want to do what he says. So he

let the disciples witness the amazing meeting on the mountaintop, and he let them hear the heavenly voice proclaim Jesus as God's son and instruct us to "listen to him."

What can a parent do?

Society may try to tell us what is right, but Jesus' words are our final authority. Help youngsters test everything they hear against Jesus' words in the Bible and they will not be led astray.



Feasts & Celebrations

February 2 – The Presentation of the Lord. In accordance with the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple to make the required offering forty days after his birth. They were faithful observers of the law of the Lord.

February 3 – St. Blaise (316). Bishop of Sebaste, he was martyred for refusing to renounce his Catholic faith. Priests usually bless throats on this day because St. Blaise, reportedly a physician, healed many ailments of the throat.

February 10 – St. Scholastica

(543). Twin sister of St. Benedict, St. Scholastica founded a Benedictine community for women five miles from her brother's monastery. The twins visited each other each year and Scholastica died three days after their last meeting. St. Benedict saw her soul rising heavenward in the form of a dove.

February 17 — Ash Wednesday. The first day of Lent. Ashes from the burnt palms of the previous Passion Sunday are blessed and placed on the foreheads as a sign of penance.



Parent TALK



I had a hard time praying. Too many friends and family have been lost to the seemingly endless pandemic and I was spent. I was juggling working at home with supervising online

schooling. My husband lost his job for the second time in three years and we had used up our savings the first time. It felt like God was far away. He wasn't listening.

A few nights later I overheard our ten-year old saying her prayers asking God for help. She ended with, "Thanks for listening. Amen." Then she went to sleep. Standing outside her room, I realized that Tessa didn't tell God what to do. She asked for help, trusted that it would come, and left it to God.

I prayed for the first time in weeks and ended with, "Thanks for listening. Amen." I realized God is always listening. I was the one who had stopped talking.

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KIDS CORNER

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

LEPROSY
JESUS
POWER

WELL
WARNED
SHOW

GIFT
HEALED
WALKED

M O S Y T E D A G U R
A **L E P R O S Y** E W A
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SHARING THE GOSPEL

It is not fun to be sick. You miss your friends at school. You can't go outside to play. On top of being bored and lonely, you don't feel well at all. The man with leprosy in today's Gospel was sick a long, long time. He was really bored, lonely, and feeling awful. There was no medicine for leprosy. Jesus was the only one who could help him.

PRAYER

God, you have the power to heal. Help me to trust you, even when I'm sick.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Visit the sick. Make a card.
Take a treat to share.
Give them something to read.
Pray for them before you leave.
You will brighten their day.



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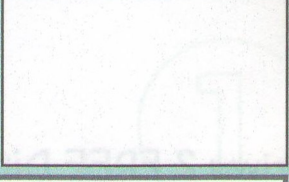
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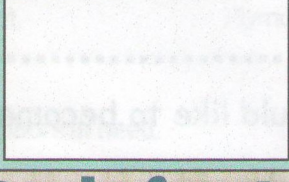


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