



# St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church

One in Faith. One in Service. One in Christ.

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 2020

Whoever loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

And whoever does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me.



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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 & 10:00 a.m.

**Tuesday-Thursday** at 8:00 a.m.

**Friday** at 7:00 a.m.

**First Saturday** at 9:00 a.m.

**Confessions:** Thursdays 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
(temporarily moved to the Education Building)

Dear Friends in Christ,

### **1. INSTALLATION AS PASTOR**

With great joy, I would like to invite you and your families to the Installation Mass on Sunday, July 19, at the 10 a.m. Mass. At this Mass, Fr. Tom Weisbecker, Pastor of St. James Church in Omaha, who is the Dean of our Deanery, will be coming to install this priest as Pastor of St. Francis Borgia. There will be some light refreshments immediately following the Mass. All are welcome!



### **2. "JESUS IS ALIVE" SERIES**

Hopefully, by now, you have taken the time to check out our new "Jesus is Alive" series on our Facebook page. Hopefully, also by now, you know well that you do not need to have a Facebook account to view our parish's public Facebook page.

Sharing about what our Catholic Faith means to us and how Jesus is alive in our lives is not something that we Catholic Christians are very comfortable doing. That is unfortunate. Here is something good that we can learn from our fellow non-Catholic brothers and sisters in the Lord.

As disciples, Jesus invites us to get out of our comfort zones to share our Catholic Faith with others. Why do you believe what you believe? Is it because when you were growing up, this was what your parents told you to believe? Or is it because you have been sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit at your Confirmation, and are filled with zeal, courage and perseverance to go out and bring the Good News to others? Do you desire to share your Catholic Faith with others because you are thankful to the Lord for the great things that He has done for you and your family?

Many souls are starving to get to know Jesus and the peace, love and fulfillment that only Jesus can give them. They may be your relatives, co-workers, neighbors, or even your own family members.

This past Wednesday, we celebrated the solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist; one of three birthdays that we celebrate in our Catholic Church. John was called to prepare the way of the Lord in the lives of those around him. We, too, are called to do the same. When people see and hear you, do they see and hear Jesus living in you? We can only point people toward Jesus if we possess the great humility that St. John the Baptist had. Let us pray for God's grace; that we might decrease and Jesus will increase in us. (John 3:30)

### **3. PARISH CARE GROUPS**

As more and more people leave their homes and try to enter into a new kind of normal, they may get busy again. Not too long after COVID started here in the United States and we had to stop public Masses, we began Parish Care Groups to help us grow closer as a parish by reaching out to our fellow parishioners living close to us. How has your group been going? Have you tried to reach out to everyone in your group? Perhaps it has been a while since you called someone on your Parish Care Groups list. We all love to receive a call from someone to see how we are doing. Let us do the same for others.

### **4. BUSYNESS**

Talking about busyness... as more and more of us get out again, it is important as a family to spend some time reflecting on your time of quarantine. Here are some questions to ponder: *Are there activities that we used to fill our schedules with that we should leave behind post-quarantine? Are we making sure that we have time set aside to spend with God as a family and by ourselves? What have we learned from the time that we spent at home? How much do we have our priorities in order? What steps can we take as a family to encourage a simpler and more God-centered life?*

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*

Malaki Casey  
Betty Martin  
Mary Beckman  
LaVon Kettler  
Lillie Flynn  
David Shumaker  
Chris Stevens-Gill  
Megan Sorensen  
Sharon Allen  
Amy Murray  
Viola Michrina  
Gavin McCoy  
Mike Kult  
Angela Howard  
Mary Nelson  
Sherry McBride  
G. & F. Marek family  
Troy McCandless  
Mary Ann Wenzl  
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

### **Sacrificial Giving**

Thank you for your continued financial support of our parish of St. Francis Borgia. We appreciate your generosity, especially in this difficult time. Your sacrificial giving helps us to be able to continue to pay our monthly bills, and supports the mission of Jesus Christ and His Church here in Blair. You can mail your donation to the Parish Office or donate online. If you would like to donate online, you can do it easily and safely with a credit card through our parish website at: [stfrancisborgia.org](http://stfrancisborgia.org)



## GETTING TO KNOW Our Saints!

WELCOME to the first issue of GETTING TO KNOW our saints! Our hope is for you to relate to these brief insights, encouraging you to delve deeper into these amazing lives and strive to make their examples of reliance on Christ yours as well. Maybe we will see your name in this article some day! Go forth as *One in Faith. One in Service. One in Christ!*

### GETTING TO KNOW: SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

#### ST. PETER:

Born Simon, Christ gave him the name Cephas, meaning Peter. Peter, in Hebrew, means the Rock. He was close to Jesus, witnessing the Transfiguration, staying with Jesus during the agony in the garden, and whose mother in law was healed by Jesus. Jesus said to him "You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church" Matthew 16:17. Later, the Risen Jesus told Peter to feed His lambs and sheep. After the Ascension, Peter always took the leading role. He delivered the first sermon on Pentecost and received the first Gentiles into the church. He was a go getter and action taker even though he did not always do as Christ would intend for him and was rebuked for acting humanly rather than Godly. In the depths of his sorrow, Jesus looks on him and forgives him. He died bound to a cross in 67 A.D.

