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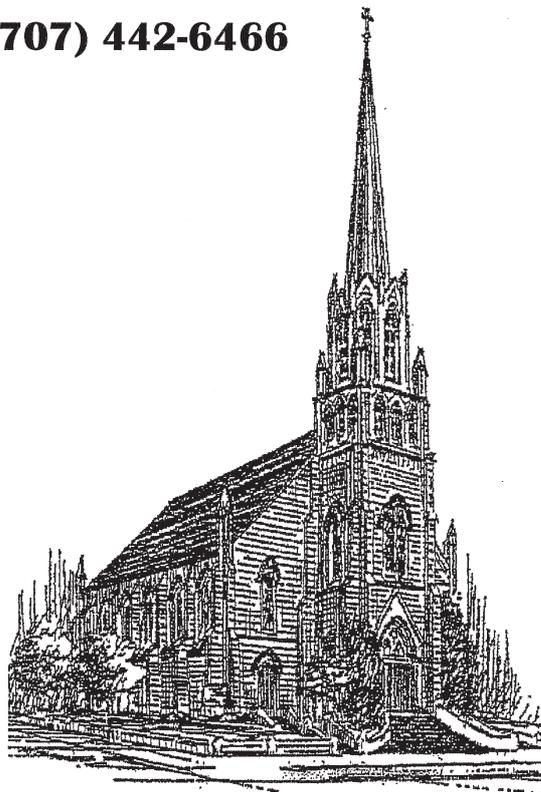
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Mass Schedule at St. Bernard

Sundays: 10:30 am

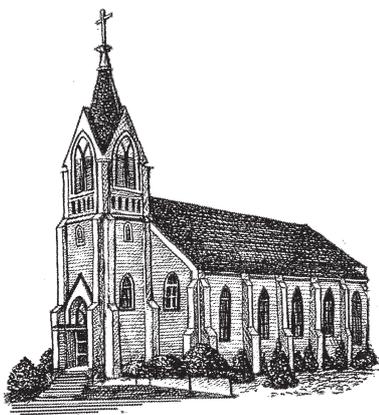
Weekdays: 12:15 pm. Mon, Wed, Fri

Holy Days: Vigil 7:00 pm, 12:15 pm

Confessions: Wednesdays 1:00 pm-

& by appointment

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Wed. 1-9pm



St. Joseph Mission Church Mass Schedule

(Located on the corner of C & Henderson St.)

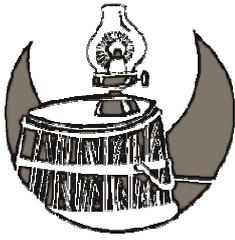
Saturdays: 4:00 pm. (vigil), Sundays: 7:30 am.

Weekdays: Tuesdays & Thursdays 7:30 am.

Holy Days: 7:30 am

Confessions: Saturdays 3:15-3:45 pm & by appt.

February 5 2017, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Salt and Light In the Gospel Reading, Jesus says that Christians are supposed to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. And he has harsh things to say about Christians who are dark and insipid. They're fit for nothing except being trampled underfoot, he says. And you know what he means. When the dark wintry streets are dangerous with ice and snow, the city puts salt on the roads and all the traffic crunches over it.

Given that sort of threat, who wouldn't want to know what it means to be salt and light for the world?

Well, here's something to notice. Salt and light share a funny characteristic. Each of them is discernible by sense perception—we taste salt, and we see light—but neither of them is usually meant to be a direct or main object of perception. Nobody makes salt for dinner. We put salt on the chicken, but the chicken is the dinner. The chicken tastes better if we salt it; and enjoying the chicken, not the salt, is what we are after. Light is like this, too. We turn on a light not in order to look at the light, but in order to look at other things by means of the light.

The earthly people will savor the goodness of God.

So if a Christian is the light of the world, he is enabling the world to see something other than himself. And what Jesus goes on to say makes it clear that this something else is in fact the Lord. A Christian is to let his light shine in such a way that the people of the world glorify God. The worldly people couldn't glorify God if God were in darkness for them. So a Christian's life is to shine in such a way that what the people of the world see is the Lord.

The image of salt is similar. If a Christian is the salt of the earth, he makes something else appeal to the taste of the people of the earth. And that will be God too. The earthly people will savor the goodness of God when Christians are the salt of the earth.

So to be light and salt is to live our lives in such a way that the earthly people and the worldly people are drawn to "*Taste and see that the Lord is good*" (Psalm 34:8).

It's a challenge, isn't it?

Eleonore Stump

Question: Jesus asked us to be like light and salt. What determines our degree of saltiness or brightness?

