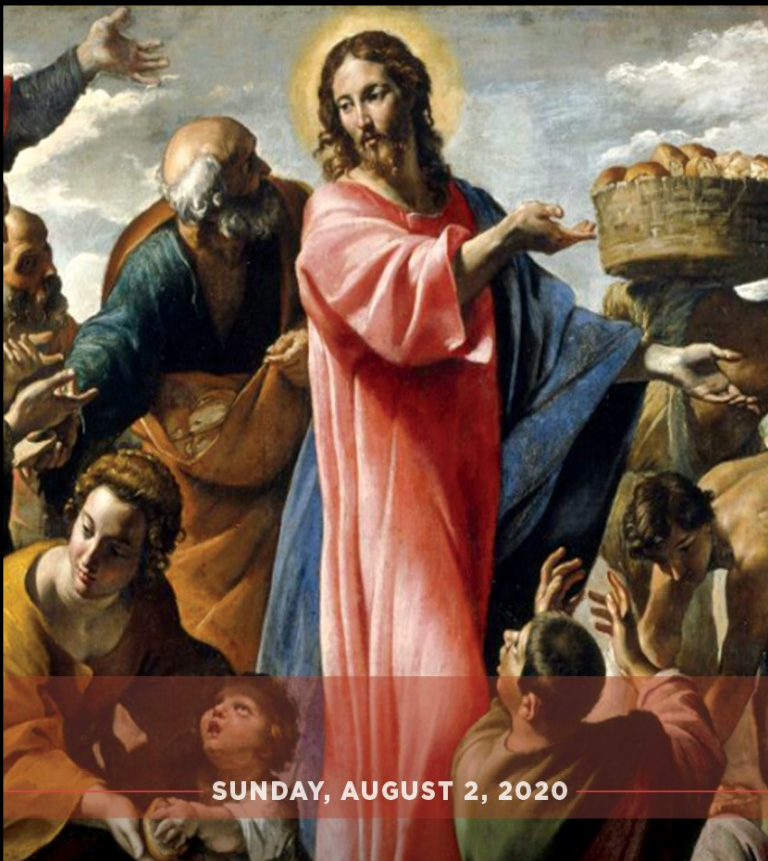


Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2020

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20

Readings for the week of August 2, 2020

Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Rom 8:35, 37-39/
Mt 14:13-21
Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102 [68b]/Mt 14:22-36
Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23
[17]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a, 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/
Mt 17:1-9
Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41 [39c]/Mt
16:24-28
Saturday: Hb 1:12—2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [11b]/Mt 17:14-20
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Rom 9:1-5/
Mt 14:22-33

Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that Thou art truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love Thee above all things and I desire to receive Thee unto my soul. Since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace Thee as if Thou wert already come, and unite myself wholly to Thee; never permit me to be separated from Thee. Amen

Mass Schedule

Monday, August 3rd
No Mass

Tuesday, August 4th **St. John Vianney**
Mass 8:15am
† William Kremel

Wednesday, August 5th **The Dedication of the
Basilica of St. Mary Major**
Mass 8:15 am
† Kenneth & Madonna Bauer

Thursday, August 6th **The Transfiguration of the Lord**
Mass 8:15 am
† Carl P. & Margaret S. Simon

Friday, August 7th **St. Sixtus II, Pope, & Companions**
Mass 8:15 am **St. Cajetan**
† Paul & Tommy Kinney

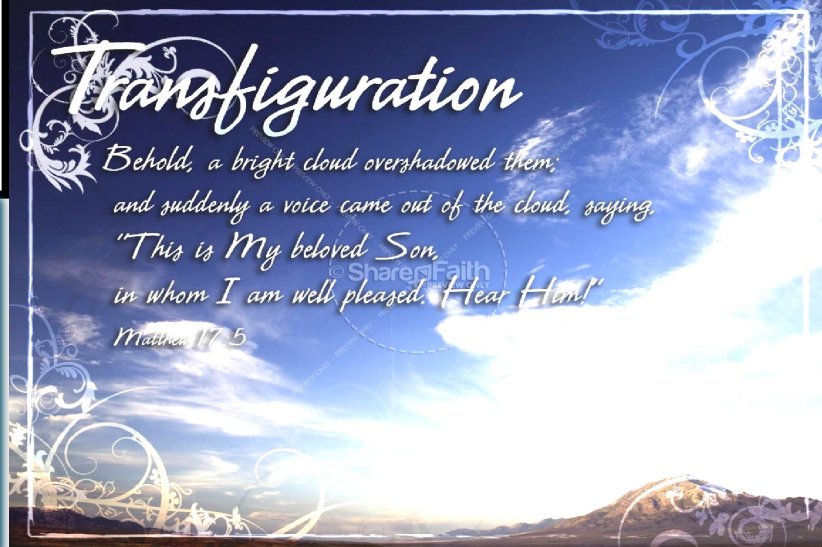
Saturday, August 8th **St. Dominic**
Confessions 4:15- 4:50 pm
Mass 5:15 pm
† Marie & Leo Triggs

