

# February 7, 2021 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FROM OUR PASTOR

Thinking of the Super Bowl this weekend. Thoughts about sports in general, the following came to mind. The Vatican in its Bollettino of 2018 on Sport (Giving the best of yourself: a document on the Christian perspective on sport and the human person) looked more deeply on sports and its purpose for those who participate.

In the second section it broke down "what is Sport?" I wish to share with you the following part of the article. "A fourth feature of sport is its *competitive* character. Once again, we might object by invoking an individual amateur athlete who only trains sporadically and just for fun. Presumably, this athlete is not involved in a competition. But this is not completely true. For even this athlete can compete with herself in that she seeks to do her exercise not worse than previously, or to cover a certain distance, or to run, swim or climb within a fixed time limit and so forth. In almost all other cases, the competitive element of sport is far more developed so that we may state that competition is also an indispensable characteristic of sport."

Competition is a huge thing. The price of the commercials for the Super Bowl or World Cup points out the value of those who only watch sports. The Super Bowl this year is \$5.6 million. If we consider the time and effort that so many put into sport competitions on every level it is amazing. In the US many approach things through the lens of winners and losers. It is the all or nothing approach. That can spill into many things even the way we treat others or look upon their efforts. It can also get into our heads and we see ourselves in such a light. If we don't win, come out on top or are first, then it was a waste of time. Or that we ourselves are a waste of time and have no value if we don't measure up.

Yet what standard are we using? Jesus sees us as sinners who are meant to be saints. Jesus believes in conversion. Yes, we can compete. Each day we are meant to be holier than we were yesterday. Yes, we are called to greater charity. We are to strive for the faith.

When we fall short we do not lose our value, our dignity, or our title as a child of God. We are to pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off through confession and get back to winning the crown of heavenly glory. Jesus points to both/and not an either/or situation.

We can do a lot in the spiritual realm as an individual but it can help so many others. I can offer the Rosary but for the intention of family and friends. We gather for Mass as a group on a Sunday and offer the Mass for someone who has died. In Lent we may look to fast, my action, but for the benefit of those who have fallen from the practice of the faith. We can all win if we lose our pride and vanity. The world offers blue ribbons we will soon put in a box.

St. Paul often speaks of competing well for the Kingdom. Of losing for the sake of the Gospel since it is not all about us. Let's not wait to hear the words "And the winner is....." Instead let us compete so to hear the words, "Come good and faithful servant into your Master's joy." It is not the winner's circle we are to worry about, but the eternal glory of the Kingdom of God.

Father John

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### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays ~ 5 PM Sundays ~ 8 AM &10 AM

### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday 5:30 PM Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 AM First Saturdays 8:00 AM

### **DAILY ROSARY**

Before 8 AM Mass at 7:25 AM

### **CONFESSIONS**

Saturdays ~ 4 PM—4:45 PM & Following 1st Saturday 8 AM Mass

### **EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION**

First Fridays beginning at 12 Noon Benediction at 6:00 PM All other Fridays beginning at 3:00 PM Benediction at 4:00 PM

### Mass Intentions for the week of February 7, 2021

Sat.	Feb.	6	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of Art Vinopal
Sun.	Feb.	7	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of Don Strack
			10:00 AM	For our Parishioners
Tue.	Feb.	9	5:30 PM	For the repose of the soul of Sally Haas
Wed.	Feb.	10	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of Andrew & Marie Lobenstein
			6:00 PM	For the repose of the souls of John & Matilda Gedel
Thu.	Feb.	11	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of Dave Sirotski
Fri.	Feb.	12	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of Ruth Penzkover
Sat.	Feb.	13	5:00 PM	For our Parishioners
Sun.	Feb.	14	8:00 AM	For the repose of the souls of John & Peg Nicksic
			10:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of Virginia Rhyner

Pray for the health of Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Rosemary Lehnen, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Tricia Demmin, Joe Dolphin, Bill Chase, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Helen Eucolono, Ethel Passer, Sid Mead, Steve, Marie Hersil, Becky Fredrickson, Mary W., Bob W., Therese, Mary Sauer, Pete Ruland, Audrey Gillen, Rita Kueppers, Cindy Mueller, Lucille Ryczek, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, Rosemary Wier, RM, Floyd Babcock, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, the Moore Family, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Ralph Hamm, Millie Hovde, Bill Eisch, Bernadine Seitz, Marie Boehm, Marsha Hamil, MMB, AAB, EMM, Brenna, Randall Stanke, Barb Gardner, Tom Schoettler, Mary Lechleiter and Bob Penzkover.

