

Dear Family of Faith,

In this weekend's gospel, Jesus Christ places a great importance on integrity. For examples, let us look at two of the religious groups of the time: the Pharisees and the Sadducees.

The Pharisees were the religious leaders in Palestine at the time of Christ. They were the popular experts in theology and morality. And one of the doctrines they believed in and taught was the resurrection of the dead, just as we heard it proclaimed in the First Reading.

The Sadducees, on the other hand, didn't believe in the resurrection of the dead. They were the political leaders of Palestine at the time of Christ. They collaborated with the Romans, and enjoyed all the pleasures that come with wealth and power. If they had believed in the Resurrection and judgment after death, they probably wouldn't have been so quick to make compromises with justice and truth just to keep a tight grip on their privileged but earthly position.

That makes us wonder: Did the Sadducees start living worldly, pleasure-centered lives because they had lost faith in the Resurrection? Or did they lose faith in the Resurrection because they started living worldly, pleasure-centered lives? There is an old proverb that says **if we don't live according to what we believe, we will soon believe according to how we live.**

This is a danger for us in the Church today, because the predominant way of life in our society is not Christian. The Church's moral teachings are laughed at and even violently opposed.

This makes it harder for us to live them out. No one likes to be laughed at, no one likes to be excluded from mainstream culture, criticized, labeled or hated.

But if in the face of these challenges we lose courage and compromise, we could end up like the Sadducees, losing the very faith that gives meaning to our lives.

In Christ,
Fr. Scott

Why do Catholics live the Beatitudes?

The Beatitudes are blessings Jesus gives in the Gospels of Matthew (5:3-12) and Luke (6:20-23). To follow the Beatitudes is to live a life the way Jesus instructed. They don't promise earthly pleasures but eternal reward. The Beatitudes are the heart and soul of Jesus' teaching in the New Testament. They capture our moral obligations.

Jesus, We pray that You would give us Your wisdom and strength to LIVE OUT these 8 virtues on a daily basis. Make us sensitive to these virtues in all circumstances and help our actions to reflect You and Your perfect love. And may we receive Your BLESSING of peace and hope as we do what you ask.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with the Sacred Heart mobile food pantry last week. Despite the cold and shortage of volunteers, we were able to serve over 230 families (63 first-timers).

This year we were asked by 2nd Harvest and Catholic Charities if we might be able to provide food to families in the months of November and December. We agreed to try this, but had to change our usual date because the 4th Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. The only day we could arrange to have both a delivery of food and the use of the VFW Hall is Tuesday, Nov. 15th.

If you are able to give us any help on Tuesday, Nov. 15th, it would be wonderful. We always need extra hands early when we are at the VFW because all food has to be brought inside and placed on pallets (because the pallets won't fit through the doors).

Sacred Heart School Registration for kindergarten will begin November 1st. Please contact the school's office for more information.

St. Joseph, Baraboo Fish Fry is Back!

Friday, November 11th serving from 5:00-7:30 pm
Special Children's meal. Carry outs available.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Rescheduled:

Training at Holy Family on Thursday, November 10th at 6:30 pm. All Communion Ministers from our Tri-Parish Catholic Community are required to attend.

"As ministers of Holy Communion be, therefore, especially observant of the Lord's command to love your neighbor. For when he gave his body as food to his disciples, he said to them: 'This is my commandment, that you should love one another as I have loved you.'"

Book of Blessings, No. 1875

Parish Support

Holy Family 10/29 & 30

Envelopes	2069.00
Offertory	260.00
Youth	8.68
All Saints	45.00
Int. Combined	220.00
Respect Life	50.00
Total	\$2652.68

St. Boniface 10/30

Envelopes	441.00
Offertory	53.00
Youth	2.00
Int. Combined	10.00
Rectory Fund	25.00
Total	\$531.00

St. Patrick 10/29

Envelopes	305.00
Offertory	31.00
Int. Combined	50.00
Total	\$386.00

St. Patrick Annual Harvest Supper Quilt Raffle

Tickets \$2 each or 6 for \$10.
1st prize queen size quilt, handmade by Rosie Boden-dein (appraised at \$800),
2nd prize \$250.
Drawing following 7:00 pm
Mass on Saturday,
November 19th.

