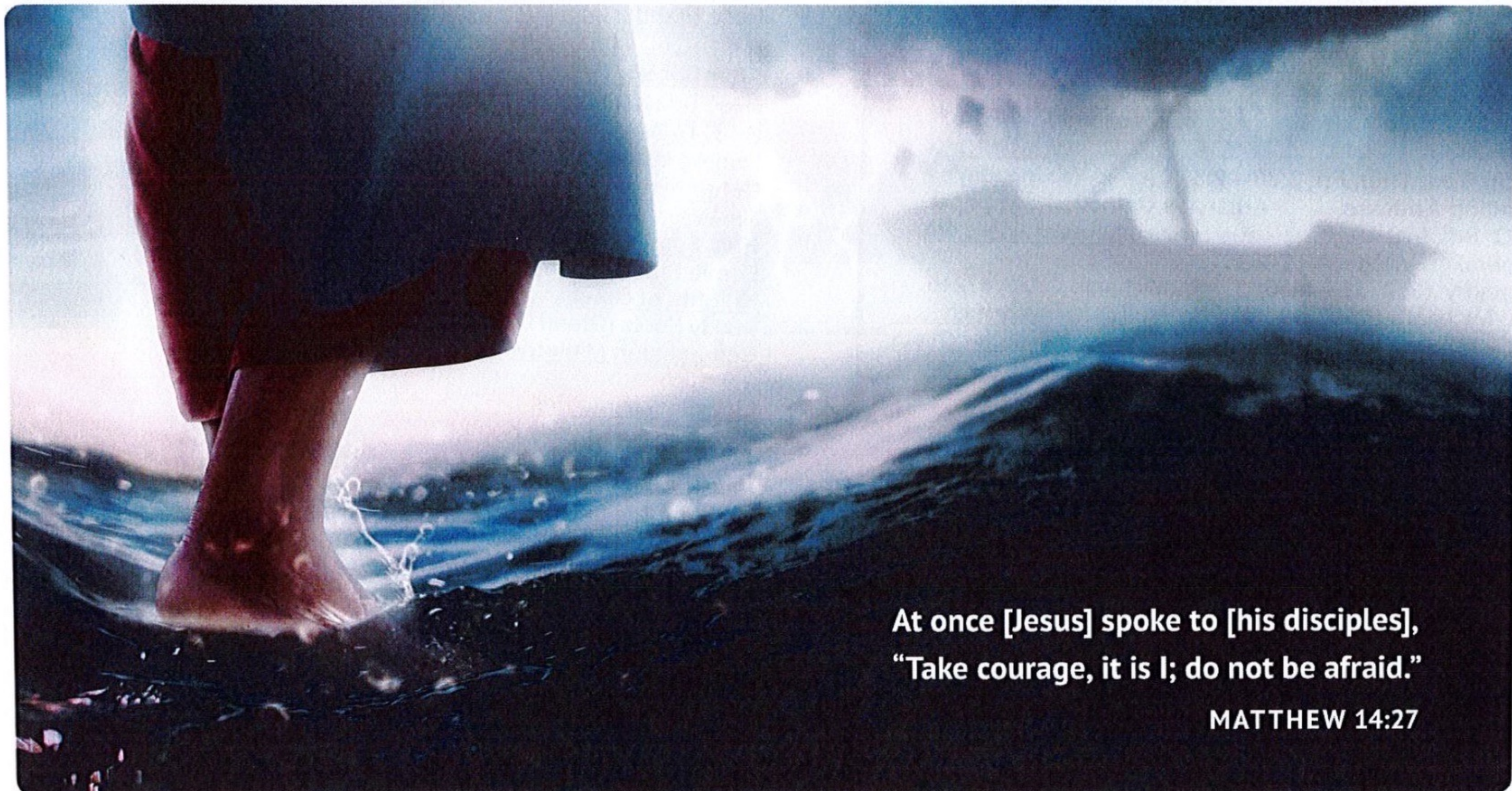




At once [Jesus] spoke to [his disciples],
“Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.”

