



February 19, 2023
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM OUR PASTOR

This next step will touch on our Jewish roots and take us more deeply into the Old Testament. I am still working with the article, "Sacrifice: Path to Communion" from the Catechetical Review (October-December 2022) edition. The author is Andre Villeneuve the Associate Professor of Old Testament and Biblical Languages at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit Michigan.

"Rabbi Joshua Berman provides valuable insights on the connections between covenant, sacrifice, and love in the Hebrew Bible. Sacrifice was viewed in the ancient world as a bilateral process whereby the owner of the animal to be sacrificed had to 'renounce his ownership of the animal so that the gods could receive the animal in his place.' These two acts -renouncing and receiving- were taken up in the biblical sacrifices. A sacrifice is kadosh-sanctified, dedicated, and set apart for God; and an animal dedicated for sacrifice is hekdesch-made holy. Sacrifice thus meant abnegation, renunciation, and forfeiture for the owner. When an animal was brought to be offered in the Temple, the owner renounced his claim over it and could no longer use it for his personal benefit. At the same time, the smoke and smell of the animal burnt on the altar rising to heaven was received by God as pleasing to him, a 'pleasing odor to the LORD (Lv 3:5).

Yet, the main connotation of the sacrifice (korban) in the Bible is not that of renunciation, gift, or acceptance. The root of the Hebrew word korban (pl. koranot) means 'close'. A korban is 'that which has been brought close' to God's presence in the sanctuary, and offering a sacrifice (lekakriv korban) means literally 'to bring the sacrifice close.' The ultimate purpose of the korbanot is to draw God's people close and bring them into communion with him.

Sacrifices are also symbols of repentance whereby the gap between God and man caused by sin is bridged by the atoning death of the animal and the shedding of its blood. Sin is incompatible with God's presence, and its consequences is death. By offering sacrifices, a person overcomes the alienation and death sentence that sin has brought upon him. This is done by transferring not only his sins onto the animal to be sacrificed but also his own identity through the act of semikhah-laying hands on the animal's head and 'leaning' on it. It is a symbolic act of investiture: The animal becomes representative of its owner, and the offering of the sacrifice is 'an execution in effigy' with a rehabilitative purpose. 'As he stands before God in the temple and witnesses his own execution by proxy for sins he committed, the owner of the offering is meant to reach a new awareness of his obligations to God so that his breach will not be repeated.

The rites of the korbanot are thus punitive measures that the owner viewed as carried out on his own body. By burning and obliterating the animal, he 'eradicates the element of his sinful persona that exhibited animalism rather than humanity.' The slaughter of the animal, the shedding and sprinkling of its blood, and the annihilation of its body in the flames was no doubt a stark pedagogical experience that was purgative and cathartic, deepening the owner's conversion and strengthening his resolve not to sin again."

All of that is perhaps an unseen, unreflected aspect of the gifts brought up at Mass and offered in the unbloody manner at each Mass: the Paschal sacrifice of Christ for each and everyone of us to be free of sin and enter the life of grace He offers us. We will continue this mediation the next few weeks because as you can see there is so much here to consider.

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 following 8 AM Mass
Benediction at 4:00 PM
All other Fridays beginning at 3:00 PM
Benediction at 4:00 PM

Mass Intentions for the week of February 19, 2023

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| Sat. Feb. 18 | 5:00 PM | For our Parishioners |
| Sun. Feb. 19 | 8:00 AM | For the repose of the soul of <i>Don Strack</i> |
| | 10:00 AM | For the repose of the soul of <i>Gene Hersil</i> |
| Tues. Feb. 21 | 5:30 PM | For the repose of the soul of <i>Andy Petrowitz</i> |
| Wed. Feb. 22 | 8:00 AM | For the repose of the soul of <i>Mary Murphy</i> |
| | 6:30 PM | For the repose of the soul of <i>Joan Kobylski</i> |
| Thu. Feb. 23 | 8:00 AM | For the repose of the soul of <i>Don Vinopal</i> |
| Fri. Feb. 24 | 8:00 AM | For the repose of the soul of <i>John E. Walsh</i> |
| Sat. Feb. 25 | 5:00 PM | For the repose of the soul of <i>Don Vinopal</i> |
| Sun. Feb. 26 | 8:00 AM | For the repose of the soul of <i>Ernie Schmocker</i> |
| | 10:00 AM | For our Parishioners |

Pray for the health of Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Rosemary Lehnen, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Bill Chase, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Helen Eucolono, Ethel Passer, Sid Mead, Becky Fredrickson, Bob W., Therese, Audrey Gillen, Rita Kueppers, Cindy Mueller, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, RM, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Millie Hovde, Bill Eisch, Marie Boehm, Marsha Hamil, MMB, AAB, EMM, Brenna, Barb Gardner, Patrick Moore, Karen Patton, Therese Severson, Fran Skalak, Tina Moore, Eric, Tony Berns, Jeanne Allen, Randy Czaplewski, Anna Madden, Steve Connor, Joe Wolf, Phil S., Randy Mullenberg, Janel, Bev Jurkowski, Catherine Murray and Sidney G. Mead Jr.