**"Christian life is a journey,
but not a sorrowful journey;
it is joyful."**

Pope Francis
twitter.com/Pontifex

Holy Family, St. Boniface, and St. Patrick November 5th & 6th

Confessions are a half hour before every Mass

Mon 11/7	HF 6:00 pm CCW Meeting and supper HF 7:00 pm Recovery Meeting HF 7:30 pm Dartball
Tue 11/8	SB 4:30 pm Adoration SB 5:30 pm Mass-Nora Durst
Wed 11/9	SP Mass Cancelled St. Luke's , Plain 7:00 pm Confirmation HF 7:00 pm Religious Education SP 7:00 pm Religious Education
Thu 11/10	HF 9:00 am Mass-Bill & Almira Seep SCHCC 10:30 am Mass-Nora Durst HF 6:30 pm Extraordinary Ministers Holy Communion Workshop (rescheduled)
Fri 11/11	HF 9:00 am Mass-Robert Bill
Sat 11/12	HF 4:00 pm Mass-Veda Lankey Hospitality following SP 7:00 pm Mass-Kathrine Fargen
Sun 11/13	SB 8:00 am Mass-For the Living & Deceased Members of Holy Family, St. Boniface, & St. Patrick Parish Family HF 10:15 am Mass & Hospitality -Florence Tourdot

The Tri-Parishes would like to thank Joe Seep Plumbing & Electric, Simpson Tractor, John Kast, Denny & Rex Meyer, Bill Kinsman, and Lenny Schaub for the use of their equipment in the landscaping project at St. Boniface Church. We would also like to thank the countless volunteers who gave of their time over the last couple of weeks.

St. Patrick's is looking for a church cleaner to clean every other month. Duties include cleaning the church, watering the plants in church during your month, and cleaning the bathrooms, and cleaning the kitchen and hall when needed. Pay is \$10.00 an hour. Contact Dwayne Faber at 608-986-6761 if you are interested.

St. Patrick Harvest Supper: Volunteers are needed. Confirmation students are encouraged to help. See the sign up sheets at the back of church. Help needed on Wednesday, Thursday, and the day of the event. Ladies/Families are asked to make a salad and dessert.



From Holy Family:

Godelieve "Lieve" Rott who entered eternal life on November 2nd, 2016.

Mass of Christian Burial at Holy Family on Tuesday, November 8th at 11:00 am.

During the month of November we pray for the faithful departed those who we love and those who have nobody to pray for them.

Eternal rest, grant unto him/her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him/her. May s/he rest in peace. Amen.

May his/her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Things we can do:

Prayers for the Dead/Faithful Departed

- Pray the Office of the Dead, found at iBreviary.com (web or App)
- Fast on a given day for a loved one or someone who has no one to pray for them
- Rosary for the deceased
- Give a donation on behalf of someone to a charitable organization
- Have a Mass offered
- Visit the cemetery
- Make the sign of the cross as you pass by a cemetery

Since, about the 900's, the Church has dedicated the month of November as a month in which to pray for those who have gone before us, especially focusing on those souls who are in Purgatory.

It is necessary to be purified of all of those things that may impede us from loving God as completely and as fully as we are called to love Him, as we hear in Revelation 21:27, whereby nothing unclean can enter Heaven. Purgatory it is not as some think a "second chance" after death, but, rather, a process of purification for those who have died, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church says in "God's grace and friendship, but are still imperfectly purified." It is, as the Baltimore Catechism calls it: "God's Hospital." It is dedicated for souls who, though will eventually go to Heaven, have not yet reached its heights and, as a result, are unable to pray for themselves. The Church, therefore, reminds us of the importance of praying for these souls, so that, indeed, we can assist them to their and our Heavenly homeland. By praying for these souls, we are fulfilling one of the spiritual works of mercy.

The following is that prayer, a prayer that I would invite all of us to say often throughout this month and beyond, knowing how many souls are in need of our prayers, and knowing that God has given us the ability to help them in their need. "Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."