

THE GOOD NEWS LETTER

JUNE 22, 2018

A FEW WORDS FROM FR. DAVE:

Continued thoughts and commentary on highlighted items in my prayer books.

For those who do all the talking amount to nothing; they fail with their din of words, but the truth of the Lord endures forever.

From Imitation of Christ

I must admit, I do not know the context of this quote from "The Imitation of Christ." Nevertheless, it lines up with a saying I came up with long ago: When all is said and done, much more will be said than done.

Pope Francis talks about dialogue. Diplomats speak of the need to keep negotiating. People at the UN seem to talk all the time. The idea may be to find some common ground and move forward from there. But a cynical part of me says singing Kum-bye-yah in every language on the planet at the same time is not going to bring world peace.

I'm for peace not war. I'm for understanding brothers and sisters from different parts of the world. I'm just saying talking has not been getting the job done. I know from experience that talking when no one is listening does not change anything.

Maybe being quiet in the presence of others would work better. Maybe praying or meditating silently with others would do more to heal conflicts and divisions than all the squalling and talking that we've become accustomed to. The Lord wants us to live as one. We are not doing it very well. Maybe we should try something new. Could silence and respect be golden?

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Let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. This then is how ... we set our hearts at rest in His presence.

1 John 3:18, 19

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME FOR CANONIZATION

Katharina Kasper, the foundress of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, will be declared a Saint on October 14th in Rome. The PHJC's are planning a pilgrimage to Rome and Germany at this time. We will leave on Oct 10 and finish our trip to Rome on the Oct. 18th. For those who wish to continue to Germany they will travel to Germany on Oct. 18 and return on Oct. 23rd. You can choose to come to the whole trip, or just Rome or just Germany.

For more info. contact Sr. Joetta: jhuelsmann@poorhandmaids.org or 765-499-1975.



POOR HANDMAIDS OF JESUS CHRIST FOUNDER TO BECOME SAINT

On March 6, the Vatican announced that Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ foundress, Blessed Mother Mary Catherine Kasper, (or Maria Katharina, as she is known in German) will be recognized as a saint.

Born in Dernbach, Germany, young Catherine Kasper's trademark was putting others first; she was always ready and willing to serve those in need. She established the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ in 1851.

Today the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ has a presence in Brazil, England, Germany, India, Kenya, Mexico, the Netherlands, Nigeria and the United States. In the U.S., the order's motherhouse is located in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend in Donaldson, just outside Plymouth.

Located on the property of the motherhouse in Donaldson, the sisters' Catherine Kasper Life Center is an independent living and licensed nursing home. Caring for the elderly is one of the sisters' many ministries. Others include education, child care, social work and parish outreach.

The announcement of Blessed Mother Kasper's canonization comes during another celebration for the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. "We are currently in the midst of celebrating 150 years of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ's presence in the United States this year," Sister Diltz explained. "So this provides us with an extra-special reason to celebrate even more."

Blessed Mother Kasper is one of 13 individuals that Pope Francis recently recognized as a saint. She will be canonized alongside the likes of Blessed Francesco Spinelli, founder of the institute of the Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament, and Blessed Vincenzo Romano, an Italian diocesan priest.

FRUITFUL HARVEST UPDATE...WE'RE ALMOST THERE

St. John's is only \$1,000 away from reaching their goal of \$45,240 for the 2016 Fruitful Harvest Campaign as of the end of May. Have you had a chance to check your pledge payments? All payments must be received by the diocese in August to post no later than September 1, 2018.

Once the goal is met, a 10% rebate of the goal amount (\$4,524) will be returned to the parish, and all overage payments will be returned at 50% at the close of the current campaign.

St. Mary's, having already received their 10% rebate check in February, will still receive a 50% rebate check of the payments over their paid goal.

Please continue to help support the Diocese and our local Church through payment of your pledges. Many thanks to all who are helping us reach our goals in this campaign.

FRASSATI SUMMERFEST
"TO THE HEIGHTS"

Adoration
Boating
Cabins
Camping
Holy Mass
Skeet Shooting
Ziplining

Young Adults: College Age, 20's & 30's

Registration Now Available
Online at Frassati.org

July 27th-29th, 2018

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"The real question today is not when human life begins, but what is the value of human life?"

--Pres. Ronald Reagan

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE

Do you feel alone?

Are you frustrated or angry with each other?

Do you argue ... or have you stopped talking to each other?

Do you wonder if your marriage might end?

