

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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14 February 2016

Dear Friends in Christ,

From today through Pentecost, we will be using the Apostles' Creed at Mass instead of the Nicene Creed. This is a practice suggested by the Roman Missal because the text we call the Apostles' Creed is so directly connected to the sacrament of Holy Baptism, the promises of which we renew every year on Easter Sunday.

The full title for what we call the Apostles' Creed is the Baptismal Symbol of the Roman Church, and in this case the word "symbol" means the mark of Christian faith summarized in the creed. This text was not written by one of the Apostles, but it does accurately state the essentials of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles. In the early Church, many dioceses founded in the Age of the Apostles had their own local profession of faith that was used in the sacred liturgy during the Baptism of adult converts, and that is the origin of this Baptismal Symbol of the Roman Church. It is the ancient profession of faith used in the Diocese of Rome by those being baptized, and we still use this text in a question and answer format at every Baptism in the Roman Rite and during the renewal of our Baptismal Promises on Easter Sunday.

Because the 40 Days are a preparation for the worthy celebration of Easter and because the Mass of Easter Sunday always includes the renewal of our baptismal promises, a central purpose of Lent is brought into bright relief. All Christians live in the gap between who they are and who they should be, and who we should be is revealed by the grace of Holy Baptism in which we become children of God, members of Christ, and heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven. Striving to close that gap and live according to the dignity of our Baptism is the goal of the 40 Days of Fasting, Prayer, and Almsgiving, and closing that gap is first, last and always a work of grace rather than a mere exertion of our wills. Nevertheless, we are called to the obedience of faith — meaning that we must cooperate with God's grace and strive to follow the Lord Jesus in the Way of the Cross, rejecting whatever is contrary to the Gospel.

The text of the Apostles' Creed is found in the missalette on page 87 and it will be printed in our Mass booklet each week, and this is the Profession of Faith we will use at Mass in place of the Nicene Creed starting today and continuing through Pentecost Sunday. On the Day of Resurrection, the priest will introduce the Renewal of Baptismal Promises with words that can guide us through these 40 Days: "Dear Brethren, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church."

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 14 February 2016

7.30 am

Manfred Steltzer

9.00 am

Emily Rose Gomes

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1.00 am Pro populo 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 14 February 2016

No 3 & 4 year olds class this week

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass 9.00 am Scripture Study 5.00 pm Vespers (church)

6.00 pm High School Youth Group (M)

Monday, 15 February 2016

7.00 am

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6.30 pm Cub Scouts 6.30 pm Boy Scouts (M)

Tuesday, 16 February 2016

7.00 am

12.00 noon ♣ Dr. Leon Lenoir

Tuesday, 16 February 2016

8.30-9.30 am Program of Catholic Studies 1.00 pm Senior Men's Club

Wednesday, 17 February 2016

7.00 am ★ Steve Brown
12.00 noon Joseph Deitz
6.30 pm Anglican Use Mass

Wednesday, 17 February 2016

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour & Confessions (church)

6.30-7.30 pm Religious Education 6.30-7.30 pm Introduction to Catholicism 6.30-7.30 pm Program of Catholic Studies

Thursday, 18 February 2016

7.00 am Seminarian Matthew Curley 12.00 noon ▼ Nettie & Walter Winner

Thursday, 18 February 2016

2.00-4.00 pm Prayer Meeting
6.30 pm Program of Catholic Studies

Friday, 19 February 2016

7.00 am

Friday, 19 February 2016

6.15 am Morning Prayer (church) 6.30-8.00 am Pillars of Christ

3.30-5.00 pm Youth Choir Practice
6.00 pm Way of the Cross (church)
followed by Women's Club Lenten Dinner (P)

Saturday, 20 February 2016

5.00 pm ♣ Dominic Goncalves

Saturday, 20 February 2016

8.00-9.00 am Rosary at Grove Road

abortion clinic

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

G - Gallivan Hall M- McGrady Hall P - Pazdan Hall Dining Room * All events in Sacred Heart Hall unless a location is listed.