**Patron of:** bakers, bridge builders, clock and watch makers, against frenzy, harvesters, locksmiths, longevity, papacy, Popes, stone masons, Universal Church, butchers, feet problems, fever, Rome.

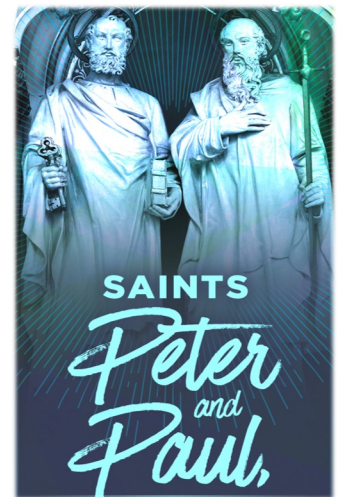
#### ST. PAUL:

Known as Saul prior to conversion, born in Tarsus to the son of Jewish parents who belonged to the tribe of Benjamin. He was as skilled tent maker and lived after the time of Christ's earthly life. Paul as Saul was one extremely notorious persecutor prior to his conversion. Christ made Saul completely blind and having to rely on others to help him to fully come to see and be a follower of Jesus. After his conversion, St. Paul took multiple missionary journeys where along the way, he was persecuted, forced to take secret flight and ultimately was jailed and then beheaded. Throughout his missions, he established Christian communities and churches.

**Patron of:** authors, evangelists, hailstorms, against snakes, journalists, lay people, missionary bishops, musicians, tent makers, public relations personnel and work, saddle makers.

#### **Want to know more??**

**Check these out!** Catholic.org, Franciscanmedia.org, Catholicculture.org, Saint of the Day by Leonard Foley, O.F.M. and Pat McCloskey, O.F.M .



# ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



## Adorers Needed



***"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament."*** – St. Padre Pio

Come and spend an hour sweetly communing with Jesus. Come and adore Him. Come and be with Him. Come and receive His love and graces. Jesus is waiting for you...

Adorers are needed for the following hours of Eucharistic Adoration, which is held on the 1st Friday of each month. Please call the Parish Office for more information and to sign up for one of the following times:

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.  
 11:00 - 12:00 noon  
 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. (two Adorers are needed for this hour)  
 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. (two Adorers are needed for this time)

**1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Friday, July 3 from 7:30 a.m.–8:00 p.m.**

## 1st Saturday Masses

\* Please note that 1st Saturday 9:00 a.m. Masses will Resume beginning July 4 \*

## Bellino's Fireworks Tent

Once again, the youth of St. Francis Borgia are working a Bellino's Fireworks Tent to fundraise. The earnings have supported our youth pilgrimage to the National Catholic Youth Conference for many years. Please help support our youth by purchasing your fireworks from the Bellino's Fireworks tent in Blair. It is located near Vet's baseball field and is the middle Red/White Tent. **Sales go from June 25th through July 4th.** You can also help by posting this information on your social media and sharing it with your family and friends! Thank you for your support in helping our youth to grow in their faith and encounter the presence of Christ in the young Church! God bless you!  
 Deacon Jeff & Darla Zurek

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.



Pope's  
Prayer  
Intentions

O God,

You willed that the Jewish people be free from slavery by their Egyptian captors. You will that all people should be free to worship you without fear and to celebrate their religious beliefs freely, even if they have not yet found You.

Grant that those of us who live in this great nation will thank You daily for our freedom, and work for the freedom of others around the world that do not yet have the freedom to practice their faith openly and proudly.

We seek your wisdom where hatred abounds, and ask for humility to offer our good works to others who live in fear and bondage.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord, who frees us from sin and death through the wood of the Cross.

Amen.



The Parish Office will be closed Friday, July 3rd in observance of the Independence Day weekend.



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<b>Monday, June 29</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday, June 30</b> <i>Geraldine Berlie †</i>	<b>8:00 a.m. Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday, July 1</b> <i>Arlene Dostal †</i>	<b>8:00 a.m. Mass</b>
<b>Thursday, July 2</b> <i>Jessica Charf †</i>	<b>8:00 a.m. Mass</b>
<b>Friday, July 3</b> <i>Nick Kuncl †</i>	<b>7:00 a.m. Mass</b>
<b>Saturday, July 4</b> <i>Our Country</i> <i>Parishioners of St. Francis Borgia</i>	<b>9:00 a.m. Mass</b> <b>5:00 p.m. Mass</b>
<b>Sunday, July 5</b> <i>Heidy Martinez †</i> <i>Heidy Martinez †</i>	<b>8:00 a.m. Mass</b> <b>10:00 a.m. Mass</b>