Today's Readings

Reading I: Isaiah 58:7-10
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Next Sunday's Readings

Reading I: Sirach 15:15-20
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

St Bernard Church

2/05 Sun 10:30 am Martha & Stanley Fosnaugh
2/06 Mon 12:15 pm Gino Barsanti †
2/08 Wed 12:15 pm Martha & Stanley Fosnaugh
2/10 Fri 12:15 pm Int.Lynn Yost & Cathy Finney
2/12 Sun 10:30 am Chuck Reinhart †

St Joseph Hospital

2/07 Tue 11:30 am Int. Doug Helton
2/09 Thu 11:30 am Allen Rode

St. Joseph Church

2/04 Sat 4:00 pm Lowell † Esther Allen Int.
2/05 Sun 7:30 am Mass for the People
2/07 Tue 7:30 am George Templin †
2/09 Thu 7:30 am George Templin †
2/11 Sat 4:00 pm Mary Hoffman †
2/12 Sun 7:30 am Mass for the People

Pray for the sick: - Debbie McCollister, Abby, Mervyn Dody, Yvette Logan, Petra Cortec, Erin Ford, Ryan Pepper, Heather Walsh-Redner-Ringwald, Allie, Evelyn Avila, Jim Avila, Nancy Brunner, Ed Dickinson, Barbara Hayes, Elizabeth McCaskill, Paul Shabata, Ashley Suthlund, Nancy Tompkins, Cathy, Patricia Tritten, Victor Vellejo, and Jenie Wood

Please keep our secretary Cathy in your prayers.

She should return after surgery on new knee in a few weeks

Stewardship The collection last weekend was **\$3,036**. Next weekend we have our 2nd collection for building maintenance

Parish News & Events This Week

2/5 Sun 8:30-12pm Kof C Pancake Breakfast
2/6 Mon 6:15 pm Children's Faith Formation/SH
2/7 Tues 7:00 pm Alphas Group/SB
7:00 pm RCIA/Sacred Heart Rectory
2/8 Wed 7:00 pm Confirmation Formation
2/9 Thu 1:00 pm Bible Study/Sacred Heart
7:00 pm Omegas Group/SB
2/10 Fri. 7 :00pm. First 'Movie Night' for Youth
at St. Bernard P Hall upstairs

Children's Faith Formation News

Classes are running smoothly over at Sacred Heart and the children are making the adjustment to the new facility nicely. As a caution to the parents dropping off and picking up your students in the roundabout, please make sure to check for the little ones as you are pulling in and backing up your vehicles. Even if they are with their guardians, they are small and easily missed in the mirrors. Thank you! Peace in Christ, Melanie

Youth Ministry News

Youth group will be meeting Tuesday and Thursday of this week. 7pm at Saint Bernard's Parish Hall. FEB 10th @7pm is our first Youth Movie Night! For grades 6th-12th.

Pastor's Corner:

Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, and candidates of these ministries: You will receive a letter this week about these ministries and dates to go to meetings before you are installed. You can pick one date for each ministry. Those who are already lectors can pick up the 2017 workbook in the sacristies of St. Joseph and St. Bernard

Humor: A former Marine took a new job as a high school teacher. Just before the school year started, he injured his back. He was required to wear a plaster cast around the upper part of his body. Fortunately, the cast fit under his shirt and wasn't noticeable. On the first day of class, he found himself assigned to the toughest students in the school. The smart-aleck punks, having already heard the new teacher was a former Marine, were leery of him and he knew they would be testing his discipline in the classroom. Walking confidently into the rowdy, wild and disrespectful class, the new teacher opened the window wide and sat down at his desk. When a strong breeze made his tie flap, he picked up a stapler and stapled the tie to his chest...Dead silence... The rest of the year went very smoothly.

The Italian Catholic Federation will be hosting a Valentine's Pot Luck Dinner on Valentine's Day, Tuesday, February 14th, in the Pinochi Room of the Parish Hall. Please bring a food dish to share and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. The social hour begins at 5:30, with dinner at 6:00. All members of the Parish and their guests are invited. This is a family event and there will be activities for the children. Please come and join us. Everyone is welcome.

Please Support Pregnancy Care Center: This is the time when we support the Pregnancy Care Center and J. Rolphe Medical ministries through the **Baby Bottle Boomerang** with our generous donations. Grab a bottle and bring it back ASAP and place it on a vestibule table.

News from Pope Francis

When asked in a new interview what specific mission he has for the laity, Pope Francis responded with a frequent appeal: to go outside of oneself and take risks in evangelizing, rather than staying stuffed up at home while the moths move in.

"Sometimes I think the best business we can do with many Christians, is to sell them mothballs so that they put them in their clothes and in their lives and aren't eaten by moths," the Pope said in the interview, published Sunday.

The interviewer, journalist Noel Díaz, had questioned the Pope about a comment he had made to him on a previous occasion to "tell the laity to come out of the caves."

When asked about the comment and what mission he would give to the laity with that image in mind, Francis said that many times Christians "are locked up and they are going to get eaten by moths."

"They have to go out, they have to go and bring the message of Jesus" to others, he said, explaining that the Good News is meant to be shared, not stored away.

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