Financial Report

Weekend of 6/7 February

 Needed
 32,500

 Received
 33,508

 Surplus
 1,008

Poor Box 249

Souper Bowl for Catholic Charities 2,303

Offertory Year to Date

 Needed
 1,040,000

 Received
 1,043,444

 Surplus
 3,444

Electronic Giving: If you want to have direct management of your Electronic Fund Transfer online, you can now do so through the "Manage Your EFT" link on the homepage of our website. For more information or if you have any questions please contact Jennifer Anderson at jennifer.anderson@stmarysgvl.org.



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Visit us on the web at www.stmarysgvl.org





The St. Mary's Program of Catholic Studies presents

The History and Principles of Catholic Social Teaching

presented by Timothy J. Nielsen



What does the Church teach about Private Property? Democracy? Charity? The Common Good?

Join us for our Faith and Culture lecture series this Thursday at 6.30 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. T.J. Nielsen will be going through the history of and principles of Catholic social teaching. This lecture is the first in our spring series looking in depth at the social doctrine of the Catholic Church.

Event Location:
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Downtown Greenville
Sacred Heart Hall

Thursday 18 February @ 6.30 pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact T.J. Nielsen, Director of Christian Formation, at timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4114.

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WAY OF THE CROSS
FRIDAYS OF LENT AT 6 PM

SOLEMN VESPERS
SUNDAYS OF LENT AT 5 PM

Friday Lenten Dinners

Women's Club members will serve soup and grilled cheese sandwiches in the Macalka Dining Room in Pazdan Hall after all Stations of the Cross beginning Friday 12 February. There is no cost. Please join fellow parishioners for this devotion that commemorates 14 key events on the day of Christ's crucifixion and a Lenten dinner and fellowship afterwards.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for all those who are hospitalized and for all those who are shut-ins, ill or recuperating at home, especially Alan Howard, Alice Howard, Ronald Labbe, Andrew Brett, Paulina Cruz, Brett Gervais, Judy Byrum, Michael Pinto, Jim Sponsler, Joseph Srp, Neal Campbell, IV, Rose and Anne Eassy, Marie-Therese Isidore, Thomas Thomason, Zack & Judy McColl, Jim Barber, John Barbare, Carlton Carpenter and Fr. Bart Leon.

News from St. Anselm's Community

On Wednesday evenings at 6.30 pm beginning this week on 17 February, Father Duncan will celebrate Mass in the Anglican Use from the newly published missal for the Personal Ordinariate. This Mass is offered primarily for the people of the St Anselm's Community, but others are most welcome to attend.

Parish News

Collection for 13/14 February

Support of the Parish & Bishop's Appeal

St. Mary's is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Office Closure

The parish office will be closed on Monday 15 February for President's Day.

2015 Tax Statements

Please contact our Director of Finance and Human Resources, Jennifer Anderson, in the church office at 864.679.4102 or jennifer.anderson@stmarysgvl.org if you would like a copy of your contribution statement for 2015. Please allow us several days to process and mail your statement. Tax statements are issued only upon request.

St. Mary's Senior Fellowship

Please join us Saturday 13 February at 12.00 noon in Sacred Heart Hall to celebrate St. Valentine. Bring your favorite dish or dessert to share. For more information, contact Patricia Wellham at 864.294.9270.



Congratulations to

Mia Grace Horace who was baptized last weekend.

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Sister Joyce Munson, OSC and Elizabeth Morison and who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to their family and friends.

Prayer For The Faithful Departed

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Mr. & Mrs. David Byrnside, Ms. Megan Rozelsky, Mr. & Mrs. Michael McCullough and Ms. Jennifer Olivares-Kowalski.

St. Mary's Wedding Committee

The Wedding Committee is a team of volunteer women who help coordinate the weddings that take place at St. Mary's during the year. They are asking for new volunteers to join their team. You would be asked to help at the Friday evening rehearsal and Saturday wedding for a few hours several times a year. If interested please contact Cathy Markway at cmarkway@bellsouth.net.

Prayer Chain Ministry

St. Mary's Prayer Chain is a network of parishioners who receive prayer requests by telephone and then pray for those requests. Please call the office at 864.271.8422, ext. 127 to submit your requests. Information received will be kept confidential.