Sunday, August 9th
Confessions 7:30 -7:50 am
Mass 8:00 am
† Donald Crary

Confessions 9:30 -10:20 am
Mass 10:30 am
Our Parish Family

Scrip Sellers Schedule

Aug 8th, 5:15 P.M. Colleen Pulvermacher (647-2450)
Aug 9th, 8:00 A.M. Christine Schmitt (604-3975)
Aug 9th, 10:30 A.M. TBA



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 1/2, 2020

From your pastor . . .

In the recent weeks, there has been a significant amount of speculation and questions concerning the possible discovery and production of a vaccine for the coronavirus. This past week I was sent a video from some Catholic friends of mine who asked me for my evaluation of its content. It was a message from a doctor, an internist, who expressed concern about what is transpiring in the research that will possibly produce a vaccine for COVID 19.

I will admit that there was a level of analysis from a medical perspective that appeared on the video that was beyond my understanding. However, one of the issues raised in the video focused on a concern that I have spent time considering, that being that if and when a vaccine is discovered, it could involve the use of cell lines from children who have been aborted.

This concern has been raised in the past with the issue of embryonic stem cell research, whereby some scientific research was using extracted cellular tissue from embryonic children who had been aborted for their research. It becomes more problematic when this tissue was used to grow cells that were transported into a person who was ill, with the intention to bring about a remedy to their particular malady. Later, the research found that stem cells taken from adults (without any harm being done to them in the extraction) was far more successful in developing a cure than using stem cells from embryonic children, who had been put to death through abortion. On this issue, the Catholic Church encourages the use of adult stem cell research, but condemns and forbids the use of embryonic stem cells for research from children who have been aborted.

It now seems that this issue is coming to the fore again with the search for a vaccine for COVID 19. The most dire speculations involve the claim that the vaccine will be produced from aborted fetal cell lines and that the governments of the world (including our own) will make it mandatory that everyone must receive this vaccine.

If this is true, an added concern that has come about during this pandemic is the supposed “split” within our nation – those who supposedly accept science and those who supposedly do not. This could create an environment that when a question and/or objection is raised as to how the vaccine has been constituted, people will be dismissed as being “anti-science” and their legitimate concerns ignored.

It is my firm conviction that when a vaccine is developed, our elected officials have an obligation to consider the concerns of their constituents, with one of those concerns being the issue raised – has this vaccine been developed using cell lines from children killed through abortion? The public has a right to know the answer to this question. I will anticipate an objection on the part of some, who will claim that our elected officials we be bribed by the pharmaceutical industry to repeat a narrative provided by that industry. It is a legitimate concern. However, I do have faith that not all our public officials are that corrupt and there will be some, hopefully many (can we pray for all?) who will tell the truth when asked legitimate questions.

By our government’s admission, many of the usual safeguards and regulations that are involved in producing new medicines/vaccines have been lifted in seeking a remedy to this pandemic in order that a discovery can happen as soon as possible. To some extent this is understandable, but it does place more responsibility on our elected officials to know the answer to the questions that will be asked. It also can be pointed out that billions of taxpayer money has been given to various institutions and firms to pay the expenses in finding a vaccine. We all have a right and a duty to raise questions as to how our money is being spent.

If it is true that a vaccine has been constituted from cell lines from aborted children, the vaccine should not be used. There is a fundamental principle in Christian moral thought that one cannot use evil means to achieve a good end. To use a vaccine so constituted would violate that principle.

