Ask!

All about prayer. A disciple asks, ‘Lord, teach us to pray as John taught his disciples’. Jesus provides the perfect model for prayer, and goes on to offer two short scenarios, one to encourage persistence in prayer, the other reminder to trust with childlike trust that God will always give something healthy and life-giving in answer to our prayers. Rather than focusing on the Lord’s Prayer, or the two ringing encouragements about how to approach prayer, my attention goes to that very first line, the humble request. A nameless disciple simply asked, ‘teach us to pray’, and look at the treasure we have as a result!

Have you ever simply asked ‘Lord, teach me to pray’? Many different circumstances have taught me the value of that request. When beginning to develop a prayer life, what better start than to simply ask ‘Lord teach me to pray’, or ‘Lord, help me learn to pray’. But this isn’t only a beginner’s request. In our journey with the Lord, learning and growing in prayer is a lifelong process. There is the initial learning – what is prayer? How do I go about it? What works for my particular personality? At other times we plateau; a particular style and rhythm of prayer become comfortable, and can sustain us for quite a stretch. But then restless can come, or we may suddenly feel our prayer is dry; ‘is anyone listening?’ Distraction may become a problem, or persist as one. We may hit a roadblock. A crisis can make it seemingly impossible to pray. Time to break out that simple question, ‘Lord, I’m not the same person I was. Teach this new ‘me’ how to pray!’ I keep that question in my back pocket, and have pulled it out many times!

Just as asking the Lord for help in prayer is wise, I have found it useful to insert the question into the Lord’s prayer. That prayer isn’t as obvious as it looks. ‘Lord, how do I hallow your name? How do I hallow your name in this crazy circumstance?’ ‘Lord, how do I truly open myself up to your will? How do I find that will?’ ‘Beyond ‘wants’, what do I truly need to sustain me – daily bread?’ Praying for forgiveness, ‘Lord, how do I truly change, and leave sin behind?’ I have experienced, and I know many, many other people have as well, that at the top of the list for asking God’s help is the forgiving petition. ‘Lord, how DO I forgive as you have forgiven me?’ The simple answer the Lord gave me – one step at a time. So I ask ‘Lord, what is the next step I need to take in order to truly forgive.’ Sometimes the 1st step is ‘Lord, help me want to forgive.’ As the Gospel promises – the Lord knows how to give good gifts. When I’ve asked for the next step, it has always been a baby step, and one I could manage.

Peace to you always in praying, and in forgiving! Fr. Bob
Mass Intentions for This Week

MONDAY - July 29
St. Martha
Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Jn 11:19-27 or
Lk 10:38-42
11:00 am Memorial Mass for Dr. Paul R. Fox
5:15 pm Stephanie J. Rozanski - Daughter & Family

TUESDAY - July 30
Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43
5:15 pm Walter Himmelburg - Joan & Vince Steeley

WEDNESDAY - July 31
St. Ignatius of Loyola
Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46
11:00 am Charles Reed - Barbara Parson & Family
5:15 pm Paul Spinelli - Pat Hainen

THURSDAY - August 1
Alphonsus Liguori
Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53
6:45 am For the People of Our Parish
11:00 am Beatrice Darrow - Bea & John Hack

FIRST FRIDAY - August 2
Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/
Mt 13:54-58
10:30 am Mass at the Highlands - For All Residents
11:00 am William Thaney - Mike & Carol Duffy
5:15 pm Ed Cunningham (Anniversary) - Family

SATURDAY - August 3
Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12
9:00 am Joseph L. Gattelaro - Vincent Mancuso & Family
4:30 pm Ned Cunningham - Dorothy & Roger VanVoorhis

SUNDAY - August 4
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/
Lk 12:13-21
7:30 am Mary Schwan - Family
9:00 am Caroline Harber - Nancy & Wayne Harber
11:00 am Sadia Kindl - The DeVoria Family
5:00 pm William B. Thaney - Warren & Suzanne Welch

Special Intentions
We invite you to have a Sanctuary Lamp lit at the Blessed Sacrament to have your very special intentions remembered for a week. To arrange this, please call or visit the Ministry Center. The Thursday Holy Hour Ministry will offer special prayers for your intention.

