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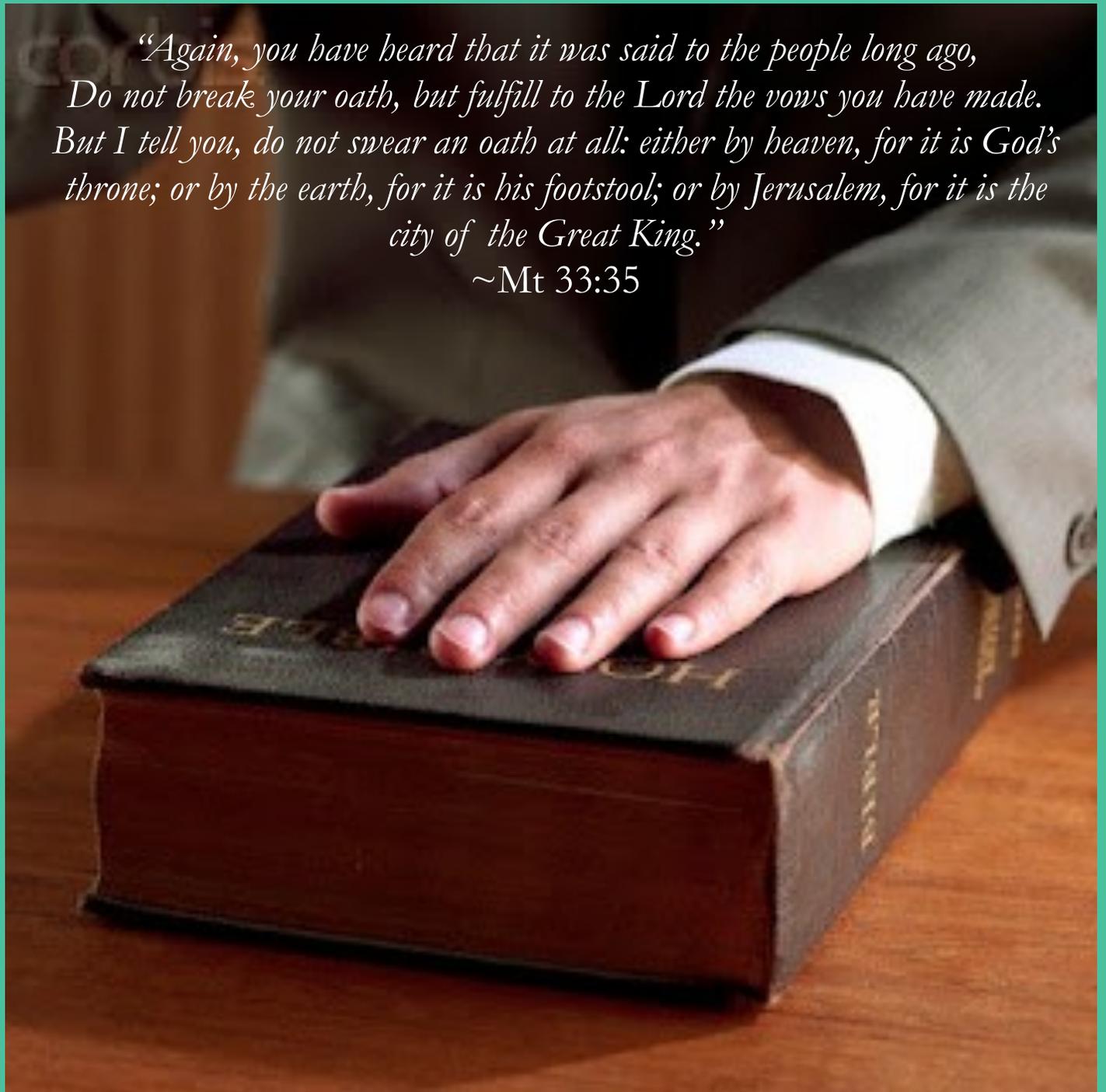
St. Boniface,
Farmington, IA



February 16, 2020

*“Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago,
Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.
But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s
throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the
city of the Great King.”*

~Mt 33:35



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Eucharistic Adoration

Friday (WP) 8:00 am-5:00 pm.

Confessions

Saturday (WP) 4:30-5:00 pm and as announced.

Baptisms /Weddings

Please fill out a form found on the Parish website and call St. Mary's Parish Office at (319) 837-6808 to make an appt. with Father. For weddings please contact the office at least 6 months prior to the wedding.

Sick Calls: Contact the Parish Office if you or a family member are unable to attend Mass and receive the Sacraments due to illness or age. Please notify the Parish Office if you go into the hospital, we would like to visit you.



