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Our mission is to *Love God—Love Others—Make Disciples*. Many hands, feet, and hearts come together to make our Christian community vibrant. We invite you to join our Saint Bonaventure community in worship and fellowship.

February 21, 2021

1st

SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:15

Worship

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Daily Mass Times

Tuesday–Friday 8:45 a.m.

*First Saturday of each month.

Adoration

Adoration is open all day every day
EXCEPT FOR the following times:

Sunday, 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Monday–Friday, 8 - 11 a.m.

Saturday, 3 - 6 p.m.

Sacraments

Reconciliation

By appointment only, contact the Parish Office.

Baptism, RCIA, Anointing, Marriage

Contact the Parish Office.

Confirmation, Holy Communion

Contact the Faith Formation Office.

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Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

(Closed for Daily Mass 8:45-9:15 a.m.)

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Order of Worship

Entrance

Greeting

Penitential Act

Priest: ...And so to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries:

Deacon: Lord Jesus...Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Lord Jesus...Christ, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord Jesus...Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us,

forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen

Collect Prayer

First Reading

Genesis 9:8-15

Responsorial Psalm 25 **Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:12-15

Homily

GOSPEL MEDITATION

February 21, 2021

1st Sunday of Lent

St. Oscar Romero said, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the "idol of the self," keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It's not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn't just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. "Being more" means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the "quality" of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God's unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of "life in the good old days." Lent isn't about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It's about becoming something new. It's about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does.

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I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God. Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (*profound bow through “and became man”*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and Became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Prayer of the Faithful

Our response: **Lord, hear our prayer**

Prayer Over the Offerings

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

The people rise and reply

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name for our good and the good of all his holy church**

The priest prays the Prayer Over the Offerings, and we acclaim

All: Amen

Eucharistic Prayer

Priest The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

Priest Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord

priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right and just

Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Mystery of Faith (Memorial Acclamation)

Priest The mystery of faith.

A **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.**

B **When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

C **Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.**

Lord's Prayer

Priest At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:
All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

Priest Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ

All **For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever**

Sign of Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be with you always
All **And with your spirit**
Deacon Let us offer one another the sign of peace
All exchange a sign of peace with a nod or a friendly wave.

Lamb of God

All **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

Communion Rite

Priest Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb
All **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Distribution of Holy Communion during Mass

Please socially distance as you approach the minister in your section. Masks must be worn until after you receive the Holy Eucharist in your hand, then step to the side, remove your mask, consume the Eucharist, replace your mask and return to your pew for closing prayer and final blessing.

Prayer After Communion

Concluding Rites

Priest The Lord be with you.
All **And with your spirit.**
Priest May almighty God bless you; the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.
All **Amen**

Immediately following Mass, the church is cleaned and sanitized in preparation for Adoration and other scheduled events. This process takes time, so we respectfully ask you to leave the church immediately after Mass. If you are seeking fellowship, we invite you to visit outdoors.

Giving Update

Collection for the week of February 14, 2021

Actual: \$ 18,183.00

Year to Date Actual: \$ 502,441.46

Budget for February 28: \$ 13,500.00

Year to Date Budget: \$ 475,000.00

Lenten Journey Through the Mass

I'm going to use the next five bulletin columns to provide some information about the Mass. Some of it will be familiar and some of it maybe not so familiar. Even though this will be a five-week journey, I will still not be able to provide all of the data I'd like.

Fr. Alan Phillip wrote a delightful little book entitled *Our Hearts at Sunday Mass*; I will be using his book, plus a number of other sources throughout this series. He starts out by saying that the Mass is a celebration for all. "The people in the pews are not spectators. The sanctuary is not a theater (unlike some of the mega-churches). The congregation is not a passive audience.

The priest is not an actor to be watched. No, the people together with their priest celebrant enter into the Mass with full and conscious participation as a 'royal priesthood.'" "Our Sunday celebration through the liturgy is a visible expression, personal choice, and devotional demonstration of our faith." How do we prepare for this celebration? Fr. Alan suggests we do that with a humble heart and a forgiving heart.

First, some quotes about humility: "If you are all wrapped up in yourself, you are overdressed." "After the game, the king and the pawn go back in the same box." Humility is a real and honest relationship with the truth and the truth is, we humans are small in the grand scheme of things. The prophet Micah reminds us: "You have been told, O people, what is good, and what the Lord requires of you: Only to do right and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8.

A forgiving heart is based on MT 5:23-24, where he says that if we bring our gift to the altar and there recall that our brother or sister has anything against us, we are to leave our gift at the altar, go first and be reconciled; then come and offer our gift. During the Gathering Rite, we are forgiven (reconciled), so why should it be so hard to forgive those around us? It is certainly something to consider as we enter into the Mass.

So, why even go to church. What's wrong with worshipping God using my own words? Well, as Mike Aquilina suggests, while using our own words may seem good, we need more. At the Last Supper, Jesus told us to repeat the breaking of the bread but is His saying that the answer? After all, Jesus did nothing without a reason.

A number of years ago, America Magazine ran an article entitled *Why Go To Mass?* Here are some excerpts. When we go to Mass, we are participating in the salvation of the world and in doing that, we commit to working for God's reign. We experience the glory of God as we realize we are part of the Body of Christ. We hear the Scriptures communally and in so doing, we deepen and safeguard our experience of God communicating with us.

When we celebrate faithfully, we conform ourselves more and more to the image of generosity and love of the One into whom we are baptized. We find companionship in the sharing of the Eucharist. We bring our needs and desires to the Lord's Table. And on a broader scale, we pray for the needs of the world. When we are conscious of those needs, we are again reminded we are part of the Body of Christ outside our own community of faith.