One Sanctuary Lamp will Burn
In Memory of Margaret F. O’Neil by Family

One Sanctuary Lamp will Burn
In Memory of Harry Midgley by Peggy

One Sanctuary Lamp will Burn
In Memory of Dr. William J. O’Neil by Family

Requiem Aeternam
Dr. Paul R. Fox
Louise Carcelli

Saturday & Sunday, August 3 and 4  Thank you, faithful servants!

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Sunday Communion Service - August 4
The Highlands: Richard Caruso    Heather Heights: Dick Lenio
Opening the Door
A short passage doesn’t reveal this. But read the whole of Genesis, or for that matter, the whole Pentateuch, and patterns emerge: patterns of growing relationships with God, insight into how things go south when God is ignored or left out of the picture. How humans relate to each other. How sin affects life. It’s a big picture! Today’s 1st reading is the first time we see any human question a divine decision. Yet notice – by telling Abraham what He intended to do, God opens the door for the bargaining that takes place. Why then did Abraham not question God’s command about sacrificing Isaac? In his commentary on the Torah, Richard Elliot Friedman points out that Abraham is offered to us as the model of obedience. In one case, in today’s reading, God and Abraham are in a discussion, so Abraham feels free to offer his thoughts. Regarding Isaac, God gives a divine command. Given a command, Abraham obeys.

Death and Resurrection
At a funeral, the body is received at the church entrance, next to the font, with the words: In baptism, our brother (or sister) died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May he/she now share with him eternal glory. That greeting comes right out of our second reading: Brothers and sisters: you were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. Most of our Catholic liturgy and prayer comes straight out of the Bible! At the next baptism at Mass, consider the powerful truth we hear in our second reading today – in baptism we die with Christ and rise with him; the old self is left behind, and we put on a new self. Spend some time in prayer with the words, the images, and the truth of what Christ does for us in the sacraments! We can also pray for help – Lord, help me get out of that old self and become more at home in the new self! (Read further in Colossians for a fuller picture)

Reframing the Question
Today’s Gospel, along with giving us the perfect prayer, provides a powerful way to look at life, as Jesus invites his listeners to consider what good parents do for their children as a starting point to understand the immensity of God’s goodness and how God will respond to us. Building on that, say a person is weighed down by sin, finding it very difficult to believe that God could forgive them. To help them, try asking – ‘if your son or daughter came to you with what you just said, would you be able to forgive?’ Then how much more can God!? Reframing the question can often help folks get past stumbling blocks.

Serious Summer Reading
Recently translated and published, Gerhard Lohfink’s Jesus of Nazareth, What He Wanted, Who He Was is an excellent book for those who really want to dig deep into our faith. Daniel Harrington, SJ, author of Jesus, a Historical Portrait offers these words about his fellow scholar’s work: ‘…solidly based on sound biblical scholarship, full of fresh theological insights, respectful of the Gospels and their portrait of Jesus, and beautifully expressed.’

A Handy Tool
Our excellent lectors don’t just walk to the ambo and begin reading to us. Their gift of proclaiming the Word includes careful preparation. One tool they use is the Lector’s Workbook, which offers specifics for how to proclaim the Word effectively, as well as reflections on each passage. We have a number of extra copies. Considering becoming a lector? Take one of our extra copies, located in the sacristy. Or just pick one up to check it out (while they last).

Don’t Be Embarrassed
Feel your religious education was a bit lacking? Or like the Bible is foreign territory? While the Catechism of the Catholic Church is the official sourcebook for church teaching, it’s not a light summer read. Don’t be embarrassed by the titles – Catholicism for Dummies and The Bible for Dummies are very user friendly books. Good for a quick reference, refresher, or to make sure you have the basics covered.
REACHING OUT - MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH

July 21
Attendance .......  1,445
Collection ............. $14,375.65

God bless you!

Your regular contributions support all that we do here at St. Louis.

Thank you for giving what you can!