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vī) is a worldwide program that offers tools needed for hurting couples to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. For more than 30 years, the program has helped hundreds of thousands of couples heal their hurting marriages. To learn more about the program or to register for the August 3 - 5 weekend and follow-up post-weekend sessions in Indianapolis, visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or www.retrouvaille.org. You can also email: RetrouIndy@gmail.com or call 317-489-6811 for confidential registration information.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY TO BEGIN NEW LESSON: MARY, A BIBLICAL WALK WITH THE BLESSED MOTHER

Have you ever wondered why Mary is so important to our faith as Catholics? We turn to her in prayer, in the Mass, in the Rosary, and in Marian devotions. We honor her with special feasts celebrating the significant events in her life. We place images of her in our churches and home.

Join the Tuesday morning Bible Study Ladies beginning July 3, 9-11am in the parish hall for *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother*, an extraordinary study that reveals Mary's unique role in God's Kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother*, will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of her earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Mary will become a part of your daily life and help you to become more like Christ.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JULY—ST. JOHN'S

Saturday 5:00 pm **Reader:** Sarah Montgomery **Gifts:** Pat Dee **Announcements:** Barbara Houseman **Communion Ministers:** Serena Merkel 7, Sonya Hoffman 14, 21, 28, Diana Holsten, Kellee Merkel, Anna Cimino, Scott Hutson

Sunday 8:30 am **Reader:** Religious Ed 1, Bernadette Elkins 8, 15, 22, 29 **Gifts:** Religious Ed 1, Terry & John McVicker Family 8, 15, 22, 29 **Announcements:** Claire Aulbach **Greeters:** **Communion Ministers:** Megan Trissel 1, 8, 15, 22, Tom Aulbach 29, Amy Henderson, Linda Trant, Karen Shields, Tom Alfrey

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JULY—ST. MARY'S

July 1: **Reader:** Sandy Doyle **Gifts:** Laverne Watson **Communion Ministers:** Amy Grady & Loretta Wilson **Greeter:** Phil & Jane Crouch **Counters:** Danette Hamilton & Jane Crouch **Song Leader:** Amy Blakely

July 8: **Reader:** Dan Watson **Gifts:** Kevin & Wendy Stout Family **Communion Ministers:** Danette Hamilton & Ted Kolodka **Greeter:** Colleen Bicknell **Counters:** Danette Hamilton & Dan Watson **Song Leader:** Amy Blakely

July 15: **Reader:** Bob Banser **Gifts:** Chuck & Sharon Fullenkamp Family **Communion Ministers:** Susan Louck & Kelli Grady **Greeter:** Phil & Jane Crouch **Counters:** Kathleen Inman & Angie Burress **Song Leader:** Amy Blakely

July 22: **Reader:** Laverne Watson **Gifts:** Matt & Jenny Johnson Family **Communion Ministers:** Colleen Bicknell & Dan Watson **Greeter:** Colleen Bicknell **Counters:** Dan Watson & Jane Crouch **Song Leader:** Amy Blakely

July 29: **Reader:** Sandy Doyle **Gifts:** Danette Hamilton **Communion Ministers:** Connie Hartnagle & Laverne Watson **Greeter:** Phil & Jane Crouch **Counters:** Kathleen Inman & Angie Burress **Song Leader:** Amy Blakely

SUMMER RETREATS AT DONALDSON

A BRUSH WITH GOD ICON RETREAT

Icons are beautiful symbols, which draws the onlooker closer to God, enabling them to better contemplate and venerate the Word of God.

Retreat Director: Rev. Peter Pearson

July 29-August 3

PRAYING THE PSALMS RETREAT

by William E. DeWitt

Sept. 14-Sept. 16

With the help of Thomas Merton, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, C.S. Lewis and Judith Valente, we will explore the wonder of a life of praying the psalms.

\$160 for shared rooms, \$200 for a single room

Registration deadline is Sept. 7, 2018

Scholarships are available for both retreats, check the website at www.lindenwwod.org.

For more information on the retreats or to volunteer, contact Sr. Connie Bach, PHJC cbach@poorhandmaids.org 574-340-6409 or check the website at www.phjcvolprogram.org

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

ANNIVERSARIES:

2 Ted & Muriel Fetting

19 Derrick & Rachel Shields

BIRTHDAYS:

4 Wanda Pfeffer

4 Damien Shields

8 Rhonda Cale

8 Ryan Trissel

12 Lucas Hardesty

16 Claire Aulbach

17 Jacob Hardesty

21 Laurel McVicker

If you would like to be included in the birthday and anniversary listings, please drop us a note. We would be happy to share it through *The Good News Letter*.

