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June 16, 2024

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Masses
10am & 8:00pm

Confessions
Sunday, 7:30pm

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This Week's Happenings

Tuesday (6/18)

Eucharistic Bread Baking 9:30am
Nuts & Bolts Meeting 6:30pm
Community Focus Meeting 6:30pm

Wednesday (6/19)

Peace and Justice Committee
7pm

Sunday (6/23):

Mass: 10am & 8pm

From the Eucharistic Revival Blog – found at eucharsticrevival.org

I pressed my forehead against the hard floor. I felt the coolness of the terrazzo on my face, though it was a sultry midsummer morning. I had been there dozens of times. It was the only place to be.

I had just finished leading a desperate holy hour with members of our parish. It was a packed church praying for the life of one of our own—a child suffering from a brain aneurysm during a final high-risk surgery to save his life. The friar now raised the monstrance for benediction. Again, I lowered my head before the Lord of heaven and earth. This was the only place to be.

Watch any two-year-old at play in his mother's presence. He begins by playing near her, before going further and further away. He's exploring, learning, and growing. Should a stranger enter the room or the child scrape his knee—if anything distressing happens—the child does something instinctual. In that moment of duress, the child does not pause to consider some abstract recollection of his mother that gives peace. No. Only the concrete presence of mother brings peace, and it is to her that he runs or for her that he calls. Only the security of her embrace dissipates his distress and gives him the sense of security necessary for the next adventure. This is just the way it works.

Twentieth-century psychologists John Bowlby and Mary Ainsworth, observing this common phenomenon, developed what is known as attachment theory. The idea is fairly simple. Human life is deeply relational, and the most fundamental relationships (that of a child and parents or primary caregivers) radically shape the way we engage with reality. Persons are able to live confidently and securely because of their relationship with the attachment figure (e.g., mother, father, etc.).

An attachment figure acts as both a safe haven and a secure base. As a safe haven, the attachment figure provides safety and surety amid a distressing situation. In the distressing situation, the child returns to the safe haven and regulates his emotions. We can go further and say that in the presence of the attachment figure, the child recovers a sense of himself. Additionally, the attachment figure acts as a base of security, providing the relational stability that makes it possible for the child to venture back out into the world for exploration and ultimately to make his own unique contribution. When a child lacks such attachment figures, when insecurely attached, life can unravel.

As we grow older, our attachment figures may change. Adults may not run back home when they face fear or frustration, but spouses may (and should!) turn to each other. Marriage, for example, provides one with a new attachment figure (cf. Gen. 2:24). Over and above human attachment figures, however, stands God. The relationship between Creator and creature is the most fundamental attachment relationship, so to speak. In this relationship, we find our true and eternal safe haven and secure base. Human relationships, particularly those existing within the family, it seems to me, hint at and mediate this primordial attachment relationship (cf. CCC §239). However, in Jesus Christ, in his very humanity, the ability to attach to God takes on a previously unimaginable realism. In Jesus, the infinite love of God encounters my finitude through the finitude of his humanity. Christ stands before us as the preeminent attachment figure.

Jesus Christ concretizes God's relationship with his creatures; he reveals to us the Father. Our relationship with God is real. It is not an idea. And, it is real for us today in and through the ministry of the Church—reaching its pinnacle in the Holy Eucharist. In Christ, in the Eucharist, secure attachment is possible, even when other relationships fail or desolate circumstances seem to leave us with nowhere to go.

Parish Prayers

† Jacob Olson
† Carrie Ahrens
† Michael Dale
† Shawn Preisler
† Don Teff, brother of Bonnie Stachowski
† Arleen Boyd, Mother of Glenda Prom
† Parisa
Skip & Pati Rothstein
† Julie Gabrielson
† India Faith Krueger Wasilowski
† Bob Trisko
† Frank Roehl
Nkeiru
Innocent, Chinwe, and their family

A podcast with Fr Bill Vos -- perspectives on "mission"

Fr Bill Vos, of the St. Cloud Diocese, moderated a discussion about how mission work is changing, and how we can encourage young people (and others) to participate in mission. The discussion included vital perspectives about what young people bring to the table -- a yearning to connect with others (being "noticed", "named", and "known"), and to make a difference in the world. Guests were Father Rodrigo Ulloa-Chavarry and Greg Darr, both from the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, a Catholic foreign mission society based in New York.

You can access it at:

<https://minnesotacatholicpodcasts.libsyn.com/choosing-mission-how-mission-work-is-changing-and-how-theres-hope-for-the-future> (it lasts about 30 minutes)

Pope Francis: A "Better Kind of Politics"

In his encyclical "Fratelli Tutti", Pope Francis calls for "a better kind of politics, one truly at the service of the common good" (no. 154). Essential to a better kind of politics is the ability to foster a social love among people through dialogue across perspectives, inspiring "new ways of approaching the problems of today's world, of profoundly renewing structures, social organizations and legal systems from within" (no. 183). . . . It means working across differences to listen to one another and connect around shared values, resulting in creative solutions for the common good.

For a handout containing "5 Tips from Pope Francis for 'a better kind of politics'", see: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/5-Tips-from-Pope-Francis.pdf>

Fr Joe Herzing will be celebrating his 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood Sunday August 4

Holy Family Church in Little Falls
Outdoor Mass (tent) is at 1
Reception 2-5

You are welcome to attend! Prayers instead of gifts please!!

Please RSVP for food to Cindy at:

Email: hfoffice@havenofmercycatholic.org

Or Havenofmercycatholic.org (Events)

Or on your cell phone: 320-632-5720 or



July 22-26, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
For children entering K-5th grade

\$25 per child
Registrations due by July 3 and can be turned into the parish office

VBS Registrations are now available in the Gathering Space.

If you are interested in volunteering to be a group leader or leader assistant, please contact the Holy Spirit Parish office at 320/251-3764.

Vacation Bible School

ONLINE GIVING:

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