Emergency Tithing Fund

At times emergency situations arise that our tithing committee feel compelled to respond to, yet the committee meets quarterly, addressing and scheduling tithing requests three months at a time. At the last meeting of the committee, we decided to establish an 'Emergency Tithing Fund', so that it would be possible to respond when tornadoes, floods or other such emergency situations that cry out for a response. In this way, a weekly tithe can be sent out immediately, without having to juggle the schedule or wait for a collection which could be tithed. A few weekly tithes in this fund will make it possible to address major disasters when the help is most needed.

EASIER THAN CHECKS AND ENVELOPES
(and easier for our counters!)

While use of envelopes for our Sunday collection is a practice that has been around a long time, we do our best to keep up with evolving technology. Many people no longer sit at the table to write checks for their monthly bills, they use electronic fund transfer. It is easy, convenient, and can also be a great way to support your church. Incidentally, it saves the parish money, and also helps with the budgeting process. You can simply fill out an “EFT Authorization Agreement” form and enclose a voided check. The form is available on our website or at the Parish Ministry Center. You can discontinue at any time or temporarily suspend, if needed. Please consider using EFT for your monthly contributions. If you already use EFT, we ask that you please update your information on the new form and evaluate your current giving level.

If you have any questions, call Patty Macera at the Ministry Center, (585) 586-5675, ext. 222. May God Bless you for your generous gift of treasure.

THIS WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT FRIENDS OF THE ORPHANS ST. DAMIEN PEDIATRIC HOSPITAL

Under the direction of Fr./Dr. Rick Frechette

NEXT WEEK’S TITHING WILL SUPPORT SAINT’S PLACE

Saint's Place is a volunteer organization, based on Christian values, that provides household goods, clothing, and education to legal refugees of all races and creeds who settle in the Rochester, NY area, to escape violence, discrimination and poverty in their homeland. Each year, Saint's Place assists hundreds of newly arrived refugees arriving through the Catholic Family Center's Refugee and Immigration Department. Visit us at www.saintsplace.org.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous donation of $2,984 in support of women and children of Sojourner House at Pathstone.

Each year, sojourner House touches the lives of over 500 women and children in the Rochester community. The Sojourner House vision is to empower and inspire them to achieve their full potential. Each woman who achieves her potential creates a brighter, more hopeful future for her children and for all of our children. By contributing to our cause, you share in the success of each woman and child, and ensure that our services will be there in the future for families in need.

On behalf of Sojourner House staff and clients, thank you for caring.

Sincerely,

Beth MacAller, Executive Director

Dear Parishioners,

I am very grateful for the check of $1,814.00 you sent to purchase food for the Sr. Regis Food Cupboard. Without your help, we would not be here to serve food to the hungry.

The only thing nicer than your gift was the thoughtfulness behind it.

May God continue to bless you and your families.

Gratefully,

Sister Julia Norton

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St. Louis Church of Pittsford Sponsors Another Employment Network Class!

Employment Network is a set of three sessions designed to help people who are out of work, wanting to change positions, or reentering the work force. The EN Team of experienced trainers will provide support and guidance in the areas of planning a work search, preparing a resume, networking, interviewing, and offering other direction. Our last session is Tuesday evening, July 30 from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. at St. Louis Church in the Parish Meeting Hall. For additional information contact Gary Stekloff at (585) 737-6213 or at gsteklof@rochester.rr.com. The Employment Network is open to all who want to attend regardless of religious affiliation or church attended.

Stewardship Directory

Do you have your copy yet? Our Stewardship Directory is a great place to look for what ministries are available in our parish, who to contact, ways you can get involved. Even if you aren’t looking to sign up, it is inspiring to know more of the parish story, and to see just what discipleship can include. Prefer to do things on line? Check out our parish website at www.stlouischurch.org.

Speaking of Websites

Have you ever checked out our Diocese of Rochester website? You will be amazed at what you can find! Visit www.dor.org.

Attention Volunteers! Do you work with families? Are you a catechist? Coach? RCIA team member? Sacramental prep team? Be sure to sign up for the Households of Faith Catechetical Congress on the Family. Join us on August 2-3 at Aquinas Institute for workshops and keynotes designed to help you in your outreach. You can purchase only those workshops that interest you - go to homelinks.dor.org/summer for more information and to register. Online registration closes Monday, July 29th.

