

February 11, 2018

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.”

- 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride and ego, money and possessions to name a few) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself I'm I going this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?

Readings for January 18, 2018

First Sunday of Lent

First Reading : Genesis 9.8-15

God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood.

Psalm : 25

Your paths, Lord, are love and faithfulness for those who keep your covenant.

Second Reading : 1 Peter 3.18-22

The waters of the flood prefigured the baptism which now saves you.

Gospel : Mark 1.12-15

Jesus was tempted by Satan; and the Angels waited on him.

Financial Report January 28, 2018



Regular Offertory	
Envelopes	\$5,663.25
Pre Authorized Payment (PAP)	1,625.00
Assessment Total 2018	\$65,850.96
Loan balance for New Roof	\$50,000.00
Gift Card Report	
Profit Last Week	\$ 245.00
Total Profits for 2018	\$1,317.50
Profits from 2006-2017	<u>\$276,575.96</u>
Ongoing Profit to Date	\$277,893.46

Eucharistic Adoration—Monday 9.30am—Tuesday, 8.45am.



If looking upon the serpent of brass saved from death the Jews bitten by venomous serpents in the desert (Numbers 21:8), how much more will looking at Jesus in adoration heal those suffering from the fatal poison of sin!

- Come to adoration!

St. John the Baptist Parish—Weekly Activities

Monday, February 12, 2018

8:35 - Rosary before 9am Mass

- † Dino DiBiase by Nicola Politi
- † John D'Amore by Angela D'Amore & Family
- † Helen & Orval McGuire (100th Wedding Ann.) By Betty Bezaire
- Living Dianne Fox by Roseanne & Garnet Berthiaume
- 1:30-3:30pm Parish Nurse is available at the Parish Center
- 7pm Bible Study the Book of Exodus —Fr. Martin Room
- 7pm Youth Group Valentine Day Dance—School gym

9:30am - 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration- Assembly room

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

8:35 - Rosary before 9am Mass

- † Emily Bernauer by Priscilla & CJ
- † Linda Barban by the Alpha Team
- † Francesco D'Alimonte by the Menna Family
- Prayer Shawl Gathering—please call the for location
- 1:30pm Amherstburg Seasons Mass
- 6:30pm Confirmation Meeting—Church

Wednesday, February 14, 2018 Ash Wednesday

8:35am Rosary before 9am Mass

Ashes Distributed

- † Anna DiGiovanni by Maria & Donato Menna
- † Reg Parent by Madge & Wayne Moore
- All Married couples in our Parish
- 9:30 Book Study—Fr. Ware Room
- 1:30pm Centering Prayer—Fr. Martin Room
- 6:30pm Faith Buddies—Assembly Room
- 1pm—Legionari Della Sacra Famiglia: TBA

7pm Mass

Ashes Distributed

Thursday, February 15, 2018

8:35am Rosary before 9am Mass

- † Rosalina DiBartolomeo by the Rosati Family
- † Amedina Simone by Maria & Donato DiPasquale
- † Barb Deneau by Cecile & Don Bezaire

7pm Mass

- † Amedina Simone by Grace & Rocco Mancini
- † Souls in Purgatory
- † David Edwards by Pat & Marilyn
- 6:30pm 1st Communion Lesson—Fr. Martin Room
- 7:30 Bible Study Fr. Ware Room

Friday, February 16, 2018

8:35am Rosary before 9am Mass

- † Severino DiPierdomenico (1st Ann.) by the DiPierdomenico Family
- † Mario Rosso by Anna & Pasquale Iannetta
- Living Jennifer Edwards by Pat & Marilyn
- 9:30am—10:30am—Adoration in the Adoration chapel
- 3pm Divine Mercy Hour
- 4:30-6:30pm K of C Fish Fry
- 7pm Stations of the Cross presented by the Social Justice Comm.

Saturday, February 17, 2018

8:35am Rosary before 9am Mass

- † Rosalina DiBartolomeo
- Living the Edwards Family by Pat & Marilyn
- Living Matthew & Fran Meloche by Debbie & Bill Meloche
- 10am 1st Comm. Lesson /1pm 1st Comm. Lesson Fr. Ware Room

4-4:45pm—Reconciliation

5pm—Mass

Sunday, February 18, 2018

First Sunday of Lent

8am Mass

10am Mass—Children's Liturgy



Pastor's Corner: As the Season of Lent is upon us I would like to encourage everyone to make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will have the Sacrament available at the usual times and also all day on March 21, 2018. To help you make a good confession I am including some questions for reflection during your time of prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see more clearly those areas of your life that are not fully reconciled to Christ. Have a good Lent and God Bless.
Fr. Brian

How to Make an Examination of Conscience

Consider the following in preparing for your confession. There may be other things that weigh on your heart that are not part of these questions. Freely offer these to God, confident in God's tender mercy.

