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Abiding Presence Faith Community

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Mass Intentions & Prayer Requests

Please email the bishop if you want someone remembered at Mass or added to the Prayer Lists. It is at your discretion how much you donate to the support of our community. We also have Mass Cards for you to send to the recipients.

Upcoming Dates

- June 2 Divine Worship – 9th Sunday of the Christian Year 12:30 PM
Communal Celebration Anointing of the Sick within Mass
Intention: RIP Kenneth E Winter
- June 5 Breaking Open the Word 7 PM Zoom
- June 7 Divine Worship – Solemnity of the Sacred Heart 10 aM Bishop’s Residence
Intention: RIP Kenneth R. McMillen
- June 9 Divine Worship – 10th Sunday of the Christian Year 12:30 PM
Intention: Gene L Thompson II - Birthday
- June 10 Crock Pot Class 11 AM
Dedicated Senior Medical Center on Aloma Drive
- June 12 Breaking Open the Word 7 PM Zoom
- June 16 Divine Worship – 11th Sunday of the Christian Year 12:30 PM
Intention: All Fathers and Those Who Have acted as Fathers
- June 19 Breaking Open the Word 7 PM Zoom
- June 23 Divine Worship – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time 12:30 PM
Intention: RIP Lyriam Melendez Pinero
- June 25 Crock Pot Class 10 AM
Bithlo / Christmas Community Center – Madison St
- June 26 Breaking Open the Word 7 PM Zoom
- June 29 Divine Worship – Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul 10 AM Bishop’s
Residence
Intention: RIP Fr. Aurelius Boberek, OSB
- June 30 Divine Worship – 13th Sunday of the Christian Year 12:30 PM
Intention – RIP Patrizia Anzelone

*SCAP = Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest

Relax and Enjoy the Summer Weather
Then take an hour and thank God for it.

Sundays at 12:30 PM

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Making Gods Love Known in Central Florida

Remembering the 49
Sunday, June 9, 2024
12:30 pm

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Financial Update as of 5/31/2024

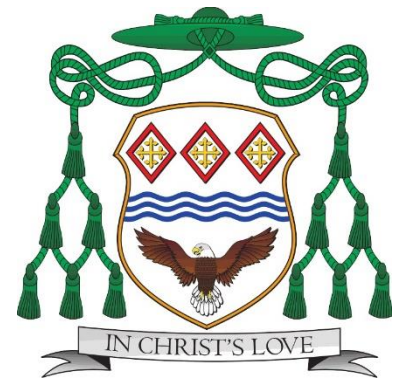
Total Income Year to Date: \$ 8123.94. Total Expenditures Year to Date: \$ 9309.91.
Difference **-1185.97**. Ledger Balance On Hand: \$1564.69 Available Balance on hand:
\$1241.98.

Online Giving

Donations can now be made online through our website. To make sure we get your full donation please utilize the **Zelle** method. If you choose one of the others, please send it as if to an individual. Our email address for all giving platforms is bkpg@apfcwp.com. Thank you for your generosity.

From the Bishop's Desk

It's June and most folks are thinking about Summer Vacation. I would suggest to you this is the month to work for justice - **June Journey for Justice**. Many of us would agree that as Christians we should work for social justice in our communities, our state, our nation, and the world. After all, it is fashionable to talk about social justice. Yet the vast majority are not sure how we "Do" justice.



Let us begin by defining our responsibility as Christians. I suggest we look at Micah 6:8 as a starting point.

He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

To love kindness and to be humble then are to be our guideposts. Many of us believe we cannot live a life of comfort and still feel compassion for those in need. That is the concept I mentioned to you on Trinity Sunday. Humanity has become the trinity of Me, Myself, and I. We have lost the ability to be compassionate because we are so focused on living our lives for ourselves. Yet there is an unfulfilling and unsettling feeling within us when we live like that kind of life.

Living a life focused on social justice does not mean you have to don a hairshirt and feel bad about the accomplishments and comforts you have achieved as a person. Not to you have to jump at every project or charity that comes your way. But we must each develop within ourselves a sense of compassion which in turn leads us to act with justice.

Our desires tend to guide our actions. Whether it's upgrading each year to the latest iPhone, laptop, car, jewelry, or clothing. Perhaps it is extravagant vacations or meals ... we spend our money and time on what we want. This focus on materialism has been referred to as a culture of death by the Patriarch of the West, John Paul II.