MATTHEW 14:27

One for All

MIGUEL DULICK

In the first reading, Elijah is ready for anything—a whirlwind, an earthquake, a fire—because “the Lord will pass by” (1 Kings 19:11). But God comes tiptoeing, with a tiny whisper. Elijah, a giant of a prophet, covers his face like a child and wraps himself in the word of the Lord. Ordinarily, at this point, a homily would move on to the gospel. But in the second reading, from Romans, we are brought up short. Paul, a giant himself, would love a reassuring whisper from God. He is in utter agony, for the doubtful salvation of “my own brothers,” the Jews. Such is his distress that he wishes he could offer himself in exchange, even to the extent of being “accursed and separated from Christ” (literally, “anathema”) for “my kin.” (See Romans 9:3.) His anguish is heartbreaking, especially since it seems to be a prayer he has repeated over and over. Paul was no doubt thinking of Moses, who dramatically offered his own life to save the Israelites from God’s judgment after the golden calf: “[Lord,] if you would only forgive their sin! But if you will not, then blot me out of the book that you have written” (Exodus 32:32). Paul’s faith told him that Christ had opened the door of salvation to everyone, and even rejection by the chosen people could not close it. In fact, it confirmed its universal promise. A paradox perhaps, much like when Jesus walked on water, as we hear about in today’s gospel. ●



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Vigil Holy Mass 4:00 pm.: Saturday
Confession 3:00 p.m.: 3:45 p.m. Saturday, 1st Friday & 1st Saturday of the month after 9 a.m. Holy Mass or by Appointment.
30 minutes prior to every Holy Mass, we pray the Holy Rosary
For more information, please contact the Church Office.

Sacraments

ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RISEN CHRIST I

The Sacrament of reconciliation is offered on First Friday and First Saturday after the 9 am Mass, Saturdays at 3 pm, and most any reasonable time by appointment. Your identity need not be known; your anonymity is respected.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is strongly encouraged by those seriously ill, the elderly, or those facing surgery. This sacrament of Our Lord's healing & comfort is usually available on the last weekend each month after every Mass, or by appointment.

The Sacrament of Marriage is a wonderful commitment to life and love, and the Church welcomes those who are called to this noble vocation. Christian marriage involves a couple's serious deliberation, prayer, and planning. The diocesan policy requires all engaged couples to contact the pastor at least 6 months before setting any wedding date.

The Sacrament of Baptism presupposes sufficient instruction according to the age of the candidate, and a desire to practice the faith. Expectant parents are encouraged to ask the Pastor for the Church's blessing for a safe and healthy delivery. Call the Church Office to schedule instruction and the service.

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NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to St. Michael's! We're glad you're here. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Amal, and register by completing a registration form, then kindly return it to the Church Office. Get involved! Volunteer! Let us share with each other our God-given talents, love, and service to our neighbors. R.C.I.A. Adult Education.



Mass Intentions

Saturday / August 8th – St. Dominic, Priest

4 p.m. Vigil Mass: Elijah Kootz

by: Buddy and Anne Kootz

*2nd collection- Maintenance Fund

**Sunday/ August 9th – Nineteenth Sunday
Ordinary Time**

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Bernie Brandenburg

by: Terry Phelps and family

*KC's Big Breakfast after Holy Mass

* Kids Fun Day after breakfast/*Blessing of backpacks at Mass

*2nd collection -Maintenance Fund

Monday/August 10th – St. Lawrence, Deacon/Martyr

9 a.m. Holy Mass : St. Michael's staff

by: People of the parish

KC Meeting The Rosary at 5 pm meeting 5:30 pm

Tuesday/ August 11th – St. Claire, Virgin

No Holy Mass

Wednesday/August 12th – St. Jane Frances de Chantal

6 p.m. Holy Mass : St Michael's volunteers

by : People of the parish

Thursday /August 13th –

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Benedict Zarajczyk †

by: Mary Kocz

*Bingo doors open at 4:30 pm games at 6 pm

Friday/ August 14th – St. Maximum Kolbe, Priest /Martyr

9 a.m. Holy Mass : All parishioners who are sick

by: People of the Parish

Saturday / August 15th – The Assumption of

The Blessed Virgin Mary

9 a.m. Holy Mass : All deceased parishioners †

11:15 a.m. (St. Mary's in Horseshoe Bend)

4 p.m. Vigil Mass: Johnny Ivey †

by: Terry Phelps

Sunday/ August 16th – Twentieth Sunday

Ordinary Time

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Dorothy Beardslee †

by: Dean Beardslee

KNIGHTS BIG BREAKFAST **after Holy Mass on

Sunday August 9th tickets on sale at the door

Thought for the week



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"O you of little faith
did you doubt?"
— Matthew 14:31

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"Work as
if everything depen
on you; Pray as if
everything depend
on God."