All the parishes of the Diocese of Davenport are participating in **CALLED BY NAME**, a program of vocations awareness that begins this weekend. This program offers an opportunity for us to pray for vocations; to recognize gifts and potential for leadership and service in members of our parish; and finally, to call forth and encourage these members to share their gifts in priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life. Perhaps you know a man or woman (sophomore in high school and older) who would, in your opinion, have the qualities to become a priest, sister, or brother. Please recommend this person by filling out the response card on the insert. Next weekend, place the completed card in the collection basket.

February 8th was the annually **National Boys Scouts Day**. Since 1910, boys across America have been doing good deeds, learning survival skills and developing moral foundations through the Boy Scout of America. Tom Kruse discussed the importance of belonging to the scouts. After Mass St. Boniface had fellowship with coffee cake and drinks.



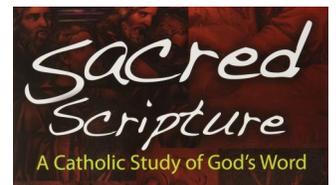
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In March, the 2020 Census begins. Participating in the census is a vital, civic duty for everyone living in the United States. Much depends on getting an accurate count. Data collected helps determine federal funding in our communities for programs like Medicare and Medicaid, Head Start, free and reduced school lunches, and road construction, as well as how many people will represent us in state and federal legislatures. The impact is far-reaching because we won't have another census for 10 years. As Catholics and engaged citizens, we are called to support the census and encourage everyone to complete it. Because everyone counts!

The Diocese is offering a course on the Sacred Scripture. The course will be Saturday, February 22nd from 9:00AM to 4:00PM at the Chancery. For more information contact Rosina Hendrickson @ 563-888-4244 or Hendrickson@davenportdiocese.org



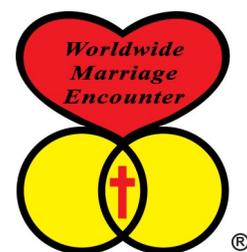
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At the G.I.F.T. gathering Father Dennis has discussed and answered numerous question regarding our faith and how the Mass is celebrated. One question brought up is whether or not the faithful should use the Orans Posture (Extending arms and hands in upward position) during the *Our Father*. When such a question comes up, the obvious solution is to go to the rubrics. Unfortunately, in this case, the *General Instruction on the Roman Missal (GIRM)* is relatively silent on the topic. Because of the *GIRM's* silence, many people have taken this to mean that the faithful may do whatever they want. However, this is not the case. In the document, *Instruction On Certain Questions Regarding the Collaboration of the Non-Ordained Faithful in the Sacred Ministry of Priests*, put out by the Vatican on August 15, 1997, we read, "In Eucharistic celebrations deacons and non-ordained members of the faithful may not pronounce prayers — e.g. especially the Eucharistic prayer, with its concluding doxology — or any other parts of the liturgy reserved to the celebrant priest. **Neither may deacons or non-ordained members of the faithful use gestures or actions which are proper to the same priest celebrant.** It is a grave abuse for any member of the non-ordained faithful to "quasi preside" at the Mass while leaving only that minimal participation to the priest which is necessary to secure validity. The above statement means is that we may not say the Eucharistic prayers along with the priest. More importantly to this topic, this also means the faithful may not use the same gestures that are reserved for the priest celebrant. let us look at another reason why the Orans Posture (and subsequently, holding hands) is not an appropriate gesture for the faithful during the *Our Father*. The *Our Father* takes place during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This time of prayer and offering is directed to God (as is the entire Mass, but more specifically during the Liturgy of the Eucharist). As it is directed toward God, the extending and/or holding of hands creates a horizontal emphasis on the prayer, as opposed to the vertical emphasis that it demands. Many people who prefer hand holding or the Orans Posture argue that the *Our Father* is a community prayer, and as such holding and/or extending hands is a visible sign of that community. However, the *Our Father* is a community prayer, not because we hold or extend our hands, but because we pray it together as the Body of Christ. On September 3, 1958 the Sacred Congregation for Rites issued a document that stated, "Since the *Pater Noster* is a fitting, and ancient prayer of preparation for Communion, the entire congregation may recite this prayer in unison with the priest in low Masses. It was at this time that the faithful were given permission to pray the *Our Father* with the priest. However, the faithful maintained the same posture as before - standing, with their hands folded in prayer. Prior to this *Instruction*, the priest prayed the *Our Father* on behalf of the faithful. The Orans Posture is representative of praying on behalf of others. The next time you are at Mass, watch the priest's gestures closely. Anytime he offers prayers on behalf of the faithful, he uses the Orans Posture. Anytime he is offering other prayers, his hands are folded together. Having a better understanding of what particular gestures mean will lead to a better understanding of the Liturgy. The postures, prayers and practices of the Church are there to aid and enhance our reception of Grace and the Holy Spirit. When we are taught the teachings of the church, we can truly understand the Mass and it can transform our experience at Mass and enhance our relationship with our Lord. ~ Parts taken from Catholic365.com



