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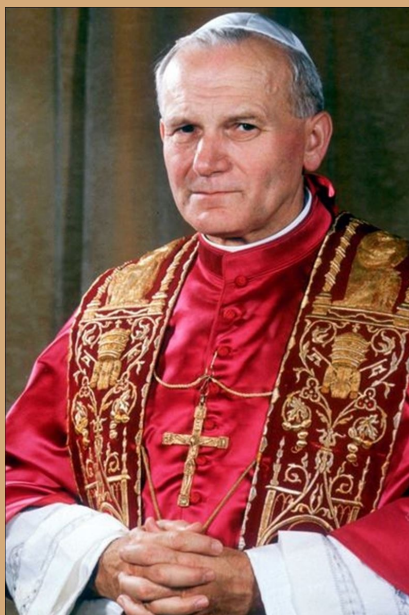
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 2020

"It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; He is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is He who provoked you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is He who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is He who reads in your heart your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle.

It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be ground down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal."

-- Pope St. John Paul II



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Sacramental Emergencies Only: Please call the Parish Office and press "2"

Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday at 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Monday-Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

Friday at 7:00 a.m.

First Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Parish Mission Statement

As the Parish families of St. Francis Borgia of Blair, Nebraska, we are a faith community united in Christ by a common bond to the Roman Catholic Church. Our words and actions are a reflection of Christ's presence among us. We manifest God's work through our active participation in spiritual, educational, liturgical and service acts directed at bringing Christ to all.

John 15: Jesus says "love one another as I have loved you."

Dear Friends in Christ,

1. IPF SPIRITUAL DIRECTION TRAINING PROGRAM

This past week, I completed my last week of a 3 year program with the Institute of Priestly Formation (IPF). For three weeks each year, about 70 priests, mainly from the U.S., gathered at Mundelein Seminary in Chicago, Illinois.

When we met for the first time, Kathy Kanavy, Associate Director of the IPF, said, "We know that you are here to become a better spiritual director. However, we truly believe that at the end of the three years, you will not only become a better spiritual director, but also a better confessor, homilist, counselor, listener, pray-er, adorer, and priest."

By the grace of God, I believe that it has happened. I have learned so much these last three years and am very thankful to have been a part of this program. Having experienced this incredible program will help me to serve you better. I would highly encourage it to any priest.

Through praying together, sharing, learning and having meals, I have gotten to know these brother priests from other dioceses across the U.S., and a few even from Canada.

One of the final parts of this program is leading a six week series on prayer, which will begin on February 24 here at our parish.

2. SIX WEEK SERIES ON PRAYER

Come and learn how to pray. We will be discussing and experiencing different forms of prayer. We will meet for six Mondays, beginning on February 24, 7 to 8 p.m. All are welcome! Please call the Parish Office so that we have a count for handouts, refreshments, etc.

3. MARYTV

Would you like to be inspired? Would you like your heart to be moved by God? Would you like to grow closer to Our Lord and our Mother Mary? Would you like to have peace in your heart?

With all the ungodly programs on TV and the Internet, I would like to offer you a wonderful, edifying and inspiring alternative: MaryTV.

You can access MaryTV on a smart TV, smart phone and on the Internet. If you have a smart phone, simply download the MaryTV app. If you have a smart TV, simply get on the Internet and type in MaryTV.tv

MaryTV was built up from the ground by Dennis and Kathy Nolan, a couple whose lives transformed after going on a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, together with countless generous donors.

Pray the Rosary daily with Dennis and Kathy Nolan. Watch the English daily Mass. Listen to powerful testimonies from pilgrims on the Fruit of Medjugorje show. Watch live programming from Medjugorje! And more! The app is free.

Bring the peace of Medjugorje into your home and allow God's graces to flow into your family's lives.

May we allow Jesus and our Mother Mary to lead us to the happiness that we seek that can only be found in Him alone.

To Jesus through Mary,

Father Damien



Pray for one another

If there are any additions to, or removals from the prayer chain, please call Jane Gramke Stevens 402.278.2652

David Shumaker
Chris Stevens-Gill
Megan Sorensen
Sharon Allen
Amy Murray
Viola Michrina
Gavin McCoy
Mike Kult
Angela Howard
Clair Kneifl
Mary Nelson
Sherry McBride
G. & F. Marek family
Troy McCandless
Mary Ann Wenzl
Helan Johnson
Eric Sorensen
Mike Hoefler
Grace Sorsoli
Helen Herman
Vince Kavanaugh
Jason Smith
Judy Quest
Kevin Mann
Nathan Kocmik
Sherry Pruss
Mary C Beckman
Jerry Wilke
Barbara Rican
Luke Kollars
Phil Thomas
Gordon C Gladdon
Andrea Dickerson
Shitra Mickerjee
Jack Comstock
Kasey Comstock
Kevin Clarke

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE (meh-ju-go-ria)

I would like to personally invite you to join me on a pilgrimage to Medjugorje from **November 27 to December 5, 2020**. I have been to Medjugorje four times. Each time, it has been a powerful and moving experience. Medjugorje has given me a deeper love for Jesus and our Mother Mary. It has also positively impacted my priesthood in many ways. The Vatican has given permission for dioceses and parishes to organize pilgrimages to Medjugorje. We already have a few parishioners signed up! We will be going with Stella Mar Pilgrimages. They produced the movies *Apparition Hill* and *Where There Is Darkness*. (You might remember the latter movie being promoted in our parish this past summer). The cost is around \$2,735 per person, and includes airfare, lodging, breakfasts and lunches. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office and speak with Kelly. Also, if you would like to watch the movie *Apparition Hill*, a powerful movie on Medjugorje, two copies are available for loan from the Parish Office.