SUMMER MISSION APPEAL JUNE 30/JULY 1

Please join us in welcoming Fr. Caluza, a Missionhurst - CICM (the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary) missionary who will be visiting our parish the weekend of June 30-July 1 to present a mission appeal. Fr. Ramon is from the foreign mission of RP and will be sharing his life and dedication to the people he serves with us.

Missionhurst - CICM was originally founded in 1862 for the conversion of China. Today, Missionhurst - CICM serves in some of the most remote places of Mongolia, Indonesia, Africa, Asia and Latin America. Unlike some relief organizations that come only when there is a news-making crisis, Missionhurst - CICM missionaries come prepared to stay, living among the people, sharing in their privations, and participating in the day-to-day effort needed to achieve life-long spiritual and material changes. In response to the people's most urgent need, Missionhurst - CICM missionaries may start a new farming project, build a new chapel or school or lay clean water supply lines. Fr. Ramon will be preaching at all the masses and a second collection will be taken with proceeds going to Missionhurst - CICM.

ST. MARY'S A&R FUNDRAISER

St Mary's Altar & Rosary will be selling Rada Knives as a fund raiser.

Please see Danette Hamilton for a catalog.

The deadline to order is Sunday, July 22.

Payment must be made at the time of the order and can be given to Amy Blakely or Danette Hamilton.

Please make checks payable to **St Mary**.

The Altar & Rosary appreciates your continued support!

CHECK US OUT ON THE WEB

Our cluster parishes of St. Mary's and St. John's now has a website. Check us out at: stmaryjohn.org.



PEOPLE WITH GOOD NEWS

Anya Aulbach was on the A/B Honor Roll at BHS for the fourth nine-week grading period.

Doris & Dennis Brown celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 9, 2018.

Veronique Coppock was on the A/B Honor Roll at West Jay Middle School for the fourth nine-week grading period.

Quinn Cunningham was on the A/B Honor Roll at BHS for the fourth nine-week grading period. He also received All-CIC honors and a varsity patch for Golf. Quinn also received a gold tassel, Pete Redmond Family Scholarship, Harry & Arlene Bohr Memorial Scholarship, and Kim Stump memorial Scholarship.

Bethany Elkins was on the all A Honor Roll at BHS for the fourth nine-week grading period and the A/B Honor Roll for the second semester. She also received a varsity patch for Softball at BHS.

Brianna Elkins received a JV B for Tennis at BHS.

Allyson Henderson was on the A/B Honor Roll at Montpelier Elementary for the fourth nine-week grading period and the second semester.

Madison Henderson was on the A/B Honor Roll at Montpelier Elementary for the fourth nine-week grading period and the second semester.

Abigail Johnson was named to the all A Honor Roll for the fourth nine-week grading period at West Jay Middle School.

Mason Kitterman was on the A/B Honor Roll at Montpelier Elementary for the fourth nine-week grading period and the second semester.

Erica McVicker received National Honor Society Stole for graduation and Sigma Phi Gamma International Sorority Scholarship at BHS.

Kellee Merkel received special nursing honors from IU Health Jay County Hospital.

Jessica Manley was on the A/B Honor Roll at BHS for the fourth nine-week grading period and the second semester.

Lance Manley was on the A/B Honor Roll at BHS for the fourth nine-week grading period.

Cameron Rinker was on the A/B Honor Roll at BHS for the fourth nine-week grading period and the second semester. He also received a varsity patch for Track.

Damien Shields received a JV certificate for golf at BHS.

Kiara Shields received a varsity patch for Track at BHS.

Andrew Thurman was on the All A Honor Roll at BHS for the fourth nine-week grading period and the second semester. He also received a Captain's patch and a varsity patch for Track. Andrew also received National Honor Society Stole, gold tassel, Lawrence & Iren Dick Memorial Scholarship Farm Bureau Scholarship, and Trowel & Error Garden Club Scholarship, BHS FFA Scholarship, BHS National Honor Society Scholarship, Floyd & Leatha Warner Memorial Scholarship, Montpelier Tri Kappa Top Male Award, and Blackford KBF Outstanding Senior Boy Award.

Jaiden Watson was named to the all A Honor Roll for the fourth nine-week grading period at West Jay Middle School.

Helen Whitesell was on the all A Honor Roll at BHS for the fourth nine-week grading period and the second semester. She also received a varsity patch for Softball at BHS.



