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“The Bird & the Breeze”

One of cool things I get to do this summer is to usher confessions. Since there are guidelines on how to go to confession now, Seminarian Ryan and I get our steps in and spend time with The Blessed Virgin in while we keep track of the order of cars so people can get to confession as quickly as possible.

A few Mondays ago, it was a warm sunny evening, blue skies as far as I could see with a slight breeze. As I walked back and forth in front of the Church praying my rosary, I noticed a hawk, gliding just above the trees. The longer I watched, I noticed that when the hawk wanted to soar higher, it stretched out its wings wider. Then the breeze would lift the bird up to new heights.

I couldn’t help but think about how this was similar to confession, which can sometimes be intimidating. Just like the bird stretches and opens its wingspan to full capacity to be taken higher by the wind, so too do we stretch ourselves by opening up our souls and laying them bare before Jesus. When we open our souls to His mercy, we are lifted up to new heights, letting Jesus cleanse us in His Blood and the Father embrace us.

If it’s been a while since you’ve been to confession, I invite you to return to this sacrament. For two major reasons.

The first reason is that the preparation is humbling. I know there is a temptation to think, “I’m basically doing pretty good!” But when we sit down, either mentally or with pen and paper, and examine our hearts, we find areas where we aren’t perfect, don’t completely trust Jesus, don’t fully depend on Him, and regularly struggle to love well. In our examination and reflection, we see our own shortcomings. As hard as it is to see our shortcomings, it is good and necessary because it leads us to grow in humility by showing us the areas we need Jesus, where we don’t completely trust Him and aren’t fully dependent on Him yet. The more we grow in humility and our own pride dies, the more fully God can dwell in us. St. Augustine says the secret to holiness is humility, humility, humility. Even the book of proverb says God shows favor to the humble.

The second reason is that confession lets us experience the tender embrace of the Father and be renewed by Jesus. After we have examined our sins, the saying goes that we shouldn’t carry what only the Good Shepherd can carry. What we reveal, Jesus heals. He said to St. Faustina, “The flames of mercy are burning me, clamoring to be spent. I want to pour them out upon souls.” I offer you the same words as Pope St. John Paul II, “Be not afraid! Open wide the doors for Christ!” When we verbalize our failures, wrongs, mistakes, regrets…our sins, to the priest standing in the person of Christ the head (in person Christi capitis), He can absolve us of all of them, turning them into a drop of water dissolved in the ocean of Christ’s mercy. When you hear, “I absolve you” from the mouth of the priest, you’ve put yourself under the Niagara Falls of Christ’s mercy and are made new, clean, your soul now as spotless as it was the moment you were baptized. God gives in abundance all the graces we need to trust him more fully and depend on Him totally, to help us know we are forgiven and remain in His love. Cont. on the next page...
If it’s been a while and you’re nervous or don’t remember exactly how confession works, here are the steps:

1. Start by making the sign of the cross

2. Say, “Bless me Fr. For I have sinned, it has been x amount of days/weeks/months/years since my last confession

3. Confess your sins in kind and number to Father.

When you finish, you could add “For these and all my sins, I’m sorry.” This helps the priest know you’re finished

4. Father might give you some spiritual counsel and a penance (usually a prayer you say after confession or during COVID, maybe wiping down the kneeler or chair)

5. Make your act of contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against You Whom I should love above all things, I firmly intend, with Your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior, Jesus Christ, suffered and died for us. In His name, my God, have mercy. Amen.

OR

Oh Jesus, Son of the Living God, Have Mercy on me, a sinner

6. Father will grant you absolution.

7. Say Thank You!

You can always tell Seminarian Ryan and I, too and we’d love to walk you through the steps of the sacrament. Know that we will be waiting for you and hope to see you soon! We’re praying for you! Seminarian John McFadden
Thank you for your generosity to our Lord and to our Parish, both monetarily and prayerfully.

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**Mass & Prayer Intentions**

**Monday, June 22: SS. John Fisher & Thomas More**
- Souls of the Faithful Departed
- Gloria Novak

**Tuesday, June 23**
- Dolores Koch
- Gary Zamecnik
- Jesus Ibarra Avila

**Wednesday, June 24: The Nativity of John the Baptist**
- Jeff Stokes
- Souls of the Faithful Departed

**Thursday, June 25**
- Souls of the Faithful Departed
- Illuminada Pascual Peling Ponsaran
- Joseph Scotillo

**Friday, June 26: St. Cyril of Alexandria, B.V.M.**
- Souls of the Faithful Departed
- Souls of the Faithful Departed

**Saturday, June 27**
- Souls of the Faithful Departed
- Souls of the Faithful Departed

**Sunday, June 28**
- 7:30: Souls of the Faithful Departed
- 9:00: Mary Sherwood
- 10:30: Souls of the Faithful Departed
- Noon: Lorraine & Gene DiFlavio
- 4:00: Souls of the Faithful Departed
- 5:30: The People of St. Thomas Parish, Living & Deceased

