CHURCH OF ST. JOHN VIANNEY

MISSION STATEMENT
TOGETHER—RENEWING OUR COMMITMENT TO GOD & OUR COMMUNITY

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Bulletin Deadline – Monday 12:00 pm

16th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. - Lk 10:38-39

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND:
SATURDAY 5 PM
SUNDAY 8:15 AM & 10:30 AM

WEEKDAYS:
TUE—FRI 7:30 AM

HOLY DAYS:
7:30AM & 6:30 PM
RECONCILIATION
THUR & FRI 7:00 AM
SAT: 4:00 PM
As Director of Religious Education, I am always looking for new articles and ways to teach the faith that will help engage the children and their parents. Last night while scrolling through social media feeds, I saw something pop up very quickly and I almost went right past it. I stopped, and said to myself, “What did I just read?” I backed the page up and re-read the headline, “Facebook bans Saint Augustine quote as ‘hate speech’”

I was totally dumbfounded. I could hear myself saying over and over in my head, “What?! What?!” I quickly started reading the article. “How is this even possible?” I thought to myself. After all, St. Augustine is considered one of the foremost doctors of the Catholic Church. He is also, the personification of what God’s mercy and forgiveness can do for someone. This is the guy who was about as “human and earthly” as it gets. If it had not been for his mother, St. Monica, and her relentless prayers to save her son’s soul, he may have never had full reconciliation with our Lord nor left us with his wonderful and powerful teachings as a lamp to light our way to salvation.

As I read the article with extreme intent, it explained not one, not two, but THREE separate priests had used the quote on their respective Facebook pages as part of their regular social media ministry and had all been temporarily suspended and received notice that the quote went against “Facebook’s community standards on hate speech”. The quote that Facebook deemed so offensive is as follows:

“Let us never assume that if we live good lives we will be without sin; our lives should be praised only when we continue to beg for pardon. But men are hopeless creatures, and the less they concentrate on their own sins, the more interested they become in the sins of others. They seek to criticize, not to correct. Unable to excuse themselves, they are ready to accuse others.”

This quote is from a homily of Saint Augustine included in the Roman Catholic Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office. Hate speech? Are you kidding me?! It’s calling for people to stop focusing on others’ sins and concentrate on their own. Augustine is just re-formulating Jesus’ own words from the Gospel: ‘Why do you notice the splinter in your brother’s eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own eye?’ (Matthew 7:3).”

I was very blessed to attend Convent of the Visitation School. Both the Visitation Sisters and the lay faculty employed a method of teaching known as the Socratic Method. The Socratic Method, named after the Greek philosopher, Socrates, in a nutshell works like this; the instructor presents his/her subject working under the premise that the student has the answer or can deduce the answer if the proper questions are asked of the student. It is a dialogue between instructor and student which develops critical thinking, exploration, reason and understanding.

Jesus talked a lot in parables or little short stories. He also seemed to be more interested in questions than answers. When people would ask Jesus a question, he often gave then a question back. Jesus like to share his thoughts through parables that required his audience to go away and figure out the answer for themselves. I think that is a really significant thing to understand regarding how we learn from God. It’s not about waiting for answers, but, rather, we learn by daring to follow the questions God stirs in our hearts. So in light of this, let me ask you, the reader, a few questions.

Who would gain the most from keeping the faithful from hearing this advisory of St. Augustine? Who wants to impede our relationship with our Lord? Who wants us to not take time for self-examination, absolution and reconciliation? Who wants us distracted and reveling in the sins of others instead of begging for mercy for our own? We both know there is only one answer to all of these questions...it’s Satan, the devil, himself. Do not be fooled that it is anything or anyone else. The metaphysical battle for the souls of the faithful is real and intentional. It is no longer just, “coming soon”, it is here. Therefore, it is morally and spiritually imperative that we do everything we can to fight off temptation, despair, and faithlessness.

**We must receive BOTH the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion as much as possible.** We must strive to maintain our souls in a state of grace as best we can. We must pray multiple times a day, even it is something as simple as, “Please God, help me be strong, help me to hear your voice, and to do your will. Protect my heart and soul from the evil one”. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, sacramentals are “sacred signs instituted by the Church to prepare us to receive the fruit of the sacraments and to sanctify different circumstances of our lives (no. 1677)”. Examples of sacramentals are medals, holy water, statues, the crucifix, rosary beads and holy images such as pictures or holy cards. We should have them in our homes and on our person.

St. Augustine also said, “Take care of your body as though you would live forever; take care of your soul as though it were your last day on earth.” I would be remiss to not encourage all of you to do this each day. This is spiritual warfare camouflaged in political correctness. Be vigilant! Be prayerful! Be ready! And above all else, **SHOW NO FEAR**, for, “For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways” (Ps 91:11). ~ Jill Vujovich-Laabs, DRE
**SJV News & Information**

**SJV PARISH EVENTS**

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<td>Wednesday, December 18th</td>
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**Summer Programming.** Our Preschool and Extended Day summer programs have been busy having an amazing summer! Each week brings new activities and on or off-site field trip experiences—some of these field trips have included stops at the Science Museum, Dairy Queen, West St. Paul Pool and others! When our summer programs are not on a field trip, they are constantly involved in fun and interactive activities. Please contact Katie Hartz for more details about our amazing summer programming and how to sign up—651-457-2510; khartz@communityofsaints.org.