Bulletin Submissions

The deadline for items is <u>12</u> days prior to the bulletin date. Contact Lisa at lisa.watkins@stmarysgvl.org to submit items for the e-bulletin.

40 Days for Life: 10 February - 20 March

You are invited to join other Christians throughout the Upstate to take part in our local 40 Days for Life effort.

To find out more and sign up to help please contact: Jo Ann Gorman 770.653.9011 or Ingrid Ireland 864.329.0044.

40 Days for Life Kickoff Rally

Saturday 13 February from 9.30 - 10.30 am Greenville Women's Clinic - 1142 Grove Road st. mary's catholic church Presents

A Lenten Day of Recollection with Father Peter Funk, OSB



Join Father Peter Funk, OSB, Prior of Holy Cross Monastery in Chicago for St. Mary's 2016 Lenten Day of Recollection. Fr. Peter will be presenting a series of talks on Silence, Prayer, and Sacred Music.



Saturday 5 March 2016

(Registration ends Tuesday March 1)

Mass at 8.30 am in the Church Presentation in Gallivan Hall Program ends at 1.15 pm

Cost \$10 (continental breakfast & lunch provided)

O REGISTER ONLINE

Please Go To https://stmarys.coursestorm.com

For More Information Please Contact T.J. Nielsen at 864.679.4114 or <u>timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org</u>

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Preaching to God's Creatures: The Franciscans of Anderson County

The Anderson County Museum (ACM) is proud to present "Preaching to God's Creatures: The Franciscans of Anderson County", a new exhibit to coincide with the Anderson International Festival. The influence of the Franciscan Order spread into Anderson, SC when a Franciscan priest, Fr. Francis Gorman, arrived to serve the Catholic community, starting St. Mary of the Angels Church in 1943. The Anderson County Museum is located at 202 E. Greenville Street



Anderson, SC 29621. The exhibit will run from now until June 2016 and is free to the public. Please call 864.260.4737 for more information.



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If you are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the Vocations Office.

From the Diocesan Vocations Prayer Card

Please pray for the seminarians listed on each day of the month.

$1^{\rm st}$ & $16^{\rm th}$	All newly ordained priests
$2^{\rm nd}$ & $17^{\rm th}$	Andrew Fryml
3^{rd} & 18^{th}	Rhett Williams
4^{th} & 19^{th}	Francisco Oñate-Vargas
5^{th} & 20^{th}	Jimmy Touzeau
6^{th} & 21^{st}	Michael Cellars
7^{th} & 22^{nd}	William Frei
8^{th} & 23^{rd}	Patrick Judd
9^{th} & 24^{th}	Matthew Curley
10^{th} & 25^{th}	Matthew Bauer
$11^{th} \& 26^{th}$	All priests serving in our diocese
12^{th} & 27^{th}	All women religious in our diocese
13^{th} & 28^{th}	All deacons & religious brothers
14^{th} & 29^{th}	All men called to the priesthood
15^{th} & 30^{th}	Bishop Robert Guglielmone

Prayer for Vocations from Pope St. John Paul II

Lord Jesus, once You called the first disciples in order to make them fishers of men. Continue to let resound today Your sweet invitation: "Come and Follow Me."

Grant to young men and women the grace of responding promptly to Your voice. Sustain our bishops, priests, and consecrated souls in their apostolic work. Give perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are fulfilling the ideal of a life of total consecration to Your service.

Enkindle in our communities a missionary zeal. Send, Lord, workers into Your fields and do not let mankind be lost because of a lack of pastors, missionaries, and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel.

Mary, Mother of the Church, Model of Vocations, help us to say "Yes" to the Lord Who calls us to collaborate in the divine design of salvation. Amen.

Women's Discernment Retreat White Oak Conference Center in Winnsboro, SC

4-6 March

This retreat is for single women ages 18-35.



To register for one of these retreats, visit charlestonvocations.com/programs/discernment-retreats

Men's Discernment Retreat Beautiful Cabin on Lake Murray, SC (Leesville)

11-13 March

This retreat is for single men ages 18-49.