🙏 Wishing you a Blessed Week 🙏



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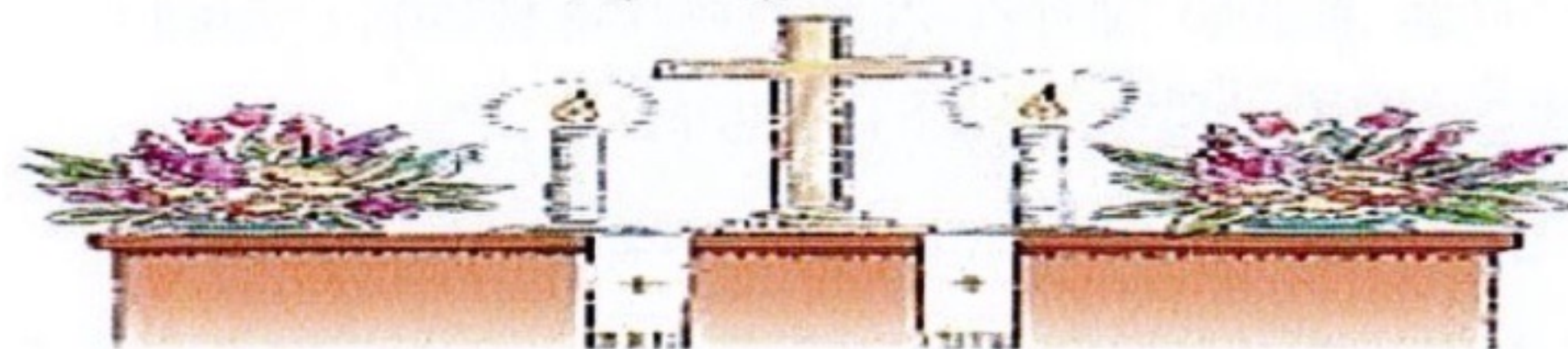
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BACKPACK BLESSING

Sunday August 9th Fr. Amal will bless the children's backpacks after 9 am Holy Mass. See Lori on Sunday morning to get your child's backpack to the Altar.

Kids Play Day !!!

Sunday August 9th we will have a "Last Summer Day Fling" for the kids before school starts. We will provide the water slide again. The kids will need to bring their swimsuits and a towel. It will be on the same day as the Knight's Big Breakfast so they can eat, change and then go play on the waterslide. Later in the day we will have hot dogs, chips and snacks for them. All kids come out and join us for a fun day before school starts !

Religious Education Registration

Mark your calendars for registration for religious education registration for adults and children. It will be on Saturday and Sunday August 15-16 and Saturday and Sunday August 22-23 before and after Holy Mass. Please sign up your children or any adult at one of these dates so the material can be ordered and be here in time for the classes when they start. Classes will begin in middle of September. For more information contact Lori Templet Ph# 225-717-0238 or email : ltemplet2507@yahoo.com

The Assumption of the The Blessed Virgin Mary

Fr. Amal will have Holy Mass at 9 AM on Saturday August 15th here at St. Michaels and 11:15 AM Holy Mass at St. Mary's in Horseshoe Bend in honor of our Blessed Virgin Mary's assumption.

St. Monica's Group

They meet monthly on the 1st Thursday of each month after 9 am Holy Mass in the church library. Please join them to pray for our children and grandchildren for their spiritual protection and strength in their Catholic faith.