In his first letter, John warns us not to lose compassion for those in need. Realize that we need to take baby steps before tackling the tougher problems. I suggest we each begin our ***June Journey to Justice*** by examining our own lives. What small steps can we each take to change the way we live so we become more compassionate and loving. Set achievable goals that can set you up for success before moving on to other bigger goals. Perhaps we should start by looking at how we perceive ourselves and present ourselves to the world. What changes could we make within our own lives that would contribute to social justice? Then we could look at how we could do something as a family, or at work, at church, in the community. All journeys begin with the first tentative step. What, when, and how we take that step is up to each of us.

In Christ's Love

+*William*

Pastor

JMB Crockpot Ministry

Our current supply of crockpots is running low. To donate a crockpot or volunteer to conduct a class contact Dennis Last at 321-388-1572.

Our next Crock Pot Classes are scheduled for June, 2024, at 11 AM at the Dedicated Senior Medical Center -4270 Aloma Ave, Winter Park, and on 11 June, 2024, , at 10 AM at the Dedicated Senior Medical Center – 690 S. Goldenrod Rd., Orlando. Enter to win a new Crock Pot at the end of class. Email Info@apfcwp.com to register.

Orlando Ribbon Project

We wish to extend our thanks to Ben Johansen, of the Orlando Ribbon Project for crafting the Memorial Ribbons we will be distributing at our Pulse Remembrance Day on June 9, 2024.

Volunteer Opportunities

Are you looking to do more within the parish community in 2024? Here are a few opportunities broken down by day of the week. On Sundays, we need readers, musicians, singers, altar servers, and Eucharistic Ministers. On Mondays or Tuesdays, we usually schedule our Crock Pot Classes. Contact Dennis Last to become a presenter. On Tuesdays, we would like to have volunteers help out at Rebecca's Pantry in the morning. Then on Wednesdays, there is the Thrift Shop. On Saturday, once a month, we will be canvassing a different area around the Church building. So much to choose from. We could also use a few Special Ministers to the Sick which would be a new ministry. What is God calling you to do?

Fr. Brown Named Pastor

We congratulate Fr. Lucas Brown upon being named pastor of St. John Bosco in Kingsport, TN. We appreciate his efforts on our parish's behalf and wish him and the People of St. John Bosco well.

Why Do We Attend Mass

Growing up the good sisters impressed upon us that if we went fishing or skipped Mass on Sunday we were going to hell. We were shirking our duty to God. The Baltimore Catechism taught through questions and answers. Some of you might remember: *"Why did God make you? A. God made me to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him forever in the next."*

Why is it necessary to know God? A. It is necessary to know God because without knowing Him we cannot love Him; and without loving Him we cannot be saved. We should know Him because He is infinitely true; love Him because He is infinitely beautiful; and serve Him because He is infinitely good.

What must we do to save our souls? A. To save our souls, we must worship God by faith, hope, and charity; that is, we must believe in Him, hope in Him, and love Him with all our heart.

What does "worship" mean? A. "Worship" means to give divine honor by acts such as the offering of prayer or sacrifice."

Some of you would posit that you offer prayers at home and don't need to come to Divine Worship on Sundays or Holy Days. Certainly taking the time to pray at home is a good thing. Yet the purpose of Divine Worship goes beyond just praying.

The active participation of worshippers in Mass encourages the community of believers. It is through our interaction with each other and God within the context of the Mass which enables us to go out and face a world filled with darkness and evil.

We can always come up with an excuse for not attending. Certainly being ill and housebound is chief amongst those. Yet many don't want to take the time to get dressed and make a drive of 20 to 30 minutes because it is inconvenient. That begs the question, what if Jesus had found it inconvenient to die for us that we might live eternally.

Hope to see you at mass this Sunday.

Father's List for June

The following fathers will be remembered at each mass during June and especially on Father's Day June 16, 2024.

Tom Adams
Anthony Borka +
Robert Borkowski +
Gordon J Brown +
James G Brown +
James "Jimmy" Casson +
Michael L. Cavins +
Samuel Cavins +
Samuel James Cavins Jr.
Samuel James Cavins Sr. +
William R Cavins
William Cavins +
Zachary A Cavins
Alfred Forand +
Richard Larsen +
Dennis Last
Robert Last +
John R. Livingston +
Bernard McArdle +
Michael McDonough
Joseph McLaughlin +
John Monzo +
Stanley P. Mroz +
Harvey Oretsky +
Andrew Pearson Jr +
James Pearson +

Richard Pearson +
Thomas Pearson +
Brian Podunavac
Peter Podunavac +
Edward Prisbylla +
Paul A. Prisbylla Sr. +
Paul A. Prisbylla Jr. +
Richard Prisbylla +
Walter E. Prisbylla +
James Taylor Reed +
August Sack +
Nicholas H. Seibert
Gerd Stodtmann +
Bernie Leon Thompson +
Bernie Leon Thompson II +
Gene Larue Thompson
Gene Larue Thompson II
Thomas Warrington +
Frank Whittam +
Erich Winter
Kenneth E Winter +
Andrew David Witkowski
Andrew Francis Witkowski
Clair Joseph Witkowski Sr.
Joseph John Witkowski +
Wladyslav Witkowski +

Prayer for Vocations

Creating God and Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in Christ's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Family Faith Activities

Courtesy of LTP's At Home With the Word 2024.

