



Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 23, 2020

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18

1 Cor 3:16-23

Mt 5:38-48

Be Perfect

Wow, that's a tall order! But what does *perfect* mean? The Greek word means "full" or "complete." In the first reading, Leviticus calls us to be *holy*, a word with cultic allusions—to be set apart to be used for God. Though not possessing exactly the same sense, there is a connection between *perfect* and *holy*, for to be set apart to be used for God will certainly make us perfect, fulfilled, and complete. So what does Jesus mean when he tells us to be perfect, as God is perfect?

Continuing our reflection on the Sermon on the Mount, we find Jesus telling us how we are to be perfect as God is perfect. He offers two examples of extraordinary behavior. The Mesopotamian code of Hammurabi states "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." The punishment may not exceed the crime.

This was a step forward in ancient justice.

Jesus said that this is not enough. There is to be no vindictiveness, no revenge, regardless of how equivalent it might appear. The reason for this is that God loves and cares for all, even those who do us injustice. God makes the "sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust" (Matthew 5:46). In this way, we must be like God; we must love all, no exceptions. This is what it means to be perfect. It is indeed a tall order. But it is the way to be fulfilled, to be complete.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ Where in your life are you being called to consecrate yourself to God and God's work?
- ★ Where in your life are you being challenged to love more unselfishly?

[Jesus said,] "Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you....Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."
MATTHEW 5:44, 48





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Sunday Offerings

General Fund	\$4215.00		
Tuition	\$2555.50	Lunch Money	\$168.25
Book Fees	\$1100.00	Votive Stand	\$79.00

Please remember St. Ignatius Parish & School in your will.

TOTAL \$8,117.75

65 general offering envelopes collected, including children.

We have Mass Intention dates available for the rest of the year. Please drop in the collection or mail us your Mass Intention. There are envelopes in the back of Church for you to fill out with your intention. Thank You!

Parish Services

Weekend Masses

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday, 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

8:00 a.m.
 Monday, Wednesday & Friday
 Tuesday 7:30 p.m.
 and PH Devotions
 Thursday 6:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
 or by appointment

Adoration

Tuesday 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
 & 5:30-9:30 p.m.
 Wednesday 7:00-9:00 p.m.
 Thursday 5:00 -7:00 a.m.
 4:00-8:00 p.m.
 First Friday-8:45am-12pm

Baptisms and Marriages

By arrangement
 with Fr. Steve Robeson

Knights of Columbus

Next Meeting

March 9, 2020

7 pm in the Community Center

Special Collection 2/23/20

Aid to Central and Eastern Europe.
 Envelopes in your packet or in the back of church

Annual Chamber Prayer Breakfast

Feb. 29, 2020 at 8:00 am at St. Paul's.
 The guest speaker will be Marcus Engel.
 See flyer on Community Bulletin Board in the back of Church.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Where: St. Ignatius

When: 2/28/20

Time: 4-7 pm

Proceeds will go to the St. Ignatius School. Ladies of the Parish we ask to provide desserts, Please and Thank you in advance!

Women's Spiritual Renewal Conference at Touhill Center at UMSI March 7th. If any of our Women are going please let Father Steve know he can help with confessions that morning. Flyer on the bulletin board.

Upcoming Events at St. Ignatius

02/23	Church Cleaning Team 1 Michelle Hellebusch
02/23	St Paul's UCC- Pork Sausage Dinner 11 am-5 pm
02/26	Ash Wednesday
02/28	Vocations Mass
02/28	K of C FISH FRY 4-7 pm Community Center
02/29	Parent Faith Support Ministry 6 pm—Community Center
03/02-06	Father Steve away-Study Week
03/05	Home Economics 8 am- 3 pm

World Day of Prayer

This year our Parish will be hosting the World Day of Prayer for ours and surrounding churches. Date is Friday March 6 @ 1 pm. Fellowship to follow in Parish Center. We are asking any ladies who are able to attend to bring 1-2 dozen cookies to share with our neighbors and friends. If you would be able to help please contact Sue Hecktor @932-4805 or sphecktor@gmail.com. We will need greeters, readers, and a few to help with refreshments.

Stations of the Cross—Lent is near and Stations are returning. Stations of the Cross will be on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm before Mass and Perpetual Help Devotions led by Deacon Paul. Please join us! Stations will also be prayed on Good Friday at 2 pm. Happy Lent!

Scripture studies with Deacon Paul at Uletts'coffee shed @ 6:30 am will NOT be held on Ash Wednesday or the Wednesday of Holy Week. BUT will return on the 1st Wednesday of May and each 1st Wednesday of the month thru October. In November we hope to return to weekly sessions.

Ladies!! Scripture will continue on 1st and 3rd Thursdays @ 7 am in Parish Center thru April 2nd. Then Deacon is offering once a month on the first Thursday of the month -May thru October. Why should the men have all the fun?? However- ALL (men and ladies) are invited to these sessions. Please join us.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER MARCH 6,2020

World Day of Prayer began in Canada in 1920 and was followed by the US that same year. Now hundreds of thousands from around the world gather to worship on the first Friday of March. Each year a different country serves as the writer of the worship service. Women from this country prepare a worship service based on their history and culture.