Join more than 14,000 faith communities in 180 dioceses across the U.S. in prayer, fasting and almsgiving and continue Jesus' mission to care for all those in need this Lenten season. God invites us to reach beyond ourselves and encounter the needs of all our brothers and sisters around the world. We invite you to journey with CRS to Honduras, Kenya, and Vietnam through stories, videos and lessons. To learn about the global issue of hunger go to the Lent page of the St. Mary's website. CRS Rice Bowl provides a powerful, tangible way for Catholics to answer Jesus' call to serve the world's poor and experience Lent as a time of spiritual renewal and sacrifice for those in need. CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. The CRS Rice Bowl Collection begins Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020. Funds raised in the CRS Rice Bowl collection support development projects in nearly 100 countries overseas, and 25% of the funds stay in our Diocese to support local hunger and poverty efforts. Last year we were able to distribute \$16,100 locally to hunger and poverty programs across the Diocese.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a Catholic faith based marriage enrichment program and has been providing couples with better communication skills and tools for over 50 years. Start a new chapter in your marriage by attending one of these upcoming weekends. Feb 29 - Mar 1 @ Epworth (non-residential); April 24-26th @ Ankeny; May 29-31st @ Dubuque; Nov 6-8th @ Coralville. For more information or to register go to iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305.



St. Mary Mass Schedule

Weekend

Saturday (WP) 5:30 pm
 Sunday (WP) 8:00 am, (FA) 10:30 am

Weekday

Tuesday (FA) 9:00 am
 Every Third Tuesday (FA) 7:00 pm
 Wednesday (WP) 8:45 am
 Plus Second Wednesday (WP) Rel Ed Mass 6:30 pm
 1st & 3rd Thursday (WPCC) 10:00 am
 Other Thursdays (WP) 7:30 am
 1st Friday (WP) 5:30 pm
 1st Friday (DNCC) 10:00 am
 Other Fridays (WP) 7:30 am

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 18	Parishioners
Wednesday, February 19	Greg Sallen
Thursday, February 20	Bob Fraune
Friday, February 21	Andrew Fraise
Saturday, February 22	Bob Kassmeyer
Sunday, February 23	Ralph & Pat Hoeing

The Parishioners of St. Mary's & St. Boniface pray the rosary for world peace before weekend Masses.

Stewardship of Treasure

February 9, 2020

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St Boniface

Adults	\$675.00
Offertory	\$88.00
Catholic Messenger	\$30.00
# of Envelopes	20

FEBRUARY

Second Collection: Hospice House

Feb 17 **President's Day HTC NO SCHOOL**
 Feb 24 **HTC School board Mtg**
Rosary Makers
 Feb 26 **Ash Wednesday**
Mass @ SM 8:45am/7:00pm
Mass @ SB 5:30pm
SB Adoration following Mass

St. Mary Liturgical Roles

Saturday, February 22 at 5:30 pm

Lead Rosary: Dixie Booten
 Ushers: Cody Hunold, Dalton Robu
 Matthew & Jill Garmoe
 Greeters: Mike & Diane Holtkamp
 Servers: Jackson, Toby & Fletcher Van Hamme
 Lector: Susan Fedler
 Gift bearers: Bob & Jackie Schierbrock
 E. Ministers: Mary Overton, Vera Boeding, Joe Loving
 Bulletins: Dave & Eileen Pranger
 Mary Beth Fedler, Bernice Rickelman
 Scrip: Bob & Jackie Schierbrock

Sunday, February 23 at 8:00 am

Lead Rosary: Jackie Pranger
 Ushers: Mel Sanders, Marvin Menke
 Carl Johnston, Joseph Moran
 Greeters: Mary Jane Montgomery, Myrna McVey
 Servers: Ward & Julia Fraise, Tate Green
 Lector: Nathan Menke
 Gift bearers: Mel Sanders, Sue Myers
 E. Ministers: Steve & Sue Conrad, Emily Otte
 Bulletins: Stan & Rita Pomberg
 Mel Sanders, Maureen Kieler
 Scrip: Mike & Sue Anderson
 Counters: Ben & Leah Link

St. Boniface Liturgical Roles

Sunday, February 23 at 10:30 am

Rosary: Rita Wenke
 Ushers: Todd & Nicole Herdrich
 Greeters: Jermi & Jenni Wolken
 Servers: Ava & Oliver Tackett,
 Lector: Paige Keller
 Gift bearers: Kirk Meek Family
 E. Ministers: Gavin Burgess, Kathy Fett, Todd Herdrich
 Counters: Katie Burgess, Sarah Kruse

Readings for the Week

February 16, 2020

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/
 1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28,
 33-34a, 37
 Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/
 Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 /
 Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Mk 8:22-26
 Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [7a]/Mk 8:27-33
 Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
 Mk 8:34—9:1
 Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
 Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 /
 1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48



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