



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT COMMUNITY

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Volunteers are needed.
Practice is held on
Wednesday.

This Weeks Schedule

Sun 4th Sunday after Easter

7 St. Stanislaus, B of Cracow, M +1079, 3cl
Open 7:15 am - 12
Mass 8 am Bishop Earl Boyea
10 am Parish

Mon

8 Open Closed
Mass

Tue

9 St. Gregory Nazianzen, BCD +389, 3cl
Open 5 - 7 pm
Mass 6:30 pm +Pablo Ponce

Wed

10 St. Antoninus, BC OP +1459, 3cl
Open 7:30 -11 am
Mass 8 am Fr. Jeffrey Robideau

Thr

11 St. Philip +87 & St. James, Ap +93, 2cl
Open 5 - 7 pm
Mass 6:30 pm +Family of Weigle/Crowe

Fri

12 SS. Nereus, Achilleus, MM +98 & SS. Flavia Domitilla & Pancras, +304, 3cl
Open 7:30 - 11 am
Mass 8 am +Stefanie Papic

Sat

13 St. Robert Bellarmine, BCD SJ +1621, 3cl
Open 8:30 - 11 am
Mass 9 am SGTG Confraternity of Our Deceased

Sun 5th Sunday after Easter

14 Open 7:15 am - 12
Mass 8 am Holy Souls
10 am Parish

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.

Last Sunday's Collection

Of Contributions 23 + Cash
 Sunday Total \$ 4891.25
 Capital Campaign \$ 160

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Meetings

Finance Council – May 9
 Pastoral Council – May 9
 Security Council –
 Church Cleaning – May 13
 Men's Group – May 11
 Women's Group – May 25
 Schola Practice – Every Wednesday @ 6pm

Parish News

Confirmation

The Institute of Christ the King in Detroit has agreed to include us in their Confirmations. No date is set yet, but should be in October.

I am also looking at the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter in South Bend, IN. They might let us join them too if we need to.

Counters

Today

Greg Snitgen
 Renee Irrer
 Marilyn Flanagan

Next Week

Julie Snitgen
 Ben Schneider
 Denise Ignatowski

Ushers

Today

8: Kevin Irrer
 10: Patrick Lind

Next Week

8: Kevin Irrer
 10: Patrick Lind

Servers

Today

8: John
 AJ
 10: Joe
 Luke

Next Week

8: John
 Eric
 10: Anthony
 Ben

Don't forget...

First Saturday Holy Hour after Mass.

Second Saturday we celebrate the Mass in honor of the SGTG Confraternity of our deceased.



Sacramental Prep

Teen Ed

Today

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Next Week

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Latin Classes

Tuesday

Thursday

This Week

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Next Week

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



Denise Ignatowski
 John Ignatowski
 Tim Copernoll
 Amy Sobie
 Rachelle Koenigsnecht
 Ed Reichstetter

Please Pray for:

Melissa Dorbeck
 JoAnn Brock
 Hal Schneider
 Timothy McLin
 Rhoda Greenhoe
 David Makara

Bob Wilson
 Cozette Oxley

News & Editorial

The Sacred... The Secular... And Everything

Ushers

The money counters are set so now we are moving to the ushers.

Training will be on Tuesday May 23 at 7 pm.

If you did not sign up and would still like to join the ushers, please come to this training session.

Curiosity

In the sense that curiosity “killed the cat,” we need more curiosity.

But in the spiritual sense not so much.

We need to define curiosity as “the seeking of knowledge beyond ones state in life.” simply put, it is seeking knowledge that you do not need.

Now, let’s put this in to perspective.

It is true that we are to love God. It is further true that we cannot love that which we do not know. Again, it is true that the more we know about God, the more we can love Him.

From these truths one might conclude that they should just read every book and watch every YouTube celebrity on what ever they can find pertaining to the faith.

I want to divide this knowledge into 3 categories. I could do more, but let’s keep it simple.

1. Knowledge about God, salvation and the sacraments.
2. Knowledge about supernatural things like miracles, apparitions, end of the world, near death experiences...
3. Knowledge about the devil, possession, occult, deliverance and

exorcisms.

As to the first kind of knowledge... it is good, very good. Study all you want in one sense, but in another sense you still need to be careful. It is not about how much you know, but the quality of how you know it. That is, how have you rooted the knowledge into the whole of your faith? How well do you understand it? Have you prayed about it and asked for the grace to let this knowledge transform, uplift and perfect you?

Or have you just heard or read about it and it is now simply part of your data base of knowledge about God that you are able to regurgitate to impress people of how much you know or to bludgeon people under the guise of evangelization?

I have dyslexia and so it takes me a long time to read a little. For this reason, I limit my reading to educational books on doctrine, spirituality and morality; on that which I need to serve you better. I read slowly, so I can only get through a few pages at a time but not because of the dyslexia. It is because I read a few pages and then I have to stop and praise God, ask for guidance and to figure out what it all means to me and to your salvation. What am I to take from this and what am I to teach and how am I to teach it. I have to integrate it into my faith by virtue of the supernatural and infused gift of faith. It is only from here that I can then say that I have come to know and to love God more. It is not because I have more knowledge, but because my Faith has become richer for having known it.

It is about the quality of integration of knowledge, not the quantity of static knowledge.

Then we move to the second type of knowledge. It is fine to some degree, but like the 3rd type of knowledge, people get caught up with it. It tickles their interests and some of it is actually spiritually dangerous to be seeking if one has no need to know about it.

What separates the 2nd type from the first type

is that you can go a lifetime without knowing any of it and still obtain salvation. None of it is necessary to know. Yet people waste time chasing this knowledge and planning their future by it when some of it is not even true and some of it will not even happen in our lifetime. A little knowledge in this area goes a long way. The goal is to stick to the meat of the Faith (1st type of knowledge). That will save your soul.

The 3rd type of knowledge is just dangerous. It is here that curiosity can kill the soul. It opens doors to Satan.

In general, Yes; know that Satan is real, Hell is real, Satan hates you and he hates God and that his goal is to use every trick in the book and our weakness and ignorance against us to take us to Hell with him. Know that, and then focus on grace and virtue and the avoidance of vice. That is safe.

To go beyond this is dangerous. Priests need to know a lot more, but laity do not. It is about our state in life, our duties and the knowledge we need to fulfill our duties. When you reach beyond that, beyond your state in life, you will find yourself on the Devil's playground and he does not play nice. You are on his turf and he is a bully.

Curiosity will lead us to the 2nd and 3rd type of knowledge... but not to salvation. With the 1st type, curiosity will lead us to study too much and so never really integrate it where it will have the power to lead us to Christ. Even still, we cannot have too much curiosity about God, but, we need to take it slow and steady so that we can integrate it properly into our Faith.

Curiosity can kill all the cats it wants, but your souls are on MY WATCH!

Much Love. Fr. Robideau

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