Fish Fry Dinners

Every Friday during Lent; Feb. 28 – April 3 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Thank you to Tom and Jackie Muff for agreeing to head up this year's Fish Fry. Thank you to all who have already signed up to help and bring desserts. If you haven't yet, the signup sheets are available in the Commons Area.

Last year's palms



Please return last year's palms to the tote in the Church commons. Once burned, the ashes from these palms will be used during Ash Wednesday Masses on February 26.

Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary — 33 Days to Morning Glory

A five week preparation to Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary beginning Tuesday, February 25 at 7:00 p.m. and meeting each week until March 24, 2020, with Consecration taking place on March 25, 2020, the Feast of the Annunciation. If you have already made a consecration, this is your opportunity to renew it. If you have never made a consecration, this is your time. You will need the book 33 Days to Morning Glory by Fr. Gaitley. You can find it on Amazon for kindle new or used paperback.

Questions email Rebecca Crotty racrotty222@hotmail.com or text 402-237-9892.

It is urgently necessary in these times for the Blessed Virgin to have a powerful victory over evil: the triumph of the Immaculate Heart, the triumph of grace over sin, of light over darkness, of truth over error, of holiness over corruption, of peace over war and violence. "The triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is necessary for the salvation of humanity, to show us Jesus, the blessed fruit of her womb" (John Paul II: Angelus, July 8, 1984)

Welcome New Parishioners

We would like to invite any new members of the church to donuts and coffee on Sunday, March 1st from 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Please join us after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, or before 10:00 a.m. Mass. we look forward to meeting you!!

-The Welcome Committee

Spend precious time with Jesus during Eucharistic Adoration!

Please call the Parish Office if you are able to spend the **10:00 - 11:00 a.m.** hour with Jesus during Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament.

* Eucharistic Adoration is on the first Friday of each month *



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This blessing is a result of businesses that advertise on the back side of our bulletin! Please take a moment to look at the back of the bulletin, and support and thank these sponsors!

Please call the Parish Office if your group or business would like to place an ad, with the added bonus of knowing that you are helping us to spread the word of God through print!



March 20-22, 2020

Overlook Lodge - Camp Comeca
75670 Road 417
Cozad, NE 69130

For more information go to:
<https://www.gidiocese.org/victim-assistance>

A Healing Retreat for Male Survivors of Abuse

Developed and led by Sue Stubbs, MS, NCC
Victim Assistance Coordinator—Archdiocese of Atlanta
Co-leader Gerry Crete, Ph.D., M.Ed., NCC

To request an application, please contact:
Elizabeth A. Heidt Kozisek, Ph.D.
308-382-6565 or cpo@gidiocese.org
Application Deadline March 11, 2020
Register early, space is limited.

Pastoral Care

MASS FOR SHUT INS

First Friday at Crowell Nursing Home - 10:00 a.m.

Second Friday at Good Shepherd - 10:00 a.m.

Sunday:

Archdiocesan Mass: Channel 6 at 10:30 a.m.

PARISH ROSARY

Saturday 4:35 p.m. & Sunday 7:35 a.m. & 9:35 a.m.

First Saturdays at 8:30 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sacraments

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:15 - 4:45 p.m.

Sundays: 9:15 - 9:45 a.m.

Confessions may also be heard by appointment.

Marriage

Contact the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance.

Baptisms

Contact the Parish Office at least one month in advance to schedule. All parents are expected to attend a short Baptism preparation meeting.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office.

Holy Orders

Please contact the Archdiocesan Vocation Director, Rev. Andrew Roza, at 402-558-3100.

Hospital Calls

Please contact the Parish Office.

Funeral Rites

Please contact the Parish Office.

OUR STEWARDSHIP

For General Operations

Budgeted Weekly	\$ 5,385.00
Collected February 8/9	\$ 5,684.19
Budget YTD	\$ 177,705.00
Collected YTD	\$ 180,239.99



MASS TIMES

Monday, February 17 <i>Steve & Cece Tonn</i>	8 a.m. Mass
Tuesday, February 18 <i>Michel Menge</i>	8 a.m. Mass
Wednesday, February 19 <i>Sally Heasty</i>	8 a.m. Mass
Thursday, February 20 <i>Carl Spidel †</i>	8 a.m. Mass
Friday, February 21 <i>Vincent & Therese Wee</i>	7 a.m. Mass
Saturday, February 22 <i>John Throener †</i>	5 p.m. Mass
Sunday, February 23 <i>Ed Vancura †</i> <i>Parishioners of St. Francis Borgia</i>	8 a.m. Mass 10 a.m. Mass



For the Weekend
Of Feb. 22 & 23

5:00 P.M. SATURDAY	8:00 A.M. SUNDAY	10:00 A.M. SUNDAY
EMHC (Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion) * Denotes Distribution of Precious Blood		
L. Thoene Throener J. Adams* Aman* K. Adams* Wade*	Kowalewski P. Leehy* D. Leehy* Limbach* Kozimor*	Sorensen Bray Dawson* Mencke* Mullen*
Lectors		
Aman	Schweers	Schwarzlander
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K. O'Neil C. O'Neil W. Smith	L. Valasek D. Dresden R. Dresden	N. Slominski K. Smith A. Slominski
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