This year the women of Zimbabwe (formerly Rhodesia of Africa) call the world to worship together! They ask us to "Rise!! Take up your mat and walk"! The program is based on Jesus' encounter with a person, although in a position to be healed, had not acted upon the opportunities given (John 5:2-9). Our sisters from Zimbabwe are taking Jesus' encounter as a call to act in love for peace and reconciliation. Jesus asks "Do you want to be made well?"

SO WE ASK YOU , along with the women (men, youth, and children) of the world to join together on **FRIDAY, MARCH 6 AT 1 PM IN OUR CHURCH** to pray together, not just for the people of Zimbabwe, but the whole world! We will listen and participate in prayers of the women of Zimbabwe as they take us into their communities but we pray for all the men and women of the world! Let us walk in faith and prayerful action!!!!

So please join us on **FRIDAY, MARCH 6 AT 1PM IN OUR CHURCH**. Members of neighboring churches and communities of faith will be joining us. Then please join us for a time of fellowship in the Parish Center for coffee, lemonade, and cookies!! **ALL ARE WELCOME!!**



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WOMEN FOR CHRIST
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EMBRACING
THE
FEMININE
GENIUS

MARCH 7, 2020

Touhill Performing Arts Center

To register, visit

catholicwomenforchrist.org

or call the Touhill Box Office at

314-516-4949



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Erika Bachiochi



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Emily Wilson

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 22, 2020

5:00 p.m. † Mary Emke

Eucharistic Ministers: Ralph Glosemeyer

Jayne/ Maurice Glosemeyer

Dianne/Tom Meyer

Lector: Jayne Glosemeyer

Ushers: Diane Tom Meyer

Servers: Izabella Glosemeyer I Wyatt Glosemeyer

Sunday, February 23, 2020

8:00 a.m. † For All the Unborn Children of Missouri

Eucharistic Ministers: Paul or Alice K.