Thank you for supporting last weekend's Food Pantry ! Many Blessings ~



Fr. Daniel Brandenburg, Bernie Brandenburg, Robert Butner, Nell Kihm, Jack Heuser, Crystal Hawkins, Chuck Wolff, Jim Wege, Isabelle Wiest, Michael & Martha DeCoster, Larry Allen, Steve Allen, Georgia Harris, Dan Such, Dawn Logan, Sister Joy Wege, Tim and Betty Eash, Jimmy White, Gail Demarest, Nico Woode, Ray McHugh, Tim Starken, Marcella Birkhead, Michael Reddick, Colleen Royal, Gerald and Carol Metty, Darren Bates, Joseph Huff, Maryann Barber, Cecilia Cefalu, Darrell and Elizabeth Beason, Toni Travline, and Doug and Tammy Wortham.
Nursing Home: Ruth Klinge and KayLynn Rodenbeck.

We wish you many blessings on your Birthday !

August 7th – Wade Munroe

August 11th – Walter Yager

August 16th – Davina Boatwright



We wish you many blessings on your Anniversary !

♡ No Anniversaries this week ♡

B-I-N-G-O

Come support our Bingo committee, they work hard to keep the bingo games going and the Knights do the concessions. Games are every 1st Sunday of each month, doors open at noon, games start at 1:30 pm and every Thursday night of the week doors open at 4:30 pm and games start at 6 pm. It's a great way to enjoy the hot summer nights in the cool with some good food from the Knight's and it benefits our church !

To Learn More About Anointing of the Sick

(Extreme Unction)

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1. What is Anointing of the Sick (Extreme Unction)?

Extreme Unction is the sacrament which, through the anointing with blessed oil by the priest, and through his prayer, gives health and strength to the soul and sometimes the body when we are in danger of death from sickness, accident, or old age. Extreme Unction is a special medicine or tonic for the soul. When the body is sick the soul finds it harder than usual to love God and accept His will. In order to enter heaven the soul's love must be perfect. This sacrament prepares for this by healing the weakness and sluggishness of love of God which is left even after the wounds of sin have been healed.

2. Who should receive Anointing of the Sick (Extreme Unction)?

All Catholics who have reached the use of reason and are in danger of death from sickness, accident, or old age should receive Anointing of the Sick (Extreme Unction).

3. What are the effects of the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick (Extreme Unction)?

The effects of the sacrament of Extreme Unction are: *first*, an increase of sanctifying grace; *second*, comfort in sickness and strength against temptation; *third*, preparation for entrance into heaven by the remission of our venial sins and the cleansing of our souls from the remains of sin; *fourth*, health of body when it is good for the soul. This means an increase of divine life within us. As St. Paul puts it, "Even though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed: (2 Cor. 4, 16). The comfort comes from a deeper realization of the purpose of suffering and the help to bear it which the sacrament gives. St. Peter says, "Rejoice, in so far as you are partakers of the sufferings of Christ, that you may also rejoice with exultation in the revelation of His glory" (1 Pet. 4, 13). The strength is strength to resist the devil at a time when he wants to tempt us most to resist God's will. It makes us desire our heavenly home. No one goes there who does not desire it ardently. It strengthens the weakness of our love so that we can have the attitude of St. Paul when he says, "Knowing that while we are in the body we are exiled from the Lord...we even have the courage to prefer to be exiled from the body to be at home with the Lord" (2 Cor. 5, 6, 8). If a longer life would prepare the soul better for heaven, then God prolongs life through this sacrament.

4. When does Anointing of the Sick (Extreme Unction) take away mortal sin?

Anointing of the Sick takes away mortal sin when the sick person is unconscious or otherwise unaware that he is not properly disposed, but has made an act of imperfect contrition.

5. How should we prepare ourselves to receive Anointing of the Sick (Extreme Unction) worthily?

We should prepare ourselves to receive Anointing of the Sick worthily by a good confession, by acts of faith, hope, charity, and especially, by resignation to the will of God.

6. Who can administer Anointing of the Sick (Extreme Unction)?

Only a priest can administer Extreme Unction.

7. When is it advisable to call the priest to visit the sick?

It is advisable to call the priest to visit the sick in any serious illness, even though there be no apparent danger of death, as it is the duty of the priest to visit the sick and to administer to them the sacraments they need. It is dangerous and even sinful to delay Extreme Unction because it might gradden the sick person. Extreme Unction has a calming effect and helps sick people overcome their fear. Even if a sick person might be frightened, it is better to be frightened than to die without the last sacraments.