What about the clothes worn? Well, first I put on an Alb, a long white tunic that sometimes includes embroidery or lace. Deacons Mickey and Jon also wear an Alb; in fact, anyone who is visibly ministering at Mass may wear an alb, just as our servers do. Over the Alb is the chasuble, the outer garment that identifies the priest presiding at Mass. The other part of the attire is a stole, a long scarf-like garment, which typically matches the chasuble. Again, it is in the color of the day. Deacons most often wear just a stole over their Alb, but on special solemnities, the deacon may wear an outer garment, called a dalmatic. You'll usually see them in a dalmatic on Christmas and Easter and at other important liturgies.

And what do the various colors mean? Well, every day in the Church calendar is assigned a particular color and the vestments, and often the environment, will usually be in that color. White is used for Christmas, Easter, Marian feasts, other solemnities, and funerals. Red is used on Passion Sunday, Good Friday, Pentecost and feasts of martyrs. Purple is used for Lent and Advent, though in Advent the Church allows a blueish hue to the purple. Rose is used for Gaudete and Laetere Sundays, days of joy in the midst of the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent. During Ordinary Time, when there is no other particular celebration, the color worn is green.

In conclusion, by sharing in the Eucharist, we anticipate the eternal banquet waiting for us in heaven. Our celebrations on earth are but a glimpse of what we'll participate in for eternity; at Mass God invites us to share in the deepest peace and joy possible – sharing in His very body and blood. Because, the ultimate joy for us while on this earth is to share the Body and Blood of Jesus as a community.

Fr. Bob

Ministry Activities

Craft Group

The first day of spring is Saturday, March 20, so what better way to celebrate than to shop at the Spring Boutique in Ambrose Hall, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The sale continues on Sunday, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. You'll find all the usual favorites like dish towels, scrubbies, placements, seasonal creations, baby gifts, woodcrafts, American Girl doll clothes, jewelry, baked goods, and more. Hope to see you there.

Faith Formation



Those preparing to receive First Communion in April should be working on the home-study materials every week. You will need to bring the completed home-study materials and a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate to Gary by Sunday, April 11.

Operation Rice Bowl is beginning. Rice Bowls are available in the gathering space in the back of the church. Take a calendar and Rice Bowl and follow the suggestions in the calendar to make this Lenten season more meaningful.

We will meet for our in-person Faith formation class on Wednesday, March 10.

- Parents and those in grades 1-5 will meet in the church.
- Those in grades 6, 7 & 8 will meet in Ambrose Hall.
- Confirmation (Year 1) will meet in the Gathering Space.
- Confirmation (year 2) will meet in the Youth Room).

It is vitally important that all those in attendance follow our Covid-19 safety guidelines outlined on the first night of classes. These guidelines are also available on the website.

Looking ahead: Confirmation interviews will take place on Sunday, March 28. Confirmation Candidates you need to have all of your service hours completed prior to this date. If you have not yet completed your service hours requirements please contact for some opportunities to help you complete the requirement.

Lenten Study Opportunities Intentional Discipleship

This is a reminder of two Lenten studies you are encouraged to consider. The Archdiocese **Synod at Home**, and the Augustine Institute course **The Search** on FORMED.org.

Consider participating in one of these as part of your Lenten spiritual enrichment process by conducting this in an existing group you are already a part of (ministry, family, social, etc.). For the Synod At Home, see archspm.org/synod-at-home.

For The Search, we have a set of guidelines which is available in PDF form by emailing Dick Hertel (dchertel@msn.com).



REST IN PEACE

Please keep the family and friends of:
Greg Mueller, Deacon Thom Winninger,
Carleen Tester and Sally Reinert in your
prayers.

May their souls and the souls of all the
faithful departed rest in peace.

Perpetual Adoration in the Church



*Adoration is open all day every day
EXCEPT FOR the following times:
Sunday, 7 a.m.-1 p.m.
Monday - Friday, 8-11 a.m.
Saturday, 3-6 p.m.*

Monday, February 22

12 p.m. Thunderbird AA in Room 8
7:30 p.m. AA in Room 8

Tuesday, February 23

8:45 a.m. Mass († Alice and Charles Brennan)
9:30-11:30 a.m. Craft Group in Room 1
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. SVdP Food Shelf drive thru
12 p.m. Thunderbird AA in Room 8
7 p.m. PPC Meeting in Youth Room

Wednesday, February 24

8:45 a.m. Mass († Private Intention)
12 p.m. Thunderbird AA in Room 8

Thursday, February 25

8:45 a.m. Mass († Kathy Bach)
9:15 a.m. Prayer Group in Youth Room
12 p.m. Thunderbird AA in Room 8

Friday, February 26

8:45 a.m. Mass († Lois Schmid)
9:15 a.m. Stations of the Cross
12 p.m. Thunderbird AA in Room 8
2 - 4 p.m. SVdP Food Shelf drive thru
7 p.m. Living Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 27

9:30 a.m. Thunderbird AA in Room 8
3:15 - 4 p.m. Reconciliation in St. Francis Room
4:30 p.m. Mass († Harold Garry)

Sunday, February 28

8 a.m. Mass († Mike Montgomery)
9 - 9:30 a.m. Drive Thru Communion Distribution
10 a.m. Mass (Saint Bonaventure Community)
11 a.m. SVdP Meeting in Ambrose Hall
7 - 8 p.m. Youth Group in Ambrose Hall
8 p.m. AA in Room 8

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Safe Environment

Saint Bonaventure is committed to creating and fostering a safe environment for all.

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