



St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church

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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5, 2020

"Come to
me, all you
who are
weary and
burdened,
and I will
give you
rest."

Matthew 11:28



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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,

Below is an excerpt from Danish Philosopher Søren Kierkegaard that we discussed in the homilies last Sunday morning. I only came across this last Saturday night, and have included it below not only for the benefit of those who participated in last Saturday 5 p.m. Mass, but also for all of us. Though not a Catholic, he makes a good distinction between one who is a follower of Jesus versus an admirer of Jesus. Let us reflect on our lives and our Yes to Jesus. May we recognize whether we are followers or admirers of Jesus. Jesus has many admirers, but few followers. May we all humbly ask Jesus for the grace to be His faithful followers.



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

FOLLOWERS, NOT ADMIRERS by Søren Kierkegaard (Excerpt)

It is well known that Christ consistently used the expression “follower.” He never asks for admirers, worshippers, or adherents. No, he calls disciples. It is not adherents of a teaching but followers of a life Christ is looking for.

Christ understood that being a “disciple” was in innermost and deepest harmony with what he said about himself. Christ claimed to *be* the way and the truth and the life (Jn. 14:6). For this reason, he could never be satisfied with adherents who accepted his teaching – especially with those who in their lives ignored it or let things take their usual course. His whole life on earth, from beginning to end, was destined solely to have followers and to make admirers impossible.

Christ came into the world with the purpose of saving, not instructing it. At the same time – as is implied in his saving work – he came to be the *pattern*, to leave footprints for the person who would join him, who would become a follower. This is why Christ was born and lived and died in lowliness. It is absolutely impossible for anyone to sneak away from the Pattern with excuse and evasion on the basis that It, after all, possessed earthly and worldly advantages that he did not have. In that sense, to admire Christ is the false invention of a later age, aided by the presumption of “loftiness.” No, there is absolutely nothing to admire in Jesus, unless you want to admire poverty, misery, and contempt.

What then, is the difference between an admirer and a follower? A follower is or strives to be what he admires. An admirer, however, keeps himself personally detached. He fails to see that what is admired involves a claim upon him, and thus he fails to be or strive to be what he admires.

If you have any knowledge at all of human nature, who can doubt that Judas was an admirer of Christ! And we know that Christ at the beginning of his work had many admirers. Judas was precisely such an admirer and thus later became a traitor. It is not hard to imagine that those who only admire the truth will, when danger appears, become traitors. The admirer is infatuated with the false security of greatness; but if there is any inconvenience or trouble, he pulls back. Admiring the truth, instead of following it, is just as dubious a fire as the fire of erotic love, which at the turn of the hand can be changed into exactly the opposite, to hate, jealousy, and revenge.

...The admirer never makes any true sacrifices. He always plays it safe. Though in words, phrases, songs, he is inexhaustible about how highly he prizes Christ, he renounces nothing, will not reconstruct his life, and will not let his life express what it is he supposedly admires. Not so for the follower. No, no. The follower aspires with all his strength to be what he admires. And then, remarkably enough, even though he is living amongst a “Christian people,” he incurs the same peril as he did when it was dangerous to openly confess Christ. And because of the follower’s life, it will become evident who the admirers are, for the admirers will become agitated with him. Even these words will disturb many – but then they must likewise belong to the admirers.

To Jesus through Mary,

Father Damien

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

GETTING TO KNOW Our Saints!

GETTING TO KNOW: SAINT MARIA GORETTI (Virgin and Martyr 1890-1902)



MARIA GORETTI was the daughter of a poor Italian tenant farmer, did not attend school and did not learn to read or write. When she was 12, she was beaten, hospitalized and died within 24 hours. Before she died, she forgave her murderer and had her last Holy Communion. Her murderer was sentenced to 30 years in prison. One night he had a dream about MARIA. She was gathering flowers and offering them to him. His life changed and when he was released, he went to beg forgiveness of MARIA'S mother. Devotion to the martyr grew. She was canonized in less than 50 years. Her beatification took place in 1947 when her mother was 82. At her canonization, her murderer knelt among the adorers and cried tears of joy.