Attention CYO Coaches: Would you like to learn how to connect the dots between faith, sports and families? Come to the Households of Faith Catechetical Congress on the Family. Join us on August 2-3 at Aquinas Institute for workshops and keynotes designed to help you in your outreach. You can purchase only those workshops that interest you - go to homelinks.dor.org/summer for more information and to register. Online registration closes Monday, July 29th.

Do You Have a Pecilat for Cleaning?

Volunteers are needed to give the school a good scrubbing over the summer. This is a great opportunity for service hours by washing fingerprints off the walls, washing desks and so forth. If you are detail-oriented and thorough when cleaning, this type of work is for you! Remember, “cleanliness is next to Godliness!” If interested in helping us, please call Sally Schrecker at 586-5675, ext. 235 or email her at sschrecker@dor.org.

Chair Repair Needed!

Do you – or someone you know – refurbish wooden chairs with rush-seats? We have several of our “Church Chairs” that need the seats re-done ... and if there’s a handy person with a flair for that work, we’d love to enlist him/her to offer TLC to these furnishings! Contact: Sally at the Ministry Center, 586-5675 or sschrecker@dor.org.

Don’t Just Walk By!

Now is the time to follow through on your commitment and schedule yourself for a work assignment on a day of your choice. Your help is needed. You can register and schedule yourself by going to: www.habitatinterfaithpartnership.org. You can also contact one of our HIP volunteer coordinators who can assist you with registering and scheduling. Contact:

- Kathleen Anderson: call 385-7601; email kandersons51@rochester.rr.com
- Brain McMahon: call 383-6005; email bjm@rochester.rr.com, or
- Delaina Infantino: call 586-1115.

You can make a difference and also enjoy the experience! Are you thinking about working on this 200th Rochester Habitat house? Sign-up, register and get scheduled now!

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17
Saint’s Place extends a **HUGE “thank you”** to all the people who again this year made our sale so successful. We again exceeded our goal, and raised enough money to purchase over 400 beds and frames. Newly arrived refugees to Rochester will sleep their first night in a new bed with a new pillow and clean bedding. Something so trivial - that most of us take it for granted.

Often organizations lament that too few people actually get involved. Nothing could have been further from the truth during the Saint’s Place Annual Super Sale. After a slow start due to the Fourth of July holiday, hundreds of volunteers generously gave their time and talents in the intense July heat and humidity. They exhibited more energy than we could ever imagine. Volunteers of all ages, from all walks of life, all uniting for a common cause - to welcome the refugees to the Rochester community. It was a remarkable two weeks. The teenagers did an outstanding job, their youth, their boundless energy and eternal optimism complimented the stress levels felt by all the adults. Their behavior encouraged us and provided us with renewed spirits.

Months and weeks of work go into making the sale a reality; thousands of items are cleaned and priced *all year long*. Ideas and suggestions for a better, more profitable sale are researched and discussed all the time! The words “Annual Sale” are echoed at least three or four times a day.

During the sale we averaged 70 volunteers each day, working from 9 to 5! (That in itself is an incredible feat!) The final figure for the Annual Super Sale is well over the $60,000 goal, and counting! Our biggest sale ever! Many of the customers were repeat shoppers citing our sale as one of the best in the area. They were amazed by the warm welcome they received as soon as they entered the parking lot! It is an event they look forward to every year. The array and quantity of wonderful items amaze all who enter the sale, and the hours of behind-the-scene work is clearly evident.

**Thank you to the volunteers**, who spent innumerable hours moving, lifting, setting up, pricing, organizing, reorganizing, helping customers and finally cleaning up. You are the heart and the soul of Saint’s Place that give and keep giving, extending hands of friendship to all. There is an amazing spirit that abounds during this hectic, sometimes chaotic, time. There is no other way to describe it other than the Holy Spirit in action. It was great to see so many dedicated, hard-working people motivated for the sole reason of welcoming refugees to our community. “I was a stranger and you welcomed me” Matthew 25:35.

**THANK YOU TO:**

**Donors:** That helped us to be known as the “premiere church sale.”

**Local food establishments for their donation of food:**
- Great Northern Pizza - Bushnell’s Basin
- Coal Tower
- Pontillo’s in Pittsford
- Wendy’s
- Arby’s
- Zweigles
- Dibella’s
- Salvatore’s in Pittsford
- And the many volunteers who baked, made salads and brought treats to share…you are truly amazing!