June 9, 2024, Tenth Sunday of the Christian Year

Questions

- ◆ What could have made the serpent seem more trustworthy to Eve than God, who gave them the garden and the rule about the tree?
- ◆ What reassurance do you find in the idea in the second reading that although “our outer self is wasting away; our inner self is being renewed day by day”? Can you recognize the ways you are being renewed, or are they just too subtle?
- ◆ Why do you think that even Jesus' family found it hard to recognize that God was working in him and instead thought he was “out of his mind”? Why wouldn't one's family always have special insight?

Activities

- ◆ Help your child draw or paint pictures of Adam, Eve, and the serpent and cut them out. You might act out the conversation in the story together, letting God be represented simply by a voice. Wonder together about why the serpent was able to trick Eve and Adam in the first place. Talk about the difference between this serpent as a character in this important story and real snakes in the world, which are not evil, but are created and loved by God.
- ◆ Talk with your child about the difference between the earthly dwelling, the tent, (our physical bodies) and the “building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.” Or if that concept is too difficult, read the responsorial psalm together, explaining the harder words. Focus on the refrain and what it means that God is merciful and forgiving. Discuss how we too must be merciful and forgiving.
- ◆ In the last paragraph of today's Gospel, Jesus draws a contrast between his family outside the house, asking for him, and the “family” he recognizes as “whoever does the will of God.” Talk about the differences and similarities between our natural families and those in our faith community, with whom we share a life of faith—a desire to support each other in doing the will of God.

June 16, 2024, Eleventh Sunday of the Christian Year

Questions

- ◆ Who has scattered seeds of God's kingdom that have helped your faith grow?
- ◆ While we don't always see the fruit of our labor for God, we continue in faith, encouraged by the signs of the kingdom that we do see sprouting around us. Can you give an example of a tiny seed of faith that later grew large enough to provide for the needs of others?
- ◆ Mother Teresa often spoke of doing small things with great love. Can you name one small thing that you can do each day this week with great love for the sake of God's kingdom?

Activities

- ◆ Invite your child to listen to today's readings for words that have to do with plants, such as "seed," "sprout," "fruit," "grain," "branch," and "grow." Explain that our little good deeds grow into the great goodness of God's kingdom, just as little seeds grow into plants.
- ◆ Plant seeds in your garden or in a pot. Hearty marigolds and sunflowers sprout quickly. Compare the small seeds with the small kindnesses we do for others. Encourage your child to care for the seeds and, as they grow, compare the plants with the goodness that grows from kindness. Imagine a world where everyone is scattering kindness. That's what the kingdom of God is like.
- ◆ In kindness, share God's gift of seeds with the birds. To make a feeder, cover a cylindrical potato chip can with self-stick plastic shelf paper, and punch a few holes near the can's bottom. Knot fishing line at one end, and thread it through the bottom of a small disposable plastic plate (knot on the bottom of the plate), the chip can from bottom through top, and an upside down large disposable plastic plate for a roof. Make a hanging loop at the top of the line, but leave sufficient slack to allow removal of the can lid for adding seed. Fill the can, snap on the lid, lift by the loop, and the pieces should line up in place. The small plate catches the seeds that fall through the holes in the can. (Be sure to use seeds actually recommended for birds to eat.)

June 23, 2024, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Questions

- ◆ How have you explained suffering to yourself, especially in the face of great suffering you have witnessed close to you or even in the news? What has your faith contributed to your thinking about suffering? What does today's passage about Job contribute?
- ◆ Let each person in the family answer: Did you know you were "a new creation" because of belonging to Christ? How does it feel? When have you felt especially "new"?

◆ Is it possible for us to calm our inner storms as Jesus calmed the violent squall by ordering it: “Quiet! Be still!” How might today’s story help you with the storms inside of you?

Activities

◆ If you haven’t read the Book of Job yet yourself, find a plot summary in a reference tool or online so that you can tell the story to your child. Talk with your child about extreme weather experiences you or they have had. Discuss how hard it can be to know that even amidst the chaos God is in charge and loves us. We may not understand his ways but we trust that God is always working for our good.