PRIESTS VS. SEMINARIANS

Third Annual

2018 Serra Series

August 4, 2018

Softball Game

Kokomo Municipal Stadium

Noon Start Time

All Proceeds Benefit the Seminarian Fund

All are Invited!

FAMILY SECTION— JOY FOR THE WORLD

10 POINTERS FOR PRAYER

The baby's crying, the dog is whining, and you need to leave for work in five minutes. Finding time for prayer can seem impossible. Amid the busyness of family life, how can one respond to God's ongoing invitation to speak with and listen to Him? Here are ten pointers to help you do just that.

1. Pray as you can, not as you can't. God calls most Christians to an active life in the world, with family, work and community responsibilities. Such a call, while holy, does not usually allow for long periods of prayer and reflection. Lay people can become discouraged when they try to pray like a cloistered contemplative. Be realistic about what's possible.

2. Take ten — or twenty. If a half hour for prayer isn't possible, how about ten minutes, or twenty? Choose a good time of day and stick with it. Designate a special site for prayer so that spot become holy. Spouses can help by minding children during respective quiet times.

3. Pray as a family. Build upon rituals such as grace before meals. In addition to the usual "Bless us, O Lord..." encourage family members to offer thanks for the blessings of the day, as well as prayers for those in need. Couples can deepen their spiritual relationship by taking a few minutes, perhaps before bedtime, to commend to God the joys and sorrows of the day.

4. Decorate your domestic church. When we enter our parish church, the statues and pictures focus our minds on Jesus, Mary and the saints. We can create an atmosphere for prayer in our home- the domestic church- by displaying a crucifix, icons, the Bible and other holy objects. Take the children to a religious goods store and let them choose a picture or statue for their rooms.

5. Short prayers count, too. When you're stopped at a long light or put on hold, consider it as God's invitation to turn your heart and mind to him, if only for a few seconds.

6. Find God at work. Connecting with God in the workplace takes effort. Try to cultivate a few simple habits. For example, offer the day to God as you turn on your computer, or pray for the person you're about to call or wait upon.

7. Jump start your prayer life. Sooner or later almost everyone experiences dryness in prayer. God seems far away and prayer becomes a burden. Praying with Scripture, perhaps the daily Mass readings, can help us focus. So, too, can an inspirational book, especially one of the spiritual classics. A good choice is St. Francis de Sales' Introduction to the Devout Life, written specifically for lay people who are striving for holiness.

8. Ask your Mother for help. The Blessed Virgin Mary, our spiritual mother, understands our needs and offers profound comfort. One family, gathered around the bedside of their dying husband and father, found peace and healing through the recitation of the rosary. The rosary is ideal for the family since children can be taught the simple prayers at an early age. Check out instructions on how to pray the rosary.

9. Read a good story. Children and adults alike enjoy an inspiring story, and few stories are more compelling than those of the saints. Whether it's the little way of Therese of Lisieux or the heroism of Maximilian Kolbe, their stories offer something for everyone. Consider the particular virtue that a saint demonstrates and pray for help to emulate it. Perhaps it's the humility of St. Francis of Assisi, the patience of St. Monica, or the courageous witness of St. Thomas More.

10. Walk with a spiritual friend. Prayer can lead to new thoughts and questions. Who better to share them with than a spiritual friend? A friend can help us to work through the concerns that inevitably arise in prayer. Good friends will hold each other accountable for their prayer life, making sure that prayer has not been neglected in the busyness of life. For married couples a spouse is often this spiritual friend, but God will also put wise and holy people in our path when we need them. They can be the answer to prayer.