Pray for those in the military serving our country: Jason Witkowiak, John Miller, Tera Walsh, Casey Chamberlain, Chris Dvorak, Paul Knudtson, Jon Taylor, Jessica Burch, Mandy Gardner, Aaron Hoogland, Janie Asberry, Jessica Tremain, Andrei Klika-Sampe, Zachary Bader, Will Post, Adam Field and Bailey Granger.

If someone you know becomes hospitalized and would like a visit, please call Cassandra at the church office. To be included on the prayer line or to be listed in the bulletin prayer list, you may also call the church office at 847-6054.

**Eternal Rest, Grant Unto Him, O Lord.** We offer our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Jerry Neve who passed away this week. May perpetual light shine upon him.

Heroic Men Website ~ If you haven't done so, check out the Heroic Men website at <a href="https://heroicmen.com/">https://heroicmen.com/</a>. It is a 100% free Catholic streaming platform designed especially for men who want to discover (or re-discover) the truth, beauty and goodness of the Catholic faith. Offering more than 100 feature-length films, TV shows, documentaries and short films, Heroic Men seeks to source the best Catholic media available and bring it all to you, all in one place.

### Stewardship Corner ~ January 30th & 31st, 2021 (521 Registered Families)

WKLY	BUDGETED	A	CTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$12,868.42	\$3	,079.00
On-Line Giving		1	,620.00
Children's Envelopes	15.67		4.00
Loose Offering	688.68		246.10
Total Weekly Offering:	\$13,572.77	\$ 4	,949.10
Budget Contingency Fundament	d	\$	90.00
Year-to-date* budget req Year-to-date amount con	\$447,901.41 \$327,974.09		

\*Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 to current date

We ask you to join us in praying sincerely for guidance and success in helping to meet the temporal needs of our Church so that we can carry on our spiritual mission.

### **Weekly Calendar**

Wednesday Feb. 10 Religious Ed Classes Thursday Feb. 11 2:00 PM Rosary Makers—RH

### **FORMED**

PICK OF THE WEEK

February 7, 2021

### BERNADETTE Millions of poor

Millions of people each year go on pilgrimage to Lourdes, a place where miracles frequently occur. Explore the origins of this miraculous place of encounter with the Lord in this movie which depicts Mary's apparitions to St. Bernadette.



To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in parishes this weekend. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

For those subscribing to "The Word Among Us", your Lenten issue is available on the rectory porch. If you are not able to pick it up, please let us know and we will put it in the mail for you.

KC Free Throw Contest ~ Will be this <u>Sunday</u>, February 7th at St. Patrick's School Gym. (It was postponed because of the weather last weekend.) Registration begins at 11 AM and shooting begins at 12 noon. There are six age categories for boys and six for girls – ages 9 thru 14. We encourage masks and social distancing but don't expect the shooters to wear masks when they are shooting. Winners will receive award certificates and medallions. Everyone will receive a participation certificate. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Solomon Juneau Council 2770.

Gala Basket Raffle tickets are available at the school and rectory offices. If you would like to purchase some, please stop by the school or rectory or call the office at 847-5844. The drawing will be Saturday, February 13th. Thank you for supporting our school!

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of February 6th & 7th

Saturday, 5:00 PM Lector: Howard Boppart

Server: Nolan Powers, Jonathon Riley

Musicians: Bill Ryan Usher: Eli Boppart

Cleaning: The Boppart Family

Sunday, 8:00 AM Lector: Larry Moore

Server:

Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary Usher: Matthew Gunther Cleaning: The Moore Family

Sunday, 10:00 AM Lector: Lisa Pouillie

Servers: Jackson Whitney, Beau Barreau Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Cassie Thayer

Usher: Jacob Tremelling Cleaning: The Pouillie Family

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of February 13th & 14th

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Jaime Pouillie

Server:

Musicians: Liz Housworth Usher: Matt Schwab Cleaning: The Pouillie Family

Sunday, 8:00 AM Lector: Paul Schaller

Server:

Musicians: Ann Benz, Joe Clary Usher: Jacob Tremelling Cleaning: The Bailey Family

Sunday, 10:00 AM Lector: Paul Schaller

Servers:

Musicians: Bill Ryan Usher: Kurt Salverson

Cleaning:

### Ash Wednesday ~ February 17th

**Knights of Columbus Meeting**—Tuesday, February 16th at 7 PM in Reardon Hall. All men are invited to be a part of the Knights of Columbus.

