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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday from 3:00-3:45PM and

Wednesday at 4:45PM

when Mass is celebrated

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please contact the Priest at least **six**

months prior

THE MASS

The Mass is at the center of Catholic tradition, and yet, the general consensus today seems to be that the Mass is boring. We have become used to hearing children say, "I don't want to go to Church. Mass is boring!" Children have been saying this for generations. The disturbing reality is that more and more adults are saying, "Mass is boring!" "It's not relevant to my modern life!" "I don't get anything out of it!" This is now a multi-generational problem, and one that deserves our urgent attention. On any given Sunday if I look around church, I see a large number of men, women, and children who are disengaged. Not distracted at moments, but massively disengaged throughout the whole Mass. We have been talking about this problem for longer than I have been alive. Some people say the problem with the Mass is the way the altar servers behave, others say the problem is that the music is too modern or too old-fashioned, while still others say that the problem with the Mass is the readers, the Eucharistic ministers, the parking lot, the coffee they serve after Mass, or their priest's homilies. We have tried to make Mass more engaging by changing things, adding things, and involving more and more people, but despite all of this, an increasing number of people have stopped attending Mass on a regular basis and profess to be bored or actively disengaged during Mass.

In truth, there is no problem with the Mass. People of all places and times have found it to be the life-transforming centerpiece of their spiritual lives. It has nothing to do with age. Many people, young and old, still find the Mass to be an experience that provides incredible spiritual comfort and clarity. I am one of them. So I am simply unable to accept that the Mass is boring. I am not willing to accept that it is irrelevant to our lives, though I do think we need to consider if our lives are irrelevant to the Mass.

The Mass is not boring, but many people are bored when they go to Mass. This is the essential dilemma we face as a Church. What is the answer? How do we demonstrate the powerful relevance of the Mass? I have studied it for years and have come to the conclusion that two things are necessary if we are to demonstrate the powerful relevance of the Mass to Catholics today.

First, there needs to be a change in the way we approach Mass each Sunday. Every day God is speaking in our lives. The Sunday liturgy is an opportunity for us to take time to listen. We need to teach and learn real and practical ways of listening to God's voice.

Second, we need a renewed understanding of the workings of the Mass and how they relate to our daily lives. Most people know so little about the Mass that it might as well be in a foreign language. Very few Catholics have a working knowledge of what is actually happening at each moment during the Mass. We need to bring the Eucharistic experience to life for

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of June 4, 2017

Monday, June 5

St. Boniface

8:15 AM Mass +Madleen Abbo

Tuesday, June 6- NO MASS

Wednesday, June 7- NO MASS

Thursday, June 8 - NO MASS

Friday, June 9

St. Ephrem, Deacon

8:15 AM Mass +Mary Paylor

Saturday, June 10

4:00 PM Mass +John & Mary Pobst

Confessions 3:00-3:45 PM

Sunday, June 11

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

In the second reading today, St. Paul reminds the Corinthians, "There are different gifts, but the same spirit; there are different ministries, but the same Lord." How am I using my gifts "for the common good"?

STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR TREASURE

Sunday, May 28	Collection Report
Envelopes	3,700.37
Plate	159.00
Automatic Deductions (env.)	352.00
Poor Box	15.76
Bulletin Advertising	32.00
Spanish Mass	113.00
Capital Improvement	190.00
<u>MONTHLY OPERATING ACCOUNT</u>	
Projected expenses FY 2017-2018	\$32,675.00
Received May 28, 2017	4,562.13
Received for May, 2017	22,393.48

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection next weekend, June 11 & 12, for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Please be generous with your contribution to evangelize the Catholic faith.

DDF FUND

To date, 115 St. Francis Xavier parishioners have pledged \$30,995, and St. Francis Xavier School raised \$1,050 toward our \$49,764 goal. Thank you! If you have not yet made your pledge, please add your gift in unity with those who have already given by returning a pledge card. There are pledge cards available on the kiosk

NOTICE TO PARISHIONERS

Father Alexander will not be available from June 5 to June 9, due to attending a Priest Retreat. Please note there

PARISH BIBLE STUDY

Please join the Thursday Afternoon Bible Study (TABS) group at 3:30 in the St. Joseph Room in the Parish Center. The readings are: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9; Daniel 3:52-55; 1 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18. They may

VOCATION CRUCIFIX

Praying for vocations is a very important part of our Catholic practices. In order to continue our weekly prayers for vocations, we are asking that anyone who wishes may take home the vocation crucifix located on the table behind the last pew in Church. Please feel free to take it after Mass and return to the table at the next weekend

ROSARY CD'S FROM THE DIOCESE

The Diocese has a CD which Bishop Rice has recorded with our seminarians that includes the Rosary for Vocations and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. These CD's will be available to anyone for \$10, to cover the cost of pro-

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RE-MARRIAGE PREPARATION SEMINAR

The next Re-Marriage Seminar will be Saturday, August 12. The seminar will be conducted in the Church meeting room on the lower level located at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 741 N. Forest Ave., Cape Girardeau, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and conclude by 4 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Please remember to mail the Marriage Preparation forms, along with the \$25 program fee, to the Office of Family Ministries. Attendance

SUMMER CAMPS AT NOTRE DAME

Notre Dame Regional High School is taking applications for summer camps for Robotics, Drama, Athletics, and Science. Register and pay on-line at notredamehighschool.org.

SCHOOL OPENINGS—KELSO

St. Augustine School in Kelso is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2017-18 school year: Grades 6-8 Science/Religion Teacher; part-time cook (3 days per week, approximately 12 hours/week) and part-time custodial/maintenance position (3-4 hours per day, M-F). Interested individuals should contact Dr. Gerald Landewee at 264-4644 or glandewee@stakelso.edu.

100th ANNIVERSARY of FATIMA

At Fatima, Mary offered to guide us as we strive to live the life God has called us to. But who is Mary to you? And what role can she play in your spiritual life?

- Mary is an incredible example of someone who embraced and lived God's dream for her.
- Mary can help us get to know Jesus in a way that nobody else can.
- Just as Mary was incredibly close to Jesus on earth, she remains close to him now in heaven. All we have to do is ask, and she will bring us, along with all our desires, needs, and struggles, directly to her son.

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LIFT US UP IN PRAYER

Please remember all those in our parish who are ill, homebound and in nursing homes. Jerome Rennie, Malcolm Sandvos, Emme Lankheit, Stuart Cawthorn, Mark Blanton, Joan Moss, Jon Burden, Andrew & Mickie Ormsby, Annabel Connors, Donald Cento, Beulah Leible, Karen Matthews, Rodney Abney, Marge Ferrenburg, Father Glenn Eftink, Jack Jackovic, Jim Hux, Josh Stinnett, Pat Fetsch, Gary Ryan, and Bob Donze For all serving in the Armed Forces, for the protection of the unborn, for religious vocations, and our religious freedoms.