Pray for those in the military serving our country: Janie Asberry, Andrei Klika-Sampe, Will Post, Zachary Bader, Bailey Granger, Alex Ericson, Samuel Levandoski and Ethan Jasinski.



**Ash Wednesday—
February 22:
Mass will be at 8 AM
and 6:30 PM**

For those who would like a Lenten issue of “The Word Among Us”, copies are available on the table in the gathering area. Please feel free to take one.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays during Lent at 5:30 PM. A soup supper and discussion on the “True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist” will follow. All are invited and welcome to join.

**Stewardship Corner ~ February 11th & 12th
(506 Registered Families)**

| | **WKLY BUDGETED GIVING | ACTUAL |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Adult Envelopes | \$8,653.85 | \$ 4,274.00 |
| On-Line Giving | | \$ 2,023.00 |
| Children’s Envelopes | 9.61 | \$ 9.00 |
| Loose Offering | 385.00 | \$ 484.00 |
| Total Weekly Offering: | \$ 9,048.46 | \$ 6,790.00 |
| Year-to-date* budget requirement | | \$ 298,599.18 |
| Year-to-date amount contributed | | \$ 285,041.93 |

*Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to current date

** Budgeted Weekly Giving Amount based on pledges made. We anticipate a total budgeted income deficit of \$ 42,539.00 for this fiscal year.

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

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| Tuesday | Feb.21 | 3:00 PM | Hour of Mercy in Church |
| | | 5:15 PM | Catholic Ed. Comm. Mtg. |
| | | 7:00 PM | Knights of Columbus |
| Wednesday | Feb.22 | | ASH WEDNESDAY |
| Thursday | Feb.23 | 10:00 AM | Rosary Makers—RH |
| Friday | Feb.24 | 8:45 AM | Friday Folders |
| | | 5:30 PM | Stations of the Cross |

Retrouvaille—March 3rd—5th: ~ Are you struggling in your marriage? When the old ways aren’t working, the Retrouvaille Program helps couples restore their marriages and rebuild loving relationships. Retrouvaille offers hope and healing for hurting marriages. Costs are affordable and no couple is turned away because of limited finances. If you are wondering if this program is right for you or a loved one, find more information and answers to Frequently Asked Questions at HelpOurMarriage.org or call toll-free: 1.877.922.HOPE (4673). The next program begins on March 3-5. Call now!

Please join fellow parishioners and the children of the 5th grade St. Patrick’s class after Mass this Sunday, February 19th for a pancake breakfast in Reardon Hall. The K of C and the St. Pat’s 5th graders are hosting a Pancake Breakfast with sausage, juice and fresh cut fruit. Funds raised from the breakfast will go towards a fun class event at the end of the year for the 5th graders. The breakfast is open to all parishioners and the community. Invite others to come with on Sunday, February 19th anytime between 8:30 and noon.

Knights of Columbus Meeting— Tuesday, February 21st at 7 PM at St. Mary’s—Lyndon Station. All men are invited to be a part of the Knights of Columbus.

Eucharistic Revival:

A Minute with Jesus for February 19th

Jesus teaches us that He is truly present in the Eucharist.

It is normal for us to struggle to believe this mystery. Uncertainty (doubt through lack of understanding) can be a healthy part of faith. When you are seeking God in prayer, hesitation in accepting the true Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist plays an important role in growing in faith because He will always come in to strengthen our faith in response to our desire to believe this Truth. Let’s pray this right now and every day this week: “*Jesus, please strengthen my faith to believe that You are truly present in the Holy Eucharist*”. This week, read how Jesus responds to those who are questioning the mystery of the Eucharist in John 6: 52-59

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of February 18th & 19th
Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Jeri Kolba
Eucharistic Minister: Rita Hamm
Servers: Owen & Aedyn Lubinski, Mary Vinopal
Musicians:
Greeters: Danelle Lubinski, Anita Lubinski
Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Bill Powers, Fran Lunenschloss,
Tom Schoettler
Gift Bearers: Bill & Ellen Eisch
Scrip Seller: Laura Vinopal