**Thank you to Fred and Karen Giovagnoli** for cooking and selling hot dogs and soda in hot, humid weather. The hot dogs have become as famous as our sale! This year Zweigles again donated all the hot dogs and sausages!

**A special “thank you” to Sally Schrecker** for her unflagging support. Her vision and gracious spirit inspires all who volunteer with her. Her long hours and willingness to adapt to our ever-changing needs with a smiling face is truly remarkable. Sally well earned the title of “the final decision maker”.

Saying thank you just is not enough; please know that you truly make a difference in the lives of some very brave and grateful people.

God Bless you all,

Colleen Knauf and Michele Quinn
**Persistent Prayer**

When someone in our family is going through a hard time, we can’t just sit by and watch. We try to do everything we can to let him or her know that he or she is not alone. Sometimes we even try to find a special gift for him or her—something that will help that person to understand how important he or she is to us.

Like a good father, God saw that his children needed help. He decided to offer his beloved children a special gift to reveal his love. What did God give us? Not a thing, but a person—the Father’s beloved Son, Jesus. Jesus, in turn, taught us to approach God as we would approach a loving father. He gave us the words of a prayer that we call the Our Father, or the Lord’s Prayer.

Jesus teaches us to be persistent in prayer. Think of times when family members were persistent about something until they were able to achieve a goal or receive what they sought. Talk about what it means to be persistent in prayer. Help your children understand that prayer is not like sitting on Santa Claus’s lap, asking for what we want until we get it. Emphasize that prayer is a way of striving to recognize how God is reaching out to us in love and responding by presenting him with our needs.

The disciples notice Jesus praying “in a certain place.” They ask him to teach them to pray just as John the Baptist had taught his disciples. Jesus teaches them a simple version of the most famous Christian prayer, the Our Father, or the Lord’s Prayer. Matthew’s version shows signs of being shaped by public prayer. Luke’s version is probably closer to the original form that Jesus taught. Stripped of much of the language we are used to, Luke’s version seems simple and direct. We pray that God’s name will be recognized as holy and that his rule over all will be established. Luke uses the more theological language of “sins” rather than “debts,” which is used in Matthew’s version.

Having taught his disciples a simple, daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers prayers. First he tells a parable about a persistent neighbor who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door. But because the neighbor is persistent, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all that he needs. If a neighbor is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could God not respond to our requests?

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**It’s YOUR Turn!! (Feedback, Please)**

Over the past eight months, this column has tried to suggest ways for each Catholic to approach this Year of Faith that began on October 11, 2012 and will continue until November 24, 2013. If you recall, during the Year of Faith, we are asked to study and reflect on the Bible, together with the documents of Vatican II and catechism, to deepen our knowledge of our faith, and to have a renewed conversion to Our Lord. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has been a primary resource for many of the suggestions, but a host of other websites and ideas have also been noted.

So, now, it’s YOUR turn! Have you been trying anything different over these past several months to deepen your knowledge of your faith? Reading? Bible study? Visiting shrines? Taking a religious studies class, or course? Attending church gatherings, such as Fruit of the Vine? Engaging in conversation or discussion with other Catholics or even non-Catholics? If so, how is it going? Or, have you found other ways to deepen your faith and would like to share your ideas? Or, if you haven’t done anything yet, maybe consider choosing something now to do this coming week—don’t overwhelm yourself with trying to do too much. Choose something you know you can do and say a prayer to the Holy Spirit. I think you’ll be surprised at the results.

I’d like to hear from you. See me after Mass sometime, or even better, contact me at deacondave@gmail.com as I will be unavailable for some weekends in August.

God bless, Deacon Dave

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**Stephen Ministers Are There to Care**

Are you going through a difficult time—emotionally, spiritually, or relationally? Are you lonely, experiencing a crisis, or simply stressed by everyday life? You don’t have to suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide confidential one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. To find out more, call our confidential phone line at 586-5675, ext. 324.
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2013 Summer Series for Catholics and friends in their twenties and thirties!!