Please visit or call the Parish Center to schedule a Mass Intention

Please pray for the sick:

Please pray for the deceased:

Laura Kazmer

If you would like the St. Jude Guild to pray for your loved one, please contact Georgia Kostur at 815-459-5432

**Weekly Readings: June 22-June 28:**

- **Monday:** 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13 [7b]/Mt 7:1-5
- **Tuesday:** 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11 [cf. 9d]/Mt 7:6, 12-14
- **Wednesday: Vigil:** Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17 [6b]/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17. Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
- **Thursday:** 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Mt 7:21-29
- **Friday:** 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Mt 8:1-4
- **Saturday:** Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21 [19b]/Mt 8:5-17
- **Next Sunday:** 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 [2a]/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

**Celebrants: June 22-26, 2020**
- 6/22: 7:00 am - Fr. Simon, Noon - Fr. Evans, 5:00 - Fr. Evans
- 6/23: 7:00 am - Fr. Simon, Noon - Fr. Evans, 5:00 - Fr. Fitzpatrick
- 6/24: 7:00 am - Fr. Fitzpatrick, Noon - Fr. Evans, 5:00 - Fr. Simon
- 6/25: 7:00 am - Fr. Fitzpatrick, Noon - Fr. Fitzpatrick, 5:00 - Fr. Simon
- 6/26: 7:00 am - Fr. Evans, Noon - Fr. Evans, 5:00 pm - Fr. Fitzpatrick

**Sunday Masses: June 27-28, 2020**
- 4:30 pm: Fr. John Evans
- 7:30 am: Fr. John Evans
- 9:00 am: Fr. John Evans
- 10:30 am: Fr. Charles Fitzpatrick
- Noon: Fr. Charles Fitzpatrick
- 4:00 pm: Fr. Akan Simon
- 5:30 pm: Fr. Akan Simon
Meet Our Little Saints Preschool Director:

Mrs. Jennifer Gallien

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.” - Eleanor Roosevelt

As the Preschool Director of Little Saints Preschool, I often marvel at the blessings in my life. I am one of those people that can truly say that I love my profession. As a young child, I found a passion for education and the school environment. Some of my happiest childhood days began at St. Stephen Catholic School in Des Plaines, IL. My elementary and high school years deepened that desire to remain part of the school community. I dreamed of being the teacher who had the responsibility to inspire children to be amazing. I looked to many great educators along my journey to help shape me into the woman I am today.

In addition to educational causes, I developed a passion for public speaking and debate. During my senior year in high school, I competed in an oratorical speech competition in pursuit of a post high school scholarship. Further supporting my interest in educational causes, I gave a speech entitled, The Importance of Preschool Education in Terms of Social, Emotional and Academic Growth. After competing at the local, state and regional competitions, I went on to represent the state of Illinois and win first place in the nation. I had also achieved the honor of Golden Apple Scholar. I knew at that point, my destiny was to be in the field of education. Little did I know that life sometimes moves us in complete circles. Twenty years after that speech on the importance of preschool education was delivered, I would become the Preschool Director at Little Saints Preschool.

Little Saints Preschool is undeniably my heart. I have been given the privilege and honor to work with a team of the most talented, faithful and dedicated teachers whom I consider family. I have been entrusted with the responsibility to guide and mentor young families as they begin their first steps in education. If that was not magnificent enough, I get to do my job with daily prayer and religious teachings in a faith-based educational environment.

I am the proud wife of my high school sweetheart Ryan for the past 20 years. We have two beautiful children, Sophie who will be an 8th grader at St. Thomas the Apostle School and Ben who will be a sophomore at Marian Central Catholic High School. We share our home with two sweet dogs, Sarah and Sally and an Indonesian Blue Tongued Skink named Humphrey. In my free time, you will find me coaching dance/poms, supporting Ryan and Ben in Boy Scouts, cooking, baking, scrapbooking and spending time with friends and family. I believed in the beauty of my dreams and look forward to the future growth and development of St. Thomas the Apostle Little Saints Preschool.
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June 28, 2020 - at all Masses

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Questions? Call or Email Michele - 815-404-0026
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Praise for all the average Joes!
St. Joseph, earthly Father of the Christ Child, protector of Mary, Our Mother, support to the Holy Family, humble, dependable. A gift of persistent perseverance. We don’t hear much about Joseph, but perhaps that’s because he got it right. Sometimes we hear more about the shortcomings of modern men, as they are poorly portrayed in the media. We need more Joes in our world. More men to lead quiet lives providing for their family, protecting their spouse, persisting in the daily tasks of fatherhood. Quietly calling out to God to guide them each and every moment. Men who persist and persevere, even when they are tired or discouraged. Men who live quiet lives of work, providing for their families, supporting their spouse, sharing moments of joy with their children, all the while unaware, that without words younger men are watching and learning from them. Happy Father’s Day! May God bless you and guide you as you lead your family to the Father.