Jeanette Marquart, Amanda Schwoeppe

Tricia Kemper, Jackie Heggemann

Lector: Kevin Nenninger

Ushers: Patti I Mitchell Roberts

Servers: Kaylee Schwoeppe I Annalesè Mayer

10 a.m. † Herman & Rosemary Engemann

Eucharistic Minister: Diane Freese

Donna Blahut, Teresa Volkerding

Becky Schoppenhorst, Audrey Hellebusch

Lector: Donna Blahut

Ushers: Donna Blahut I Tricia Glosemeyer

Servers: Jenna Chambers I Sam Chambers

Monday, February 24, 2020

8:00 a.m. † Tilly & Bill Kluesner

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

7:30 p.m. † Agatha & Harold Buenemann

Wednesday, February 26, 2020*ASH Wednesday*

8:00 a.m. † Betty Gildehaus

Servers: School Kids

7:00 p.m. † St. Ignatius Parish

Lector: Larry Sander

Thursday, February 27 2020

6 a.m. † Sheila Kopmann

Friday, February 28, 2020

8 a.m. † For the Quilters of the Parish

Saturday, February 29, 2020

5:00 p.m. † Mary Emke

Eucharistic Ministers: Christy Engemann

Mary Glosemeyer, Janet Glosemeyer,

Bob/Patty Koch

Lector: Leo Meyer

Ushers: Bob/ Patty Koch

Servers: Kali Glosemeyer I Gabby Faust

Sunday, March 1, 2020

8:00 a.m. † Linus & Loretta Glosemeyer

Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Hecktor

Sheila Shortt, Bill Schuler, Christopher Engemann

Tricia Kemper

Lector: Sheila Shortt

Ushers: Chris I Gary Meyer

Servers: Wyatt Meyer I Ryan Kloeppel

10 a.m. † Sylvester Engemann

Eucharistic Minister: Sandy Westhoff

Peggy Nenninger, Judy Bieker, Lesa Leopold

Danielle Gratza

Lector: Vincent Leopold

Ushers: Garrett Gratza I Norman Schwoeppe

Servers: Colin Parks I Carley Kopmann

Pastor's Letter to the People of St. Ignatius

I hope all of us appreciate what fine leaders we have in the Ministries and organizations at St. Ignatius. Because I am the Pastor, I am gifted with a great joy that probably no one else in the parish has. I get to be a member of every one of our leadership groups: the new Stewardship Committee, the School Board, Finance Council, Parish Council, the Consultors, Respect Life, our amazing faculty led by Mrs. Leopold. Our participants in the Regional School planning committee are definitely strong voices for our school. The local Knights of Columbus inspired me when they held a recent meeting at Saint Ignatius. I want to tell you, the discussion by all these leaders is clear, intelligent, and focused on our Faith. They give me the best possible guidance for how to Shepherd our parish and school forward in the Lord's path. In the same way, our Office Manager, Cindy Deters, does a great job overseeing much of the administration and the communications in the parish. As great as all that is, it is still not the greatest service that these staff and parish members give to the Lord. Isn't the greatest their participation at Sunday Mass and renewing their Eucharistic Covenant with the Lord and all of you? Then, extending that Covenant from the altar, the greatest service, after sitting for long hours at parish meetings, many of them sit with the Eucharistic Lord at Adoration! As busy as they are, I have also heard from many of them that they intend to come to our Lenten Bible study that will focus on Isaiah 58. Everyone who comes will be contributing to our parish reflection on how this important Scripture calls our parish to act in God's world. I have no doubt that some of this reflection will affirm good works that we already do. Some of our reflection may challenge us to do more. We shall see. My experience at our parish tells me that our reflection on this part of the Word of God will be fruitful and blessed by the Lord because we simply want to please Him. Blessings on all of you in the gentle time of Lent, beginning this 'Wednesday with Ashes.'

Love,
Fr. Steve

Please Pray for the Sick Ailing Recovering

Joan Meyer	Betty Hellebusch	Judi Liermann
Connie Buenemann	Evelyn Tucker	Ethel Thomas
Duck Brinker	Shelbee Mauldin	Fr. Finbarr Dowling
Karen Brinkmann	Jim Grafrath	Dawn Borgmann
Pillman Family	Andrew Hellebusch	Natalie Ulett
Kim Smith	Carol Jacquin	Audrey Wagener
Tabitha Kersey	Margaret Seats	Olivia Jasper
Judy Brouk	Ralph Glosemeyer	Carl Jacquin
Mary Ann Heggeman	Fred Borges	Marc Wagener
Tom Meyer	Richard Preiss	Laura Tellmann
Cindy Faust	Jim Smith	Kitty Heberle
Kenneth Engemann	Frank Dowling	Jim Derner
Donny Kopmann	Gerald Molitor	Jerome Heggemann

Anniversaries of Our Dearly Departed

02/04/96	Rosaly Meyer
02/04/01	Fr. Morse
02/05/85	Louis Frick
02/06/78	Mathilda Borges
02/08/80	John Kottwitz
02/14/01	Alphonse Weise
02/14/06	Paul Mebruer
02/15/06	Sylvester Engemann
02/18/87	Rose Glosemeyer
02/22/94	Andrew Hallemann
02/25/77	Stacy Lierman
02/27/09	Jim Paul Thomas

Dear Padre,

A Protestant friend says all the Catholic rituals aren't necessary to get to heaven. What can I say to convince her?

Your friend is correct about heaven: God wishes the salvation of everyone—not just Catholics (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church [*Lumen Gentium*], 13). Even so, Catholics believe—and Christ taught us—that certain rituals are necessary to enter heaven. Baptism is one example.

But being Catholic isn't just about getting to heaven. Earthly benefits abound!



Take the Mass: holy Communion gives us Jesus Christ's very Body and Blood. The sacrament of reconciliation absolves our sins, bringing us peace, comfort, and a closer relationship to God. Our saints and the Blessed Mother inspire us and intercede on our behalf. Our Church leaders—ordained and religious—bring Christ to our lives. Our Catholic hymns and prayer traditions help us offer praise and thanks in a unique way. Your priest and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* can explain in detail the

spiritual and temporal benefits of our rituals and rich traditions.

Once we get to heaven, the need for distinctions among those of different Christian faiths dissolves. But until then, we shouldn't follow the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church simply because it's the religion of our parents or spouse; we should follow them because we believe they show us how to deepen our relationship with God by living as Jesus wanted us to.

So while "all the Catholic rituals" do prepare us for heaven, they also enrich and inform our earthly lives in ways we can't find anywhere else. I thank God for my Catholicism every day—and you should, too.

—Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSsR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

One of the essential characteristics of this vocation to perfection is the love of our enemies, which protects us from the temptation to seek revenge and from the spiral of endless retaliation....Those who evangelize must therefore be first and foremost practitioners of forgiveness, specialists in reconciliation, experts in mercy.

—HOMILY IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC,
NOVEMBER 29, 2015

Calendar

Monday

FEBRUARY 24

Weekday

Jas 3:13–18

Mk 9:14–29

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 25

Weekday

Jas 4:1–10

Mk 9:30–37

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 26

Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12–18

2 Cor 5:20–6:2

Thursday

FEBRUARY 27

Thursday after

Ash Wednesday

Dt 30:15–20

Lk 9:22–25

Friday

FEBRUARY 28

Friday after

Ash Wednesday

Is 58:1–9a

Mt 9:14–15

Saturday

FEBRUARY 29

Saturday after

Ash Wednesday

Is 58:9b–14

Lk 5:27–32

Sunday

MARCH 1

First Sunday of Lent

Gn 2:7–9; 3:1–7

Rom 5:12–19 or 5:12,

17–19

Mt 4:1–11