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**A SUMMER SERIES ON THE NEW EVANGELIZATION**

**Tuesday, August 6, 7:00 pm**  
Living and Sustaining our Witness as Disciples  
With Dominic Marini, Seminarian, Diocese of Rochester and Fr. Michael Costik, Newly Ordained Priest of the Diocese @ Elmwood Inn, 1256 Mount Hope Ave, Rochester, NY 14620

**Wednesday, August 14, 7:00 pm**  
Spirituality and the New Evangelization: Can we be Spiritual but not Religious?  
With Bishop Emeritus Matthew Clark @ The Old Toad, 277 Alexander St Rochester, NY 14607

**Wednesday, August 21, 7:00 pm**  
Stirring up the World: An Evening on Pope Francis  
With Fr. Bob Kennedy, Pastor of Blessed Sacrament/St. Boniface @ The Firehouse Saloon, 814 Clinton Ave S, Rochester, NY 14620

**Wednesday, August 28, 7:00 pm**  
Being a Christian in Everyday Life: Living the Good News in the World  
With Dr. Damian Zynda, Th.D., Christian Formation Director, Church of the Transfiguration @ Johnny’s Irish Pub, 1382 Culver Rd, Rochester, NY 14609

For more information call 328-3228x1218

Theology on Tap is an opportunity for young adults to gather to discuss and reflect on issues of faith. Co-sponsored by the Diocese of Rochester, Blessed Sacrament/St. Boniface, and the Office of Vocations.

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**The Knights of Columbus Council 11411 will be hosting a Mass for Priestly Vocations on Friday, August 16th at 6:30 PM. The location is the Carmelite Monastery, 1931 West Jefferson Road, in Pittsford. For questions contact David Fiorito, at 694-6603.**

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**COME SPEND SOME TIME AWAY IN PRAYER**

**Eucharistic Adoration Followed by Compline**

Offered by the Sisters of St. Joseph 
In their Motherhouse Chapel  
150 French Road, Rochester, NY

Sunday, August 4, 2013, 7 - 8 PM  
Check the St. Louis bulletin boards at side exits for additional information about these rich traditions of our Church.

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**PRAYER FOR OUR TIMES**

"Radiant Creator,  
Strong, Wise One,  
Shine in our minds,  
Enlighten our understanding of you and your ways so we may do what is true and live in your light.  
Fill us with light and courage to carry good news into all the corners of the world and to bring back the joy of your presence. Amen"

As a people who strive to live the process of peace and to bring Christ's Good News into all the corners of the world, we the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Peace of Christ Parish Peace and Justice Committee, invite you, your family and friends to join us at "Prayer for Our Times" on Tuesday, August 6, 2013, the Feast of the Transfiguration. This prayer will be held in the Sisters of St. Joseph motherhouse chapel, at 150 French Road, Rochester, NY from 7pm to 8pm. If you are unable to join us in person, please join us in prayer wherever you might be. Any questions please call: 641-8122.

**Prayer Pointers**

Check out the Practice of Faith suggestions in At Home with the Word for this week. Great ideas about moving from the Gospel into serious prayer!
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults…RCIA

Bringing people into a relationship with Christ, into the community of faith, and into the sacramental life of our church is why we are here! The RCIA is the process for welcoming adults into the Roman Catholic Church. Whether a person has never been baptized, has been baptized in another church but wishes to become Catholic, or was baptized Catholic, but never was fully initiated (being confirmed and receiving 1st Eucharist), we have a process to help with the next steps, leading to life in Christ, community, and all that the Lord offers us through the sacraments. Even if you are not sure if you are ready for the next step in a journey of faith, it doesn’t hurt to learn how it works! If you are interested in learning more about this process, please contact Father Bob or call the office.

Blooming flowers thrive basking in the summer sun. Praise God’s wise design.

Register now for fall graduate courses! Special Topics in Spirituality - Take some time to reflect on your practice of spiritual discipline. Deepen your knowledge of the historical tradition and cultural roots of spiritual experience. Contact St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry to learn more about this course being offered on Tuesday evenings this fall beginning August 27. Financial aid is available. If interested, call (585) 271-3675 ext. 289 or visit www.stbernards.edu.


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