8. In case of sudden or unexpected death, should a priest be called?

In case of sudden or unexpected death a priest should be called always, because absolution and Anointing of the Sick can be given conditionally for some time after apparent death.

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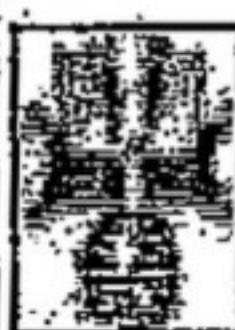


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Last Monday of the month
Rosary 5:30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.



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Quarterly Business Meeting
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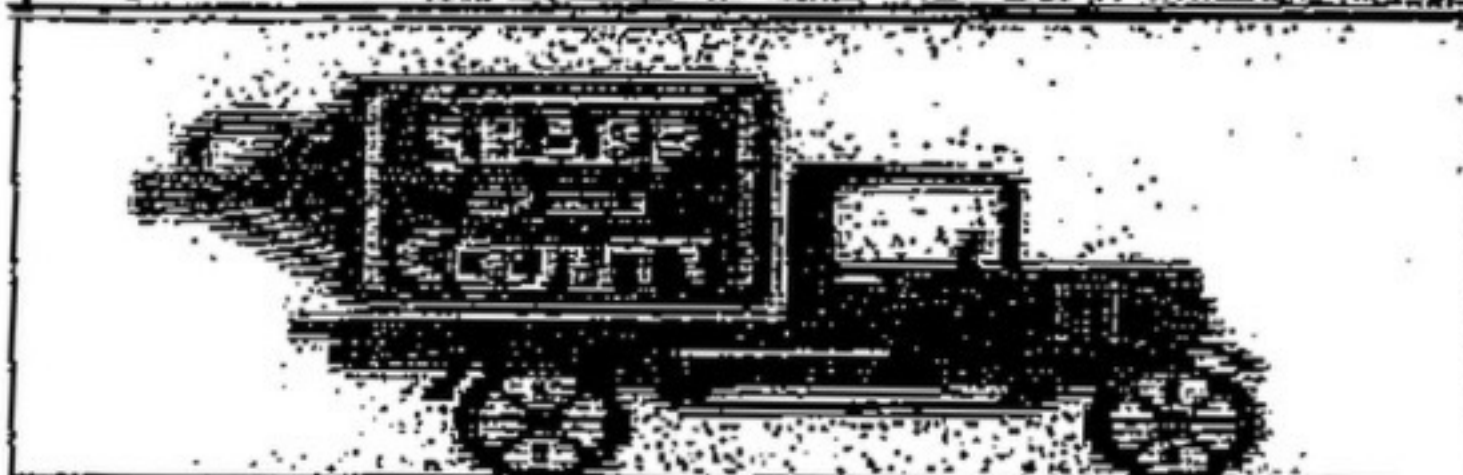
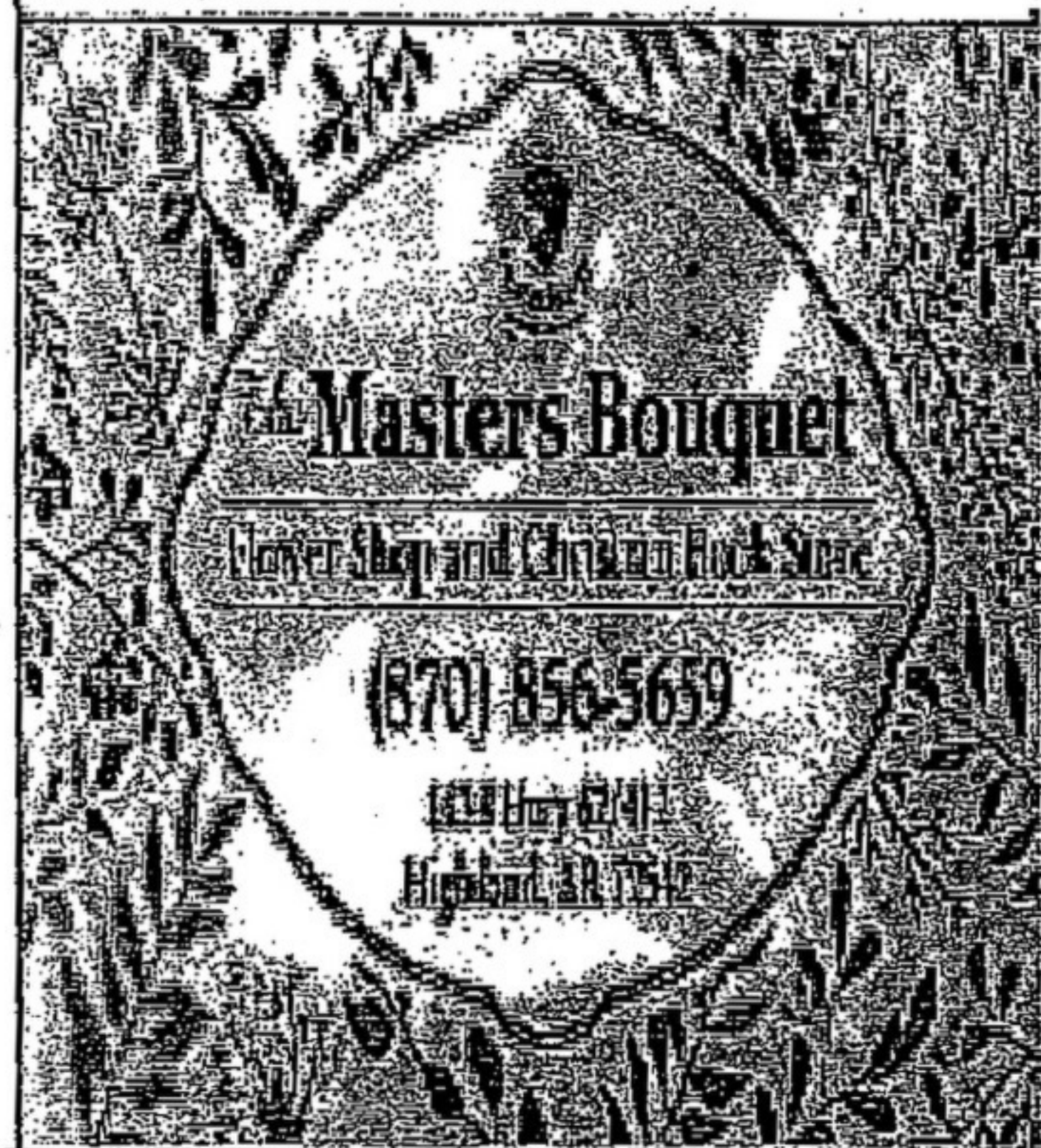
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Practically, since ministers of the Cup are often required to consume any remaining Precious Blood after holy Communion is distributed, it might be a good personal practice to make sure there are enough ministers present to perform this necessary step in ablution. If everyone is informed in advance, it contributes to the shared sense of reverence and respect that is required of a eucharistic minister. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