Religious Education News

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

No class 14 February.

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30-7.30 pm.

Confirmation Information Meeting for Parents

On Wednesday 24 February at 2.15 pm or at 6.45 pm in Pazdan Hall for parents with students in the 7th grade preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation in Fall 2016. One parent must attend.

First Communion Retreat

On Sunday 28 February from 10.15 am - 12.45 pm in Pazdan Hall. Students must be pre-registered.

Vacation Bible School

VBS 2016, Birthday Blast: A Celebration Of Life will



be the week of 13-17 June, from 9am to noon. The overall goal of this program is to awaken the hearts and minds of children to the beauty of God's creation and

the dignity of human person. Children will learn to discover, respect, protect, serve, and celebrate life. St. Mary's parishioners, entering K5 -5th grade, are welcome to attend this fun filled week of faith based learning! A nursery for younger children (rising K-4 and younger) will be provided for children of volunteers only. Leaders needed. Registration and volunteer information coming soon.



For programming information, visit catholic radioins c.com

Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest

Congratulations to the winners of Monsignor Charles J. Baum Council #13112 Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest: Natalie Corbett, Catherine Culbertson, Kacy Lyvers, and Helie DeMontalembert.



Tuition Assistance is available!

Financial Aid is available to active, registered parishioners of St. Mary's Church who both qualify for parishioner tuition and who demonstrate financial need. Tuition Assistance Information and a link to the FACTS website are listed below. The deadline for financial aid is 19 February 2016.

2016-2017 Tuition Assistance Information

FACTS Financial Aid application is available. FACTS website

For more information or to schedule a tour:

Mrs. Nelle Palms, Director of Admissions
864.679.4117

nelle.palms@stmarysgvl.org



From Our Tradition ~ Ember Days



Four times a year, the Church traditionally set aside three days to focus on God through His marvelous creation. These quarterly periods take place around the beginnings of the four natural seasons. "The purpose of their introduction,

besides the general one intended by all prayer and fasting, was to thank God for the gifts of nature, to teach men to make use of them in moderation, and to assist the needy." (Catholic Encyclopedia)

The fasts, known as "Jejunia quatuor temporum," or "the fast of the four seasons," are rooted in Old Testament practices of fasting four times a year. These four times, each kept on a successive Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, are known as "Ember Days," or Quatuor Tempora, in Latin and occur as follows:

Winter: Advent Embertide after Gaudete Sunday (3rd

Sunday of Advent). Also marked by feast of

St. Lucy (13 December).

Spring: Lenten Embertide after Quadragesima Sunday

(1st Sunday of Lent)

Summer: Whit Embertide after Pentecost Sunday

Autumn: Michaelmas Embertide after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (14 September)

The significance of the days of the week are that Wednesday was the day Christ was betrayed, Friday was the day He was crucified, and Saturday was the day He was entombed.

Observing the Ember Days is now a voluntary practice of fasting (no food between meals) and half-abstinence, meaning that meat is allowed at one meal per day. (If you observe the traditional Friday abstinence from meat, then you would observe complete abstinence on an Ember Friday.).

Priestly ordinations, prayer for priests, almsgiving and other charitable and penitential acts and prayer for the souls in Purgatory are all customary practices on Ember Days.

Lenten Ember Days: 17, 19 & 20 February

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic Men's Fraternal Organization with principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity & Patriotism. Our service programs are Church, Community, Youth and Pro Life. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.00 pm in McGrady Hall.

Monthly Breakfast

The next K. of C. Monthly Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday 21 February in the Dining Room of Pazdan Hall after all the morning Masses. All are welcome to share breakfast with the parish family.

Pilgrimage Opportunity

The Greenville Deanery of the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the EWTN campus, Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, and Ave Maria Grotto in Irondale, Alabama from 1-3 April. Questions may be directed to either Sue Prevost at sbkprevost@gmail.com or 864.298.6649 or Taylor Smith at margaret.taylor2012@gmail.com or 864.787.0532. If you would like to join us, please note the deadline for registering is 15 February.

