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Volunteers are needed.
Practice is held on
Wednesday.

This Week's Schedule

Sun	Last Sun After Pentecost	Open 7:15 am - 12 noon	
	Mass 8 am		+Dennis Francis Parish
		10 am	
Mon	Presentation of the BVM	Open 11 am - 1 pm	
	Mass 12:10 pm		+Loyd & Bernarda Littich
Tue	St. Cecilia	Open 5 pm - 7 pm	
	Mass 8 am		Brett Schaulke
Wed	St. Clement I	Open 7:30 am - 11 am	
	Mass 8 am		Timothy Carter
Thur	St. John of the Cross	Open 7:30 am - 9 am	
	Mass 8 am		Danielle Goodwin
Fri	St. Catherine of Alexandria	Open 7:30 am - 11 pm	
	Service 8 am		Holy Souls - Most Forgotten
Sat	St. Sylvester	Open 8:30 am - 11 am	
	Mass 9 am		Bruce & Katie Thelen & Russell
Sun	1st Sun Advent	Open 7:15 am - 12 noon	
	Mass 8 am		+John & Joann Lehman Parish
		10 am	

Confessions

Confessions are available Monday - Saturday during open hours outside of Mass times.

You may also call to make an appointment outside of these times.

Weddings

Please call me as soon as you can after the engagement so we can get things started.

Do not schedule a date or rent a hall until church matters are cleared first (That will take 1-2 months)

The marriage prep process can take 9 or more months of prep.

Last Sunday's Collection

Of Contributions 14 + Cash
 Sunday Total \$ 1835.25
 Capital Campaign \$ 300

Thank You for your generosity

Counters

Today

Angela Ambroisa
 Jim Miller

Next Week

Connie Miller
 Renee Irrer

Ushers

Today

8: Coming soon

10:

Next Week

8:

10:

Meetings

Pastoral Council – January 10
 Security Council –
 Church Cleaning – December 3
 Woman's Group – December 8
 Men's Group – November 15
 Schola Practice – Every Wednesday @ 6pm

Parish News

Thanksgiving

I will be moving mass on November 24 to 8 am rather than the usual 6:30 pm.

Confirmations

Bishop Boyea has agreed to let us go to Detroit or South Bend for our confirmations.

More information to come...

We currently have 3 teens and 1 adult for confirmation this year.

Latin Class

Classes have begun, but you have not missed much yet if you want to get in on them. If you do not get in soon, you will have to wait a year or more until a new starting course begins.

There are two locations:

1- St. Gregory the Great Location on Tuesday nights at 7 pm

2- Held north of Lansing (call for details) on Thursday nights at 7 pm

If interested please contact Scott at 814-771-9540.



Sacramental Prep

Today

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Next Week

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Teen Ed

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Latin Classes

Tuesday

This Week

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Next Week

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Thursday

N

Y

Oh Lord, hear our prayers for our family and friends in need.



Please pray for:

Denise Ignatowski
 Tim Copernoll
 Amy Sobie
 Rachele Koenigsknecht
 Ed Reichstetter
 Melissa Dorbeck

JoAnn Brock
 Hal Schneider
 Timothy McLin
 Rhoda Greenhoe
 David Makara
 Bob Wilson

Cozette Oxley

News & Editorial

Fr. Robideau - What will he say next? I can't wait!

Imagination & Memory

The imagination is the devil's playground and the memory is his toy.

What do I mean?

The imagination is a powerful part of who we are. Smell, taste, sight, sound and touch (pleasure) are all imaged to us here. Have you ever smelt Mom baking cookies as you entered the house? BAM! It is immediate. You see and taste them in the imagination. All that is left is to actually have and taste one. But Mom says no as she slaps your hand with the wooden spoon (speaking from experience). What happens now? All you can do is see and taste that cookie. You just have to have one. You cannot get it out of your mind. You become fixated on it and you will do anything you have to to get one (generally followed by a harder smack with the wooden spoon and a dirty look that says, don't try that again.)

The imagination is powerful and whatever it is portraying to us is what we will be fixated on; good or bad.

The devil loves the imagination and he is good at bringing images into focus and to stir the imagination into fantasy. At first this is but a temptation, but as soon as we take over and entertain ourselves further, that is by choice and we have already sinned.

If we are not careful, that fantasy will turn into desire like we had for that cookie. Accept this time we are talking about real sin.

In this way, the imagination is the devil's playground. He loves to play his little games there. But here is the second edge of that two edge sword. Satan cannot create images in our mind. He must use our memories to do this.

In our memory is the fact that we have tasted and like mom's cookies (a lot). The smell we had when walking in the door triggered the memory and from that the imagination and fantasy went into full operation.

If we have never had one of mom's cookies, we would have no memory of tasting or liking

them (a lot). When we walk through the door, we smell them and we do not know what it is and have to ask, "Mom, what-cha-cookin'?" She tells us some kind of cookie, but we have no experience or memory of that cookie and so there is no immediate memory to prompt the imagination or fantasy to engage.

Rather we judge from the smell what we think they may taste like. How? We have had other foods and so those memories are on file for the imagination to do its work and pull this smell and taste together with that smell and taste and try to predict a taste. If we predict a good taste, we will be impatient to try one. If we predict a bad taste we will be reluctant to try one.

By the way, you can imagine the horror spinning around in my imagination if I came home and smelt (not cookies) fish. There was no fear of receiving the back side of the spoon that day. That smell would bring not delight and longing to my imagination, but the desire to run for the hills. YUCK!

Satan cannot tempt us with images we do not have. He can take different memories and pull them together and help us form what he wants us to see, imagine and fantasize about.

These memories are like toys to Satan as he plays in the playground of our imagination. And he pulls out all the toys he can to create that perfect image that will stir our desire and tempt us.

This is particularly true if you have looked at pornography. Those images are imbedded in your memory for the rest of your life. And everyone of them becomes one of Satan's little toys. And there is no un-remembering them. Like the smell of Mom's cookies. That is a thought that will always delight me. I will always have that and that will always torture me as Mom is deceased and I will never get to taste one again. But you will always have those images and Satan will torture you with them.

I cannot stress enough!!! Please! I beg you!

Do not put anymore of those images in you mind. I cannot protect you from your own memories. What I can do is help you seek only good stimuli (smell, taste, sight, sound and touch) to fill your memories with. This does not take away all Satan's powers over us, but it makes his job more difficult. It makes our playground a little less fun for him. Unless you are a really important target for him to take down, he will leave and go for an easier target.

If you already have those memories, those images, that you put there, know that they are now weapons that satan can use against you.

So what can you do? You can not get rid of them (un-remember them). But you can think differently about them. You can teach yourself to abhor and detest them. Let them sicken you and bring you grief of soul for ever having taken delight in them. Then when the devil tries to use them to stir your passions for them, rather than play along with the fantasy, you are repulsed by them and the devil says "WHAT!" like the sphincter he is. (If you do not get the reference, good for you. It means that Satan is a butt head for a lack of a better way to explain it to you.)

I know that remembering the taste of Mom's cookies will always torment me now, but I never want to be repulsed by that memory. Even with the pain it brings, it reminds me even more of the love she gave me. So I will not mess with that memory.

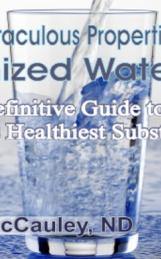
You however, have memories that are not about love (real love) or anything good. You should be repulsed by that. It is lack of spiritual fervor and resolves that you are not repulsed by them. But you can fix that and take away Satan's control over you.

Easy? NO. Time? A lot of it. Worth it? Yes.

Much Love (real love). Fr. Robideau

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