The evil involved is quite evident: the cellular tissue of a person who was killed against their will is being employed in this vaccine. This cannot be resolved by maintaining that the adults involved in the conception of this child have given permission for this child to be used in this way because they were accomplices in the unjust death of the child. The evil involved in the killing of an innocent person is an absolute evil, meaning that any good coming from such an act can never justify the evil. This matter was considered 75 years ago at the Nuremberg Trials when the verdict of the tribunal was that the scientific research that had been carried out by the Nazis on prisoners in the concentration camps, particularly that which was done under the supervision of the notorious Dr. Josef Mengele could not be used for any purpose. This research had come from an evil that could not be turned into something good.

I realize this subject matter may be a little “off-putting” to some. Be that as it may, it comes from concerns that as I indicated above have been expressed to me by good and reasonable people. I believe that it is something that we must consider insofar as it will be an issue that is before us in the very near future.

Ever since the advent of COVID 19 I have been praying that an antidote be discovered. I realize now that I must add to that petition that the antidote be constituted in accordance to the moral law. Let us all keep praying and remaining vigilant during this challenging time.

Until I write again, may God bless you and all the parishioners of Saint Mary’s Parish. Stay safe, stay healthy and stay close to our Lord.

Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel

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 Aaron Spencer
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Saturday, August 15th @ 5:15 pm

July 25/26, 2020 Stewardship

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Offertory.....	95.50
Pastoral Care.....	246.00
Festival.....	136.00
Holy Day.....	5.00
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 Stacia Kohlstedt
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I will continue to keep you all in my prayers along with supporting our school in any way I can. May God bless you all for your hard work in keeping our school going strong."

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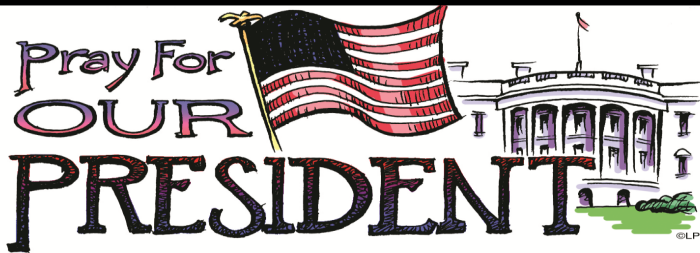
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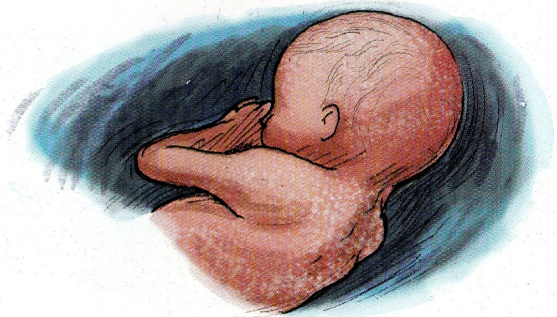
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Wedding Planning Information

For those seeking the Sacrament of Marriage in our Church please notify the pastor as soon as you are engaged, but not less than six months prior to the proposed wedding date.

WEEK NINETEEN



It's so cozy and warm in here, but somehow I'm "snowed in!" Or maybe I should say "snowed on!" Would you believe "snowed under?" Okay, then, let's just settle for "snow princess!" I'm covered head to toe in white "snow." Actually, this white substance is a slick, fatty coating called vernix. It protects my skin while I'm splashing around here in the amniotic fluid. After all, I do spend all of my time in liquid (and you ladies know what that can do to our skin!). The vernix also helps to ease delivery, so I'll continue to don it until then. I'm still swallowing—my body absorbs the water in the amniotic fluid and moves the rest into the large bowels. This is great practice for my digestive system. As usual, I'm steadily gaining weight and can now boast a whole nine ounces—that's more than one-half pound! And I'm growing about a centimeter each week. That puts this nineteen-week-old "snow princess" right around the six and one-half inch mark.

"...I am made glorious in the sight of the Lord, and my God is now my strength."

—ISAIAH 49:5

Maybe "snow angel" fits, you think?

Love,
Baby Margaret Mary



Back to School Packets
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soon!



Summerfest



August 14-16, 2020 – 3rd weekend in August

Friday – Aug 14th

At St. Patrick's * 100 South L Street * Sparta, Wisconsin

Motorcycle Ride: 5:00pm till done – Group ride through rural Wisconsin.

Saturday – Aug 15th

At the Eagles Club * 9901 WI-21 * Sparta, Wisconsin

Sunday – Aug 16th

At St. Patrick's * 100 South L Street * Sparta, Wisconsin

Baked Chicken Dinner: 10:00am to All Gone

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