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"...Decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

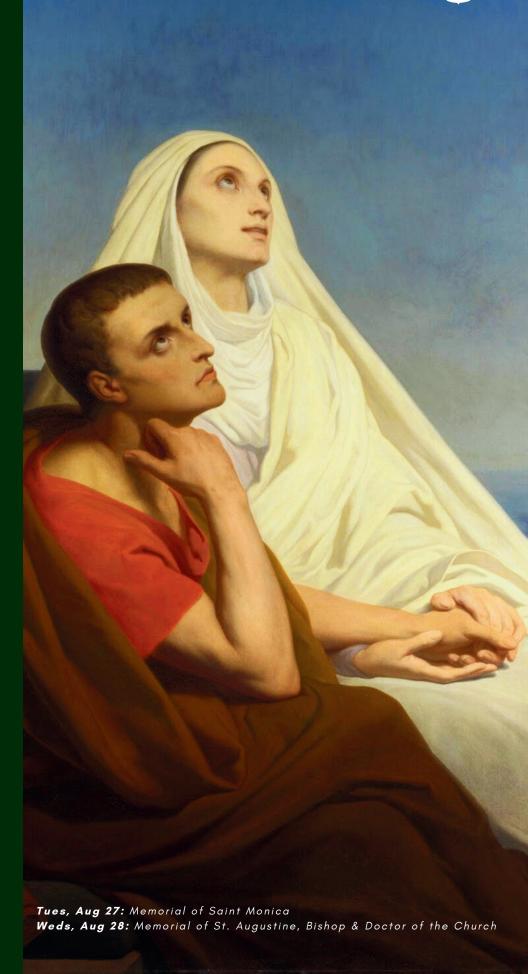
Prayer to St. Monica for Wayward Children

Dear St. Monica, you were once the mournful mother of a prodigal son. Your faithfulness to prayer brought you and your son so close to God that you are now with him in eternity. By your intercession and God's grace, your son St. Augustine became a great and venerable saint of the Church. Please take my request to God with the same fervor and persistence with which you prayed for your own son.

With your needs, worries and anxieties, you threw yourself on the mercy and providence of God.
Through sorrow and pain, you constantly devoted yourself to God.
Pray for me that I might join you in such a deep faith in God's goodness and mercy.

Above all, dear Saint Monica, pray for me that I may, like your son, turn from my sin and become a great saint for the glory of God. Amen.

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We're so glad to see you! God loves you, and He has a great plan for your life! If you are new to St. Catharine, we want to thank you for coming and we look forward to spending the next hour or so worshipping God in Word and in Sacrament together. Please remember to silence your cell phones and to observe silence in the Church. Restrooms are located in the Undercroft and the Parish Center. If you need any assistance or have any questions, just find someone with a green lanyard. We hope to see you again!

TO THE PARENTS OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN...May we suggest...relax! God put the wiggle in children, so don't feel that you must suppress it in God's house, but we do have a large quieting room available if you feel the need to step out during Mass. Thank you so much for making the effort to be here, and never stop bringing your family to Mass. It's worth it.

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This Week

Sunday, August 25th: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Holy Mass (Jimmy & Dolores Corrova)

9:30am St. Vincent de Paul

11:00am Holy Mass (People of Parish) 🤚

12:00pm Baptisms

5:00pm Holy Mass (Mike Jolley Sr.)

Monday, August 26th

8:00am Holy Mass (Patrick J. O'Rourke)

Tuesday, August 27th: Memorial of Saint Monica

12:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive 7:00pm Holy Mass (Dick Luchtenberg)

7:30pm Confessions

Wednesday, August 28th: St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

9:00am Holy Mass (Intentions of the Kissinger Family)

5:00pm Fingerprinting

6:00pm Protecting God's Children Class

Thursday, August 29th: Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist

7:30am Men's Rosary

8:00am Holy Mass (The Intentions of Bob & Mary Ginn Ryan)

7:00pm ADORE Night

Friday, August 30th

8:00am Holy Mass (Intentions of Fr. Michael Ryan)

Saturday, August 31st

8:30am Holy Mass (Bill Harvey)

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Total	982
5:00pm	259
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8:30am	308

THIS MARKS OUR HIGHEST SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE SINCE BEFORE COVID—THANKS BE TO GOD!

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

"The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects."

If you or a loved one would like to be added to the Prayer Chain please email info@stcatharine.com or call 614-231-4509. Names will remain on the Prayer Chain for 3 months or until they are asked to be removed.

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Family of Faith



Welcome John Haemmerle as the new Director of Children's Religious Education! We hope to have information about PSR and Family of Faith out in the coming weeks, and we do appreciate your patience during this transition time.

Don't worry, nobody will be left behind! So keep an eye on your email, the parish bulletin, and www.stcatharine.com for more information!