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Gail Boehm
Eucharistic Minister: Marion Koca
Servers: Cody Komiskey, Carson Demaske, Spencer Turpin
Musicians: Ann Benz, Cristina Becker
Greeters: Therese, Bridget & Amelia Gunther
Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, George Tremel, Jim Bires, Dave Netzer
Gift Bearer: Mary Ann Strack
Scrip Seller: Therese Gunther

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Naome Pouillie
Eucharistic Minister: Joelle Curran
Servers: Caroline & Cecilia Marien, Leia Kocyan
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir
Greeters: Kris Mazur & Nancy Horabik
Ushers: Clinton Pouillie
Gift Bearers: John & Ann Hersil
Scrip Seller: Diane Kocyan

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—ASH WEDNESDAY—February 22nd
Wednesday, 6:30 PM

Lector: Jaime Pouillie
Eucharistic Minister: Joelle Curran
Servers: Nolan Powers, Cody Komiskey, Brayden Housworth
Musicians: Ann Benz
Greeters: Volunteers Needed
Ushers: Volunteers Needed
Gift Bearers: Volunteers Needed

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of February 25th & 26th
Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Kevin Quist
Eucharistic Minister: Rita Hamm
Servers: Nolan Powers, Ryleigh Vinopal, Gracey Kobylski
Musicians: John & Nancy Noga
Greeters: Kevin Quist
Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Bill Powers, Fran Lunenschloss,
Tom Schoettler
Gift Bearers: Ann Marie Vinopal & Family
Scrip Seller: Jeri Kolba

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Melissa Schanke
Eucharistic Minister: Vicki Boehm
Servers: Seth Schwedersky, Canaan Becker
Musicians:
Greeters: The Becker Family
Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, George Tremel, Jim Bires, Dave Netzer
Gift Bearers: Jim & Deb Bires
Scrip Seller: Connie Walhovd

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Lisa Pouillie
Eucharistic Minister: Nancy Horabik
Servers: Brayden & Kellen Housworth, Beau Barreau
Musicians: Peg Schmitz
Greeters: Bill Thill & Jane Powers
Ushers: Clinton Pouillie
Gift Bearers:
Scrip Seller: Jeri Kolba

Social Sunday — Join us Sunday, February 26th for "Social Sunday". Please plan to stay after the 8 am and the 10 am Masses for donuts, coffee, juice, and fellowship in Reardon Hall. This month's social is hosted by the Parish Council. Hope to see you there!

Mass & Healing Service at Sacred Heart Church,
Cashton ~ February 27, 2023

Do you have a need for healing
—spiritual, physical, psychological, emotional?

5:30 pm - **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** begins.
The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be available throughout the evening beginning at 5:30 pm.

6:30 pm - Holy Mass

After Mass - Adoration continues with Prayers of Healing & Deliverance. Our clergy and prayer teams will pray over those who desire it. Exorcised & Blessed Oil, Salt, & Water are used. Sacred Heart Catholic Church is located at 1205 Front St., Cashton, WI

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**Knights of Columbus Sportsmen's Raffle ~ Tickets now available!** You can purchase tickets from any KC member, at the rectory office or at local businesses. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. Prizes: Matthews Mission Crossbow; Pointer Acrius 12 ga. Over Under Shotgun; and Savage 110 Apex .243 Rifle OR \$500 cash. Drawing will be Tuesday, April 18th. Please support this very worthy project of the KC's.

**The South Central Shamrock Club** has selected Marlene McGowan, a Lyndon Station native and member of St. Mary's Parish, as their Irish Rose for 2023. Michael McShane of Reedsburg is the Irishman. The St. Patrick's Day Banquet is March 18th at the Reedsburg Country Club. Join the celebration by contacting Jolene Crowley at 608-356-5959 to obtain your tickets.

**LENTEN REGULATIONS**

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, **February 22nd**.

Lenten regulations are as follows:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on **Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday**.
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.
3. When abstaining from foods or pleasures during Lent, always remember a spirit of detachment. It is in letting go of the things in the world, that we find peace, God, and ourselves re-centered on Jesus Christ.

***Prayer Opportunities***

**Hour of Mercy:** Tuesdays from 3 PM to 4 PM—time of prayer, litany and chaplet on behalf of our Church and the world.

**Holy Hour:** Each Friday we have Holy Hour from 3 PM to 4 PM. On First Fridays, we have Exposition and Adoration following morning Mass until benediction at 4 PM.

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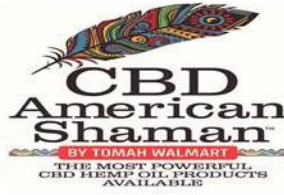
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