The Knights of Columbus and St. Pat's 5th grade class will be holding a "take and bake" pancake breakfast fundraiser after each of the Masses February 20th and 21st. Funds will go towards a fun class activity at the end of the school year. Please support our students!

It is with joy and gratitude that we share with you an update for the Christ Our Cornerstone Cathedral restoration campaign. Presently, more than \$2.4 million has been pledged from diocesan parishes, clergy, and Cathedral parishioners to restore our magnificent Cathedral! These faithful gifts, combined with the generous match from St. Ambrose Financial Services brings the total up to more than \$5.4 million! The total \$6.1 million restoration need for our beloved Cathedral is well within our reach! We are so grateful for the outpouring of support we have seen from throughout the diocese, and especially from within this community. If you have not yet had the chance to make your pledge, now is the time to act. Please join your fellow parishioners and those from across our diocese by participating in this historic campaign. Pledges can be made using the provided materials found within the parish or by visiting cathedralsjworkman.org/cornerstone.

Scrip is sold during the week at the rectory office. You can stop by to purchase during our office hours or call or e-mail ahead and we will have your order ready for you to pick up.

February 20, 2021 Virtual Men's Lenten Retreat ~ The diocese will have a virtual Lenten retreat for men talking about looking to St. Joseph as a model for being a great husband and father. The retreat will feature speakers Fr. Sam Martin and Mr. Pat Brueggen. More information is coming soon. This retreat will be from 9 AM—11 AM. Here is the Facebook link for this event: fb.me/e/cPMROcgmE

### National Marriage Week February 7-14, 2021

"For Your Marriage" is an initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to communicate the meaning and value of married life for the Church and for society. On February 7-14, 2021, "For Your Marriage" is sponsoring National Marriage Week! This annual observance is a great prompt for everyone to reflect on the gift marriage is to our Church and our country, as well as an opportunity for couples to build up their own marriages. This year the theme is: To Have, To Hold, To Honor. Here's how you can join:

□ Spend a little dedicated time in prayer and reflection by participating in our seven day at-home retreat focused on marriage (available on-line at <a href="https://www.usccb.org/resources">https://www.usccb.org/resources</a>/. This year the retreat theme is "To Have, To Hold, To Honor."

□ Conversation on Fatherhood and Spousal Love – Tune in on the "For Your Marriage" Facebook page Wednesday, February 10, at 2:00 EDT for a live-streamed discussion between the associate director for Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations, Fr. Daniel Hanley, and the director of Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth, Mr. Dominic Lombardi as they discuss their reflections on fatherhood and spousal love looking to Saint Joseph as their example.

□ Pray a rosary for married couples and families with us! The rosary will be led by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone, the head of the Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth, and live-streamed on Friday, February 12, at 3:00 PM EDT on the USCCB Facebook Page.

Blessed Brother James Miller, Martyr and Witness to the Gospel — Saturday, February 13th will mark the Feast Day of Blessed James Miller. A native of Stevens Point and a De La Salle Christian Brother and missionary, Brother James was gunned down while repairing a wall at the school where he worked in Huehuetenango, Guatemala on Feb. 13, 1982. He was declared a martyr and beatified by Pope Francis on Dec. 7, 2019. Let us turn to Blessed James Miller as an example of fidelity to the Gospel and humble and fearless service on behalf of the poor and the vulnerable.

**Receive the Holy Spirit and let Him** lead you to an encounter with the "Friendly Fire" at St. Theresa's in Union Center on Saturday mornings. Confession/Rosary/Mass at 9 AM. For more information, call Bev at 608-572-1266.

### <u>HIS CHURCH IS YOU AND ME</u>

Our Diocesan Annual Appeal 2020-2021: Goal—\$41,710 Pledged to date—\$26,462.00 Families—83

Thank you to those families who have already returned their pledge cards. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, please give the rectory a call and we will send one out



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