You can reach John directly via email: john@stcatharine.com

Walk With One

In the Scriptures, we hear over and over how Jesus invited people one by one to follow him. He also invites us to follow him more deeply and, just like him, to "walk with one" person to a new or renewed experience of God's love.

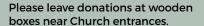
You might be asking yourself: Where do I start with inviting someone to take a step closer to Jesus? How might I invite them forward in their faith? Here's a simple **four-stage process of accompaniment** that focuses on a "heart-to-heart" approach:

- 1. Identify someone in a spirit of humility
- 2. Intercede for that person in communion with the Holy Spirit
- 3. Connect in Eucharistic friendship
- 4. Invite that person on a path most suitable for him or her

<u>The bottom line is this:</u> If you can open your heart to speak about how Jesus has touched your life, your heart will touch the heart of whomever the Holy Spirit leads you to accompany.

August Food Pantry Need

CANNED SOUP





From the Principal's Desk

In the spring of 2014, my mid-life *crisis* became my mid-life *calling*. After decades of working dozens of jobs and multiple careers, I finally found my vocation in my 40s. On the feast day of St. Mary Magdalene I turned down two different jobs (both of which would have tripled my salary) to become a 5th grade Catholic school teacher, coincidentally, at St. Mary Magdalene School. Anytime I prayerfully questioned whether this was what I was meant to be, I was always reminded by the Holy Spirit to take up my cross and get back to work.

As a Catholic School Principal I don't take the responsibility of my calling lightly. The Holy Spirit guided me to St. Catharine School and reminded me how little my will actually mattered and how much His will should drive the formation of young people. One of the most valuable lessons I've learned from my former life as a college coach was the power of self-talk. Much like adding the work "yet" to the



end of a statement for students who may be facing academic challenges leads to a growth mindset, changing one word for me was a life-changing difference. Changing the phrase from "Have-to" to "Get-to" not only made a difference in my professional life, but brought me closer to Jesus. Pressure is a privilege, and saying that we "get-to" face these challenges in education makes all the difference.

Being led by three distinct virtues over my career provided a "true north" in terms of what should guide St. Catharine School. Humility, Empathy, and Authenticity are the foundational cornerstones of character for all of our staff and students. However, it begs the question, who do we want our students to be when they leave St. Catharine School?" Putting virtue into action and identifying the outcome of the educational process is imperative to continual growth.

"It's not what you can make them do, it's who they become because of you."

As Catholic School educators, we are immersed in the process of coaching, mentoring, developing, catechizing, and evangelizing young people, regardless of where they are, but knowing who they should become. It is important to know who we want our young people to be. What is the desired outcome of that process?

The purpose of Catholic Education should lead our students to become three things:

Disciples

Nothing encompasses who our students should be more than Discipleship. Following Jesus with the wisdom to know why we follow Him, the discipline to always follow Him, and the courage to encourage others to follow Him separates the Catholic school student from the secular-only outcomes.

Leaders

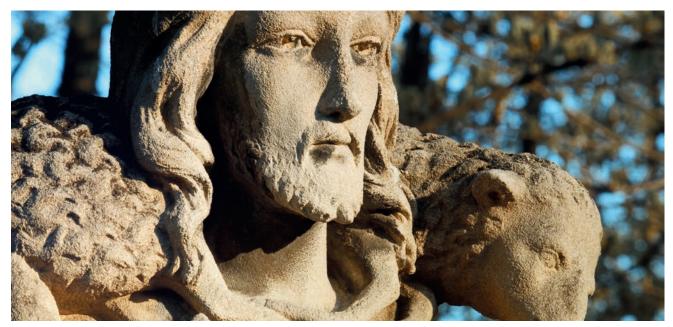
We cannot develop leaders without letting them lead. It is our responsibility to provide the framework of what leadership is and to provide the opportunity for them to lead. Having the ability of leading themselves requires the kindness, responsibility, and self-accountability needed for lifelong learning.

Problem-Solvers

Regardless of academic endeavor or social situation, students at all ages must have the self-efficacy and high agency to overcome the many obstacles they will face. We adults will not always be there to take their burden. Our job is to ensure they always have a model (Jesus) to strive for and an advocate (The Holy Spirit) to support them.

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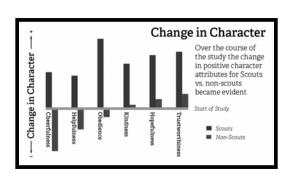
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In his most recent encyclical, Pope Francis wrote, "If society is to have a future, it must respect the truth of our human dignity and submit to that truth" (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 207). The sanctity of human life, the equal dignity of all individuals, the obligation to protect the vulnerable, and the nature and purposes of sex, marriage, and family are not exclusively "religious" truths but truths that can be known by natural reason.

As Catholics, we must illuminate these truths to our nation through our unique roles in the Church's mission:

Bishops/Clergy: govern the Church, uphold doctrine, and administer sacraments.