Patron of: against poverty, impoverishment, loss of parents, children of Mary, rape victims, children and young people in general.

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.

Retrouvaille Weekend for Married Couples

Matrimony: A calling to forgive! "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope."

Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems/difficulties/crises.

For more information about the upcoming Retrouvaille weekend program, August 21-23, call 1.800.470.2230 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org

Installation Mass & Ceremony



**Everyone is invited to the
Installation Mass and
Ceremony of our Pastor,
Father Damien Wee!**

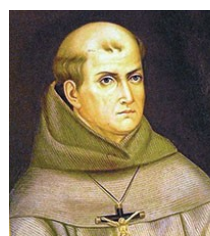
Sunday, July 19, 10:00 a.m. Mass

Light refreshments will follow.

Thank you, Father! You were brought to our parish in the midst of our hurts to love and to shepherd us. You have embraced us, relying on the Holy Spirit to guide you to best serve us. You have learned new tasks, new ways of communicating with your flock in ways priests have never had to in the past and been persistent in seeking truth to help release our fears. We rejoice in having you as our priest!! We will pray for you as you help us heal and grow as a parish. As a Parish Staff, we are so very blessed that God chose to send Father Damien and his beautiful soul to all of us at St. Francis Borgia! Congratulations, Father!! One in Faith. One in Service. One in Christ. —Parish Staff

"He who receives Communion is made holy and Divinized in soul and body in the same way that water, set over a fire, becomes boiling... Communion works like yeast that has been mixed into dough so that it leavens the whole mass; ...Just as by melting two candles together you get one piece of wax, so, I think, one who receives the Flesh and Blood of Jesus is fused together with Him by this Communion, and the soul finds that he is in Christ and Christ is in him."

-- St. Cyril of Alexandria

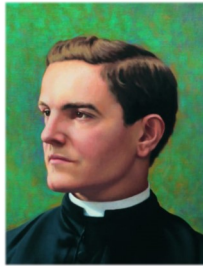


*"A healthy attitude is contagious
but don't wait to catch it from
others. Be a carrier."*

-- St. Junipero Serra

Decrees of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints

On May 26, 2020, the Holy Father Francis received in audience His Eminence Cardinal Angelo Becciu, prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. During the audience, the Supreme Pontiff authorized the same Congregation to promulgate the Decrees regarding:



[...] the miracle, attributed to the intercession of the Venerable Servant of God Michael McGivney, Diocesan Priest, Founder of the Order of the Knights of Columbus; born on August 12, 1852 in Waterbury (United States of America) and died in Thomaston (United States of America) on August 14, 1890; Venerable Michael McGivney was the founder of the Knights of Columbus, now the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization. After studies in Canada and the United States, he was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop James Gibbons in Baltimore. He founded the Knights of Columbus as a mutual aid society, geared especially to working men and their families. He was known for his tireless work among his parishioners. He died at the early age of 38 from pneumonia.

Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church.

Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Our Father Hail Mary Glory be to the Father

St. Francis Borgia Golf Tournament



This year marks St. Francis Borgia's 12th Annual Golf Tournament, which will be held on Monday, August 10.

Lunch at 11:30 a.m.
Tee-off at 12:30 p.m.

Fun in the sun while raising money for our youth group... a win win!!!

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 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.



* Please note: There will be no weekday Mass from Tuesday, July 7- Friday, July 10 *

Livestreaming on Facebook at facebook.com/stfrancisborgiablair/

Saturday, July 11 <i>Parishioners of St. Francis Borgia</i>	5:00 p.m. Mass
Sunday, July 12 <i>Evelyn Ament †</i> <i>Richard Schmit †</i>	8:00 a.m. Mass 10:00 a.m. Mass