--www.foryourmarriage.org

WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST

July 1-Pope Francis I
July 2-Bishop Timothy Doherty
July 3-Fr. Dave Newton, St. Mary Dunkirk and St. John the Evangelist Hartford City
July 4-Fr. Samuel Kalu, Emmas House West Lafayette
July 5-Fr. Mike Kettron, retired
July 6-Fr. John Kiefer, retired
July 7-Fr. Leroy Kinnaman, St. Peter, Winamac, St. Joseph Pulaski, St. Henry, Medaryville, St. Francis Salono, Francesville
July 8-Fr. Bob Klemme, St Charles Otterbein & St. Patrick Oxford
July 9-Fr. Tim Kroeger, medical leave
July 10-Fr. Peter Logsdon, St. Joseph, Winchester, and St. Mary, Union City
July 11-Fr. Gustavo Lopez, St. Boniface Lafayette
July 12-Fr. Jeffrey Martin, All Saints, Logansport
July 13-Fr. Adam Mauman, St. Charles Borromeo, Peru
July 14-Fr. Brendan Mbagwu, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Carmel
July 15-Fr. Mike McKinley, St. Maria Goretti, Westfield
July 16-Fr. Mike McKinney, St. Joseph, Rochester
July 17-Fr. Tom Metzger, Our Lady of Grace Noblesville
July 18-Fr. Chris Miller, St. Mary Frankfort
July 19-Fr. Richard Miller, Tribunal Lafayette
July 20-Fr. Joseph Minuth, St. Thomas Aquinas West Lafayette
July 21-Fr. Bob Moran, Immaculate Conception Portland
July 22-Fr. Kyle Neterer, Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Lafayette
July 23-Fr. John Nguyen, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Carmel
July 24-Fr. Dennis O'Keeffe, St. Alphonsus Zionsville
July 25-Fr. Mike Ondo, retired
July 26-Fr. Coady Owens, Holy Spirit, Fishers
July 27-Fr. Alex Paternoster, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
July 28-Fr. Dominic Petan, Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Lafayette
July 29-Fr. Richard Puetz, retired
July 30-Fr. David Rasner, St. Mary of the Lakes, Monticello
July 31-Fr. Christopher Roberts, St. Paul, Marion, and Holy Family, Gas City

WHAT'S THE SMOKE FOR?

In the celebration of the Mass we raise our hearts, minds, and voices to God. As creatures composed of body as well as spirit, we also pray with our bodies. During Mass we assume different postures and make a variety of gestures. These are not merely ceremonial. They carry a profound meaning when done consciously, with understanding and faith, and help us participate in the liturgy more attentively

Postures:

Standing is a sign of respect and honor. From the earliest days of the Church, standing has been understood as the stance of those who are risen with Christ and seek the things that are above. When we stand for prayer, we are assuming our stature before God as a people redeemed by the blood of Christ.

Kneeling signified penitence in the early Church: The awareness of our sin casts us to the ground! More recently, kneeling has come to signify humble adoration. It is for this reason that we assume the posture of kneeling for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Sitting is the posture of attentive listening and of meditation. So, the assembly sits for the readings before the Gospel and the homily, and may also sit for the period of meditation after Holy Communion.

Gestures:

The Sign of the Cross is the most familiar gesture. We make it over our bodies as we begin Mass and in the blessing at the end of Mass. This gesture, which recalls the saving death of Christ on the cross, first marked our bodies at baptism, and therefore with holy water is a reminder of our baptism.

Genuflecting is the gesture of adoration that we make to the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament reserved inside the tabernacle.

Bowing is a gesture of reverence. We recognize the altar as a symbol of Christ, and so we stop and bow to it whenever we pass in front of it.

Other gestures that intensify our prayer at Mass include during the Penitential Rite, when we pray the Confiteor, the action of **striking the breast** at the words "through my fault" can strengthen awareness that our sin is indeed our fault. In the Rite of Peace, we express through our **handshake** that we are committed to sharing Christ's peace. It is an expression of our desire to live in communion with one another.

When we stand, sit, kneel, bow, and sign ourselves in common ritual action, we give witness to who we are as the one Body of Christ.

--USCCB; Archdiocese of Chicago, 2003

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Lord's Day Liturgy

SATURDAY: 5.00 pm at St. John's

SUNDAY: 8:30 am at St. John's

10:30 am at St. Mary's

- Weekday Liturgy: Please consult inside the bulletin. -

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: July 13, 2018

Editor: Diana Holsten



THE PRAYER PLACE @ ST. MARY'S

St. Mary's has a new feature: The Prayer Place is now completed and being used. It is located at the southwest corner of the parking lot. It is there to offer a place of comfort and for prayer when the church is not open. Be sure to check it out.

The Blessed Mother statue was donated by Heather Clemmens, the welcome benches by Wilma Swingley and the concrete work by Donald Hamilton. Thanks so much!

Prayer for America

Dear God, we thank you for the bountiful blessings you have bestowed on us. Guide us in being good stewards of these gifts. Let us care for all of your beautiful creation, from the redwood forests to the gulfstream waters. Make us instruments of your peace in order to put an end to rockets' red glare and bombs bursting in air.

Help us to love and care for all of our neighbors - locally and globally - so that we might be truly crowned with brotherhood from sea to shining sea. Amen.

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