South Carolina Council of Catholic Women 11-13 March in Myrtle Beach, SC

The SCCCW invites all women of the parish to join them for their 86th Annual Convention at the Marina Inn at the Grande Dunes. This year's theme is, "Called to Serve God's Children with Mercy and United in Love". The speakers are Mary Beth Hicks, author, columnist and speaker; Donna Tyson, nationally acclaimed motivational speaker; and Michael Acquilano, Director of the SC Catholic Conference for the Diocese of Charleston.

- Convention Registration cost (includes banquet and 2 breakfasts.): \$100.00 for SCCCW members / \$125.00 for Non-Members Convention Registration must be postmarked no later than 26 February. (See Registration form for information.)
- Please visit stmarysgvl.org and follow the threads from 'Parish Organizations' to 'Women's Club (more info)' to download the Convention Flyer information and Convention Registration Form. Contact Pat Webb at patwebb1010@charter.net or 864.419.0467 for questions.



Diocese of Charleston: International Ministries 3rd Annual Guatemalan Gala 20 February 2016

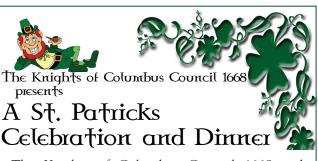
Mario Gonzalez Chavajay - a Tz'utuhil Mayan artist from San Pedro, Guatemala - will be the guest of honor at the gala. The event will be at the new Diocesan Pastoral center in Charleston.

The ticket cost to the Guatemala Gala is \$75 and includes: a Lowcountry oyster roast on the Ashley River, beer and wine, music, mingling and a silent auction.

Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone encourages everyone to attend the Gala and support the education of the children with Project San Pedro, which is a program of the Diocese in Guatemala.

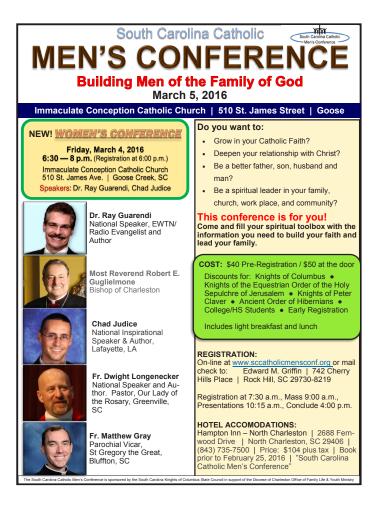
To buy tickets, visit sccatholic.org/guatemalangala

For more information, contact Deacon Gabriel Cuervo 843.225.7403 gcuervo@catholic-doc.org



The Knights of Columbus Council 1668 and Assembly 1073 presents a St. Patrick's Celebration on 5 March at the Knights Hall, 762 Mauldin Rd, Greenville beginning at 6pm. Traditional Irish Dinner of Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, homemade desserts and cash bar. A children's menu will be available. Live Irish music and dancers. \$17 / adult, \$8 age 6-12, under 6 free before 1 March; prices increase 1 March. Family rate available.

Contact Ken at kenandcath3@yahoo.com or 380.7354 or Nick at 363.5681 for tickets. Tickets must be reserved beforehand – no sales at the door.



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St. Mary Magdalene

A key card is required to enter the chapel. If you would like to sign up as an adorer or regular visitor, or just visit for the day, please come to the St. Mary Magdalene parish office Monday - Friday, between 9.00 am and 3.30 pm.

Prince of Peace

The Lord invites each of us to a weekly prayer hour with Him in the Blessed Sacrament. Contact Lisa Buss at adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org or call 864.508.7123 to schedule an hour. Choose an hour of your convenience or consider one of our EMPTY HOURS (*) or one needing a prayer partner:

Sunday 11 am*
Monday 11 am*, 8 pm & 11 pm
Tuesday 8 am* & 12 noon
Saturday 3 am & 3 pm



All young adults (18-39)

are welcomed & encouraged to join

our ministry whose mission is to help

young adults answer the universal call to holiness.