<u>In political life:</u> clergy help form the laity with basic principles, but do not tell the laity to vote for particular candidates.

Lay Faithful: bring the gospel to the world, advocate for justice, and serve in public office.

<u>In political life:</u> the laity are called to form their consciences and make informed decisions to fulfill their duty to vote and participate in public life.

It is our responsibility to study Catholic teaching and tradition, participate in the Church's life, learn from trustworthy sources about the issues facing our communities, and do our best to make wise judgments about candidates and public policy. By forming our consciences for faithful citizenship, we can better pursue the common good and obey the command of our Lord to love our neighbors.



Learn more about Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship at: www.faithfulcitizenship.org







"Do This in Remembrance of Me"

A Step-By-Step Walk Through the Mass

Fr. Luke Spannagel

Part 62: The Rite of Peace



After the Our Father and Embolism, as The General Instruction for the Roman Missal says, "There follows the Rite of Peace, by which the Church entreats peace and unity for herself and for the whole human family, and the faithful express to each other their ecclesial communion and mutual charity before communicating in the Sacrament" (GIRM, 82). At this point in the Mass, the priest prays, "Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever." The people then reply, "Amen."

What True Peace Is-and What It's Not

What is true peace? Perhaps we could go to various definitions. Our Catechism says, "Peace is not merely the absence of war, and is not limited to maintaining a balance of powers" (CCC, 2304). The Catechism continues with a quotation from St. Augustine, who wrote that peace is "the tranquility of order" (CCC, 2304). "Earthly peace is the image and fruit of the peace of Christ, the messianic 'Prince of Peace.' By the blood of his Cross... he reconciled men with God and made his Church the sacrament of the unity of the human race and of its union with God. 'He is our peace' [Eph 2:14]" (CCC, 2305). As Edward Sri writes, "Many people seek the security and peace of this world, which is a peace based on success, on everything going well, on avoiding problems and suffering. But this kind of peace is quite fragile and fleeting... Christ, however, offers us a deeper, longer lasting peace-one that the world does not give. When we allow Jesus to be the foundation of our lives and live according to his plan for us, he gives us an internal, spiritual peace that can withstand life's many disappointments, trials, and sufferings. This is the kind of peace of heart that also builds true unity within marriages, families, communities, parishes, and nations. And this is what the priest prays for at this moment of the liturgy" (A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, p. 130-31).

Hopefully, we have had moments of true peace in our hearts that remind us of how generously Jesus has loved us. For anyone who hasn't, the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist certainly invites us to that peace for which we long. As we prepare to receive the Prince of Peace truly present in Holy Communion, perhaps it seems fitting that the Rite of Peace occurs at this moment in the Mass. According to Charles Belmonte, "When we pronounce our 'Amen,' we must realize that we are asking not only for our personal peace but also for peace for the whole Church... During the Last Supper, our Lord made his disciples aware of the importance of peace, the fruit of charity. Many times he spoke of unity, of the spirit of service, of humility, of charity. These are virtues and dispositions of the soul which can thrive only in an atmosphere of peace." (Understanding the Mass, pp. 173-74).

Peace As Preparation for Communion

So, without a doubt, peace is an ardent desire and need for us as Christian people. This is true at all times of our lives, but especially at the Holy Mass. In the Mass, there are many wonderful gifts and graces; we certainly are going to receive those graces more fruitfully if our hearts are at peace and open to Christ, as opposed to being distracted and upset over things that happen to us. This is most true when the time for Holy Communion comes. We are preparing to receive the most wonderful gift: we can't have a distracted heart! So, we make sure, by a prayer and a gesture, that we really are ready to go forward to receive Our Lord.

Fr. Guy Oury, reflecting on the Rite of Peace in the Mass, says, "Through the sign of peace, we ask for peace and unity within the Church, and beyond its visible boundaries, for the whole human family. And since in our gatherings we are a cell of the Church, we express our mutual love before receiving together the one Bread that makes us one. These are the two components of the rite: a prayer for the peace and unity of the Church and an exchange of the sign of fraternal converse, if not with the whole world, at least with our nearest neighbors" (The Mass, pp. 111-12). So, we aren't just making sure things are ok with people in our pew; we are also making a symbolic gesture of peace for the whole world! Next week, we'll take a look at some different ways to offer the Sign of Peace, and why this is not the time for "high fives" and making plans for later in the day!

1. Consider St. Augustine's description of peace as "the tranquility of order." Pray with a Scripture passage that describes the peace of the ordered city or kingdom of God, such as Isaiah 32, Isaiah 54, Psalm 122, or Revelation 21.

2. Peace is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit which St. Paul lists in his Letter to the Galatians (5:22). Implore the Holy Spirit for this fruit in your own life and the grace and guidance to share this gift with others.

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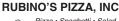
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