- Do I make my relationship with God my first priority? Do I take time for prayer and reflection? Do I celebrate the sacraments well prepared and regularly?
- Do I assist in the Church's mission? Do I give freely of my time, my resources and my prayer? Do people come to know God through my words and actions?
- Do I use the name of God to curse others? Does my language build others up or tear them down? Does my vocabulary give scandal to others?
- Do I take time to nourish the relationships in my life? Do I tend to the needs of my parents, my spouse, my children and my friends?
- Do I allow the Gospel to influence how I engage the community? Do I allow the Good News to affect my business practices and my engagement in politics?
- Do I seek to live with integrity and justice?
- Do I appreciate my sexuality as a gift and treat myself and others with dignity and respect? Do I engage in behaviours which belittle others?
- Do I work to promote the dignity of life from conception to natural death?
- Do I seek to create an environment where life can flourish? Do I choose to live simply so that I am able to share God's bounty with others?
- Do I live in a way which is moderate and balanced through what I eat and drink? Do I tend to the needs of my body with proper exercise and good living?
- Do I engage in gossip or in other conversations which harm the reputation of others? Do I belittle others to make myself feel bigger or to get ahead?
- Do I hold on to grudges or resentments? Do I extend forgiveness to others as I seek forgiveness from God?

Step by step: the Rite of Reconciliation

Reconciliation may be face-to-face or anonymous, with a screen between you and the priest. Choose the option that is the most comfortable for you.

STEP 1

The priest gives you a blessing or greeting.

He may share a brief Scripture passage.

STEP 2

Make the Sign of the Cross and say:

"Bless me father, for I have sinned. My last confession was..." (give the number of weeks, months or years).

STEP 3

Confess all of your sins to the priest. The priest will help you to make a good confession. If you are unsure about how to confess or you feel uneasy, just ask him to help you. Answer his questions without hiding anything out of fear or shame. Place your trust in God, a merciful Father who wants to forgive you.

STEP 4

Following your confession of sins, say:

"I am sorry for these and all of my sins."

STEP 5

The priest assigns you a penance and offers advice to help you be a better Catholic.

STEP 6

Say an Act of Contrition:
"My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you, whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior, Jesus Christ, suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy. Amen."

The priest, acting in the person of Christ, then absolves you from your sins.

The 10:00 a.m. **church choir** is always welcoming new **members**, but now is a better time than ever to join us! We are just beginning to rehearse our music for Lent and Easter. Help us continue to support and lead the music in our worship by singing with us! Practices are on Wednesday evenings beginning @ 7p.m. in the choir loft.

As I wrote before, it is so easy to slip into addictive compulsive behaviours. It all starts by exploring something appealing. We like it. It makes us feel good. We repeat it. We go back for more. We want more and more of that good feeling. We soon get in the habit of having it on a regular basis, so much so that we miss it when we don't have it. We are developing a dependency. When we need more of it to reach that desired good sensation we are developing a tolerance. We are addicted when we crave for it, have poor control over doing it, do it compulsively, and continue to do it despite physical, mental and/or social harm.

We tend to associate these things with substance abuse, but they also apply to many compulsive behaviour like shopping, hoarding, gambling, and pornography. Re-read the above chain of events considering how our body responds to these named behaviours.

Research tells us that of all of the forms of online entertainment like gambling, gaming, surfing, and social networking, porn has the strongest tendency to be addictive. Porn is basically sexual junk food. When a person is looking at porn, their brain is fooled into pumping out dopamine just as if they really were seeing a potential mate. Filling your brain with feel-good chemicals might sound like a great idea at first, but just like with junk food, it's more dangerous than it first appears.

Porn consumption follows a very predictable pattern that's eerily similar to drug use. Over time, excessive levels of pleasure chemicals cause the porn consumer's brain to develop tolerance, just like the brain of a drug user. In the same way that a junkie eventually requires more and more of a drug to get a buzz or even feel normal, regular porn consumers will end up turning to porn more often or seeking out more extreme versions, or both, to feel excited again. And once the porn habit is established, quitting can even lead to withdrawal symptoms similar to drugs.

On the surface, tobacco and porn don't seem to have much in common. One is kept behind the counter at the gas station or supermarket because of its well-known harmful effects; the other is available just about anywhere. One can quickly become an expensive habit while the other comes free with an internet connection. But, once porn consumers get hooked on it, they want more and more, much like the smoker. Watching free porn just stimulates their appetite for more. Once they develop dependency and tolerance, and what's available for free is no longer fulfilling their need, they have to move on to paid services. Smoking tobacco and watching porn are both very expensive, and I don't mean just in the pocketbook.

Research has found that watching pornography affects attitudes and beliefs toward sex, women, and relationships. Porn consumers are more likely to express attitudes supporting violence against women, and are more likely to victimize women. Rose