Town HALL MEETING

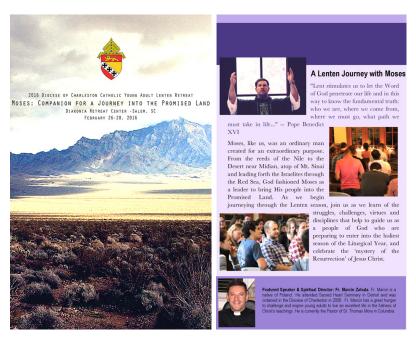
15 February - 7 pm at the Cafeteria of St. Joseph's Catholic School. We invite all LVG members to join us for a Town Hall Meeting on Monday, February 15th for the purpose of providing your feedback about what we do well and how the group wants to grow as a vibrant, life-giving community! The evening will include small group and full group discussion.

Directions: use the back parking lot entrance (off of Ridge Rd.) between the football field and tennis courts in order to access the Cafeteria at St. Joseph's Catholic School.

LENTEN RETREAT

26-28 February - Diocese of Charleston Young Adult Ministry Lenten Retreat at Diakonia Retreat Center.

Register online at CatholicYoung Adults of SC.com.



STUDY

17 February - Building Sound Relationships: 7 pm at the home of Annie Z. Questions? Contact Annie at 864.316.2458.

We will be watching and discussing 6 talks over 6 weeks from the 2015 National Catholic Singles Conference with the goal of focusing on how an individual can flourish and build community in all their relationships. The single life is the default state of being from which everyone comes to take on vocations and Vocations, and hearing the validation and advice on sound relationships from this point of view can sharpen perspective for everyone in any Vocation.

2/17 (Wed) 2/24 (Wed) 3/2 (Wed) *3/10 (Thurs) *3/17 (Thurs) 3/23 (Wed)

FELLOWSHIP

21 February - Monthly Lunch: 1 pm at Liberty Taproom At The Field (941 S Main St, Greenville, SC 29601).



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St. Mary's School 28th Annual Classic & Gala 3 June 2016

St. Mary's Classic & Gala is our biggest fund raising event of the year. On the morning of June 3, there will be a golf tournament followed by an evening of auctioning, dancing, and fun.

Save the date and consider donating your time and talents to helping us make this amazing event a success!

If you would like to help, contact
Mrs. Lisa Lyvers
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662.466.1333

School Spotlight - Mission Project for Lent

The 8th grade has chosen to raise money for Haiti this Lent because Haiti is one of the poorest countries in the world. The school children there don't have enough money for school supplies or even shoes. The money raised will be donated to that purpose.

The eighth grade will be sending the money they raise through the Family Missions Company. The FMC goes to all the corners of the world to preach about God. The money raised will be sent to the missionary family that will travel to Haiti. Donate this Lent and help Haiti become a better place.

Learn more about the Family Missions Company by visiting: https://www.familymissionscompany.com/

Family Prayer Corner Life Lessons: Praying with Others

Praying for others during our times of personal prayer is one way of bringing the personal and communal dimensions of prayer together. The more difficult way is to bring ourselves to pray with others. It takes trust and effort to open your heart to another person in such a way that he or she may enter into your relationship with God - even if that person is your spouse, parent, or child. Praying with others is more than asking them to pray with you for specific intentions; we cannot always voice the intentions that are deepest in our hearts. In praying with others, you bring yourself - with all your hopes and fears, joys and sorrows, strengths and weaknesses - in a word, you bring the truth of who you are.

It is easy to see that such prayer becomes possible only when we know ourselves to be loved by those we pray with. This opening of one's heart happens in the context of life; it is not limited to times of prayer. Conversing about what occupies your thoughts, sharing your hopes and joys, acknowledging your weakness and fears, asking for and offering forgiveness, being present to and supportive of one another - all of these aspects of everyday life enable you, in company with another, to enter God's presence with one heart - an inner room where you are both at home and together can pray to your Father in secret. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20).

This bi-weekly series of reflections on family prayer draws inspiration from the book A Short Guide to Praying as a Family: Growing Together in Faith and Love Each Day by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia Congregation (St. Benedict Press, 2015). Reflection text © 2015 St. Cecilia Congregation. For reprinting permission or questions, contact neoffice@op-tn.org.





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