PRAYER OF ST. JOHN XXIII FOR THE FATHERS
St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty. You supported the holy family of Nazareth with the work of your hands. Kindly protect all the fathers who trustingly come to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes. They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them. You too knew trial, labor and weariness. But amid the worries of material life your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God’s Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender Mother. Assure those you protect that they do not labor alone. Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over him faithfully as you have done.

Calling all gardeners!
We need help keeping our Oak St. Garden weed-free!
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Virtual Junior High Hangout

We are continuing JH youth ministry VIRTUALLY!
All junior high students are invited to join us for our JH hangouts, Thursday afternoons via Skype! A link to join the Skype call is sent out 5-10 minutes before each call. If you’d like to join and don’t receive an email aroche@stthomascl.church for the link.

Thursday afternoons
Grades 6-8
Via Skype call
4-5:30PM

Virtual High School Hangout

We are continuing HS Hangout VIRTUALLY!
All high schoolers are invited to join us for our high school hangouts, Tuesday afternoons via Skype! A link to join the Skype call is sent out 5-10 minutes before each call. If you’d like to join and don’t receive an email aroche@stthomascl.church for the link.

Tuesdays
Grades 9-12
Via Skype
3-5PM

Gospel Reflection

Twice a week we get together on Skype to pray with and reflect on the gospel of the day. This is an opportunity to add some structured prayer time in this season of confusion and chaos, as well as keeping a sense of community in the midst of social distancing.
I send out a link for the video chat just minutes before the call, if you don’t receive an email please email aroche@stthomascl.church and I’ll email you the link to join!

Mondays and Wednesdays
Grades 6-12
Via Skype
10am

St. Thomas School Corner

St. Thomas is now accepting registrations for the 2020-2021 school year. Class sizes are small, and teachers give personal attention to each individual child’s proficiencies. Every Wednesday begins with the entire school attending Mass. Teachers at St. Thomas are highly qualified and caring.
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No tengan miedo, dice Jesús tres veces en este Evangelio a sus apóstoles. A pesar de tanta dificultad y malos entendidos, el miedo debe dejarse a un lado y perseverar siempre, tratar de mantener la calma y la paz. Porque dice Jesús. “¿Acaso un par de pajaritos no se venden por unos centavos? Pero ni uno de ellos cae en tierra sin que lo permita vuestro Padre. En cuanto a ustedes, hasta sus cabellos están contados. ¿No valen ustedes más que muchos pajaritos? Por lo tanto, no tengan miedo”. (Mateo 10:29-31). Jesús va delante de nosotros, solo nos invita a confiar en el amor incondicional de Dios. Él fue fiel al Padre hasta la muerte y lo sabemos muy bien. Entonces, ¿por qué tanta desconfianza? ¿Por qué a las primeras dificultades tiramos la toalla? Actualmente, los cristianos del mundo entero enfrentan situaciones adversas a las enseñanzas de Jesús. Si alguien practica el perdón y la justicia sin ningún interés, definidamente será perseguido y criticado. Y muchas veces es en la propia familia y lugar de trabajo o escuela. Pero, la invitación es, no olvidar la enseñanza de este domingo que queda como anillo al dedo por aquello de la confianza y fidelidad a Dios. “Al que se ponga de mi parte ante los hombres, yo me pondré de su parte ante mi Padre de los cielos. Y al que me niegue ante los hombres, yo también lo negaré ante mi Padre que está en los cielos”. (Mateo 10:32-33). Esta es la garantía para la vida presente y futura de todo cristiano. Siempre hacer el bien sin mirar a quien, como dice este dicho popular. De esta manera Jesús no nos desconocerá en el cielo.

Nuestro más sinceras felicitaciones para todos los Padres de familia, pedimos a Dios que los bendiga, los proteja, y que sean un buen ejemplo de amor, paciencia y apoyo para sus hijos siempre. “Feliz día del Padre”.

Queridos hermanos y hermanas, para poder asistir a misa, por favor, no olviden registrarse con tiempo de anticipación en el website de la Iglesia www.saintthomascatholicchurch.org (ver foto). Los esperamos.

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Hermanos, su parroquia los necesita, si desean contribuir a la colecta dominical lo pueden hacer en línea, a travez del sitio web de nuestra parroquia: www.saintthomascatholicchurch.org

Así como también pueden utilizar el buzón de correo localizado a la entrada de la oficina parroquial, dejando su contribución en un sobre cerrado con su nombre escrito; de igual manera pueden enviar su contribución por correo a la oficina parroquial con dirección: 272 King St. Crystal Lake, IL. 60014

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