We live immersed in a culture of speed, immediacy, and haste—a culture of “discard” and indifference that prevents us from pausing along the way and drawing near to acknowledge the needs and suffering that surround us. In the parable, when the Samaritan saw the wounded man, he did not “pass by.” Instead, he looked upon him with an open and attentive gaze—the very gaze of Jesus.

MESSAGE ON WORLD DAY OF THE SICK,
ROME, FEBRUARY 11, 2026



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Monday

August 10
St. Lawrence, Deacon
and Martyr
2 Cor 9:6–10
Jn 12:24–26

Tuesday

August 11
St. Clare, Virgin
Ez 2:8–3:4
Mt 18:1–5, 10,
12–14

Wednesday

August 12
Weekday
Ez 9:1–7; 10:18–22
Mt 18:15–20

Thursday

August 13
Weekday
Ez 12:1–12
Mt 18:21–19:1

Friday

August 14
St. Maximilian Kolbe,
Priest and Martyr
Ez 16:1–15, 60, 63
or 16:59–63
Mt 19:3–12

Saturday

August 15
The Assumption of
the Blessed Virgin
Mary
Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a,
10ab
1 Cor 15:20–27
Lk 1:39–56

Sunday

August 16
Twentieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Is 56:1, 6–7
Rom 11:13–15,
29–32
Mt 15:21–28