◆ Read the Gospel reading aloud and invite your child to draw a scene from it. Talk together about what part of the story was most compelling to him or her.

◆ Invite the child to draw a second picture of the scene, substituting your family for the disciples in the boat.

June 30, 2024, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Questions

◆ Today’s reading from Wisdom ponders the mystery of evil and death, asserting firmly that they do not come from God. Sometimes, bad things happening to good people are the result of sin, freely chosen by humans. Other times we cannot point to a human cause of illness or natural disaster. But the readings reassure us that God acts as the savior and not the sender of these ills. Can you give an example of how some people suffer because of the sinful choices made by others?

◆ When Jesus cures the woman of a chronic illness and raises the dead girl to life, he affirms the words of Wisdom, that God did not make sorrow and death. When have you seen God’s mercy amid the suffering?

◆ Today’s Gospel presents a compressed, fast paced, somewhat chaotic scenario of two healings that Jesus performs in the midst of crowds, in the course of traveling from one place to another. Even in this confusing hubbub, Jesus can stop, focus on an individual, and bring God’s peace and healing. How could we try to follow that model in our own lives?

Activities

◆ The Church has two sacraments of healing: reconciliation and anointing of the sick. Many people have never experienced the anointing of the sick, yet it is intended to strengthen us at times when we are very ill. Read about this yourself. Then don’t hesitate to ask for the sacrament when you or a loved one needs it.

◆ Our health is a great blessing from God, and we have a responsibility to him to maintain it. Decide as a family upon one small lifestyle change you can make that will lead to healthier living. Simple suggestions include taking a family walk once a week, replacing fatty snacks

like chips with raw veggies or unbuttered popcorn, eliminating carbonated drinks one day a week. Celebrate well-being, and praise God for the gift of health.

◆ Fill a basket or box with paper, markers, stickers, rubber stamps and ink pads, craft scissors, and other decorating items. Keep it handy so that when anyone you know is ill or just needs cheering up, you and your child can make a personal card using materials already assembled. You may find that you send cards more often if you have the supplies ready.

Jubilant June Saints

June begins with the celebration of Saint Justin the Martyr on June 1. His feast is followed on June 3 with that of Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions. The feast of Saint Boniface occurs on June 5. Saint Norbert is commemorated on June 6. The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated on June 7. June 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. June 11 sees us remember Saint Barnabas. Then on June 13 we mark the feast of a doctor of the church, Saint Anthony of Padua. The Abbot, Saint Romuald is commemorated on June 19. His feast is followed with that of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga. Saturday, June 22, marks three saints: Saint Paulinus of Nola, Saint John Fisher, and Saint Thomas More. On June 24 23, we celebrate the birth of Saint John the Baptist. Saint Cyril of Alexandria is recalled on June 27. The following day, June 28, we mark the feast of Saint Irenaeus. We end the month on Saturday June 29 celebrating the Solemnity of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. Which is your favorite saint. Post it on our Facebook page.

June Recipes

Saint Peter's Fish

Ingredients:

- 1 whole tilapia 12-16 oz or 4 tilapia filets 4-6 oz each, fresh or defrosted
- Salt and fresh ground pepper
- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons dried herbs can be omitted if topping with fresh herbs
- Oil for frying.

Directions:

1. Heat oil in a deep fryer according to the appliance instructions, or heat about 1 inch of oil in a heavy skillet to shimmering (about 350°F).
2. Rinse the fish and pat it dry.

3. A whole fish should be scored before cooking. A fishmonger can do this for you, or it can be done at home. With a sharp knife, make shallow diagonal cuts about one inch apart down each side of the fish.
4. Season the fish on both sides with salt and pepper to taste.
5. Combine the flour and dried herbs (if using).
6. Dip the whole fish or the filets into the flour on both sides and shake off the excess.
7. Fry the fish until it's crispy, usually 3-4 minutes per side.
8. Remove the fish from the oil onto a wire rack and check doneness with a fork.
9. If desired, top with chopped fresh herbs and lemon. If you want to be extra, stick a coin in his mouth. Great with chips (or in America, fries) and served with malt vinegar or Thai sweet chili sauce.