**Community of Saints Fifth Annual Ice Cream Social**

Thursday, August 1st from 6-8pm

**Who:** School families, prospective families, staff, and all of our parish communities!

**What:** I scream, you scream, we all scream for FREE ICE CREAM! Need we say more? Oh, and maybe a friendly game of kickball and some yard games.

**Where:** Community of Saints—hopefully outside by the ball fields, weather permitting.

**When:** Thursday, August 1st, 6-8pm. Stop by for a few minutes or stay the whole time.

**Why:** For many reasons. To socialize with school and parish community members, and feel appreciated by Community of Saints!

**How:** Just show up!
Prayer Request

Please pray for the sick who have asked for our prayers.

Koz Kosnicki
Sr. Mary Madonna Ashton, CSJ
Kathy Olsen-Roebke
Jim Bruhn
Kevin Conroy
Judy Fuglie
Yvonne Hain
Grayce Hartman
Bill Holzmer
Geri Loder
Randy Gillette
Theresa Skillrud
Myrt Milner
Margaret Overman
Jim Schema
Shari Bergman
Tom Van Hale
Carol Lucio
Becky Thomas
Frank Strut
Barb Thompson
Marla Hawley
Darrel Junk
Vi Stewart
Gloria Powers
Ann Volk
Simon Scott
Mildred Hoff
Bob Bringgold
Mark Goossens
Marlene Brickley
Bill Reynolds
Anita Mahler
Marcy Jansen
Marge Willer
Dustin Bergh
Cathy Derr
Gretchen Bidwell
Alice Hamilton
Patty O’Brien
Jim Glenn
Lyndon Baker
Chris Cheney
PJK
Anna Elia
Max Kruzel
Jeanne Cosgrove
Linda Pelletier
Sandy Lotzer
Joan Woods
Karen Kapphahn
Bill Novotny
Steve Wenner
Tom Lehmann
Carlos Garcia
Alex Bussiere
Fred Friedrichs
Jack Zensen
John Rose
Dave Vonarx
Paul Rebholz
Marcia Bennett
Billy Boomgaarden

Mass Schedule & Intentions

MONDAY JUL 22
NO MASS

TUESDAY JUL 23 7:30 AM
MARION NOVOTNY+

WEDNESDAY JUL 24 7:30 AM
KAY BIDWELL+

THURSDAY JUL 25 7:30 AM
JAMES LINDELL+

FRIDAY JUL 26 7:30 AM
JAMES GASPARDO+

SATURDAY JUL 27 5:00 PM
MARION NOVOTNY+

SUNDAY JUL 28 8:15 AM
BILL ZIEMER+

10:30 AM LARRY KLECATSKY+

Liturgical Minister Schedule

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Ushers—July 2019

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Readings for the week of July 21, 2019

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42
Monday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Tuesday: Ex 14:21--15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/Mt 12:46-50
Thursday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [5]/Mt 20:20-28
Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 13:24-30
 Have you considered your stewardship through EFT’s?  
EFTs are one way to make contributions consistent, no hassle with filling out a check along with saving a tree! No paper envelopes. It is very simple. 
Fill out a form from the Parish Office, decide how much and when you contribution is taken from your bank account and into SJV’s bank account. With a voided check, we submit the info & you are done. No worry about forgetting your envelope at home or what you wrote your check amount for, SJV’s bank & yours keep track of that. Call us today,

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The Church prays for all who have had abortions, and welcomes them back in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

At www.AbortionTestimonies.com, you can read, in their own words, the experiences of women and men who have lost children to abortion.

One woman writes, “My abortion was very painful, physically and mentally. It affected me in the worst way. I felt very guilty. I couldn’t look at any kids. I know I won’t ever do it again. I tell other people how it felt and what I felt like after I did it and hope that they won’t do the same thing I did. It gave me a totally different view on life.”

ST. SHARBEL MAKHLUF

On July 24th, we celebrate the feast of a saint who ran away from home! St. Sharbel was born Yussef Antoun Makhluf in the Lebanese countryside in the mid-1800’s. His life was a simple one, attending school, caring for the family cow, and taking long solitary walks to contemplate the beauty of creation. When his family pressured him to marry, the young man quietly left home without a word. He traveled on foot to a nearby monastery. When his family caught wind of where he had gone, the decision had been made. After being ordained a priest, St. Sharbel still showed a longing for solitude. He received permission to become a hermit. His reputation for holiness, however, led to a busier life than he might have liked! Many people sought him for advice and blessings. St. Sharbel Makhluf’s life reminds us that a life of prayer -- even an unconventional one -- is attractive!