Sunday French Toast Casserole

Ingredients:

Red Fruits and Veggies (for the hearts):

- Strawberry halves, watermelon cubes, raspberries, cherries, red bell pepper slices, radish halves, tomato slices, cherry tomatoes

Yellow and Orange Fruits and Veggies (for the fire):

- Orange wedges, cantaloupe slices, peach slices, mango slices, pineapple spears or chunks, baby carrots, yellow and orange bell pepper slices, yellow tomato slices, yellow cherry tomatoes

Sacred Heart Decoration (for the thorns and cross):

- Pretzel sticks, pretzel twists, chocolate covered pretzels, pocky sticks, chocolate chips, sliced mushrooms, jicama sticks

Immaculate Heart Decoration (flowers and leaves):

- Mini marshmallows, large marshmallows cut into rounds, mint leaves, fresh mozzarella balls in ciliengine or pearl size, basil leaves

Directions:

1. Select your red fruits or vegetables as a base and form them into a heart shape on a plain clear or white platter. It's best to get the pieces close together and mounded up a bit. If you'd like to use different options on the same platter, they can be mixed or arranged in stripes or concentric hearts.
2. Select a yellow and/or orange fruit or veggie for fire. These can be arranged just coming out of the top, or also as a radiating border going all the way around the heart.

3. Then add the cross at the top and the thorns across the middle of the Sacred Heart, and the flowers and leaves across the middle of the Immaculate Heart. Toothpicks or sword-shaped skewers can be used to serve.

My favorite combinations are below.

Strawberry Chocolate Sacred Heart

1. A mounded heart of strawberry halves with orange wedge fire, a pocky stick cross, and chocolate-covered pretzels for the thorns. Note: use a knife to cut the peel and pith off the orange then slice to get a brighter orange color than in the segments.

Veggie Dip Sacred Heart

1. A dish of taco dip in the middle (1 tub of sour cream + 1 packet taco seasoning) surrounded by a heart-shaped layer of cherry tomatoes, outside that a heart-shaped layer of sliced red bell peppers. Around the heart, slightly spaced-apart baby carrots radiate outwards. At the top, red and orange bell pepper slices are arranged as fire, with a jicama stick cross. Across the center, jicama sticks and sliced fresh mushrooms for the thorns.

Mint Watermelon Immaculate Heart

1. A mound of watermelon cubes with orange wedge fire, and large marshmallows cut into rounds with mint leaves for the flowers. Optional: drizzle with lime juice and sprinkle with a bit of salt and/or cayenne pepper.

Caprese Salad Immaculate Heart

1. A heart-shaped mound of cherry tomatoes, with a line of ciliengine-size fresh mozzarella ball and basil leaf flowers across the middle. On a larger platter, you can create a border of mozzarella and basil to include more. Drizzle with olive oil and balsamic vinegar.

St. John the Baptist Grasshopper Ice Cream Pie

Ingredients:

- 33 chocolate sandwich cookies not double-stuffed, use either original or mint flavor, divided.
- 4 Tablespoons butter melted.
- 1 ½ quarts mint chip ice cream
- 1 cup cold heavy cream or heavy whipping cream
- 2 Tablespoons powdered sugar or granulated sugar
- 1 ½ Tablespoons crème de menthe or ½ teaspoon mint extract, or to taste
- 1 cup hot fudge sauce about 11oz

Directions:

For the crust:

1. Pulverize 25 of the sandwich cookies in a food processor or by placing them in a zip-top bag and crushing them with a rolling pin or mallet until only fine crumbs remain.
2. In a mixing bowl, combine the crumbs with the melted butter.
3. Press the crumb mixture into a 9 inch pan (pie, springform, or square), using a glass or a measuring cup to tamp the crumbs into a firm layer on the bottom and up the sides. Freeze for 5 minutes or more.

For the ice cream:

1. Soften the ice cream for 5 minutes, then scoop it into the prepared crust. I like it mounded up higher in the middle than at the edges, and smoothed.
2. Warm the hot fudge sauce in the microwave until just pourable. Drizzle half the hot fudge sauce over the top of the ice cream. Replace the pan in the freezer.
3. For the whipped cream and toppings:
4. Coarsely chop the remaining 8 cookies into approximately ½ inch pieces, and set aside.
5. Using a hand mixer or a stand mixer fitted with a whisk attachment, whip the heavy cream and sugar on medium-high speed until medium peaks form, about 3-4 minutes. Add the crème de menthe or mint extract and mix by hand with a rubber spatula.
6. Re-warm the hot fudge sauce if necessary. Spread the whipped cream over the ice cream, keeping the middle higher than the sides. Place the chopped cookies on top of the whipped cream, drizzle the remaining hot fudge sauce on top, and freeze until set, about an hour or overnight.

Note: Cheater version: Use a store-bought chocolate cookie crust and a tub of frozen whipped topping to speed up the process.