



18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus] said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." - Lk 12:15

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Pastoral Letter IV

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Dear Faithful of St. Bonaventure-St. Benedict the Moor, our third pastoral letter highlighted the importance of the two parish councils in assisting the pastor in the apostolate of leading the parish. In this letter we would like to discuss pastoral planning as an important means of moving our parish into a higher level.

"Failing to plan, is planning to fail" And we as community of faith cannot afford to fail.

If we are to lead our parish in a smart and intelligent way, we have to start with a good pastoral planning of all of our pastoral activities.

Most of us are familiar with the process of strategic planning of different secular organizations and institutions. We will apply the same skills but we will add the dimension of faith. In fact faith will be the central aspect because our institution is an institution centered on our Christian faith. We are not only relying on a purely human wisdom but on the divine wisdom that comes from God.

"Commit your works to the Lord, and your thoughts will be established. Prov.16:3"

As baptized Christians, we are the members of the Body of Christ. Through baptism we have been united with Christ and with one another (Rom.12:5, 1Cor.12:27, Eph.4:12).

What is Pastoral Planning?

Dr. William L Picket, provides us with a clear definition of Pastoral Planning;

"Pastoral Planning is the PROCESS of PRAYING and THINKING TOGETHER."

PROCESS

By process we mean a coherent set of activities with internal consistency and identifiable goals and outcomes. Pastoral Planning is not simply an activity but a purposeful set of activities that should make the best use of our human understanding about effective group action.

PRAYING

The difference between secular organizational planning and pastoral planning is the central role of

PRAYER and faith sharing. A group doing pastoral planning is centered in PRAYER.

We should remember that pastoral planning is the work of the Holy Spirit done through and with us. It requires openness on our part to the work of the Spirit in us and in each other. Pastoral Planning is a spiritual exercise.

THINKING

Pastoral Planning is both praying and thinking. While prayer opens us to the actions of God in others and ourselves, human wisdom and applied social science provide us the methods to discover, design, and implement concerted human actions on behalf of our mission. A group that only thinks, that is uses only human understanding finds it difficult to deal with the truly pastoral. A group that only prays but avoids using the best techniques of applied social science finds itself frustrated and bogged down in the predictable problems of group interaction and decision making. Effective pastoral planning must fully spiritual and fully temporal. Faith and reason should both be applied in pastoral planning.

TOGETHER

Effective pastoral planning should be a collaborative efforts of all members of the parish. True collaboration is based on a complete and radical dependence on the gifts of all members of the faith community. This dependence takes the form of a radical identification, release and uniting of all the community's gifts in the service to the mission of the faith community.

Pastoral Planning is not something that a few people with greater status, power, and authority do to the rest of us. We must create a system that includes all and empower all so that results truly reflect the fullness of the Spirit present in our community. We must all be and see others as companions on the journey animated by a radical faith in the presence and guidance of the Spirit of God.

ACTING

Pastoral Planning must be focused on changes in behavior. In the end the praying, and thinking together must result in actions taken in our parish to advance the kingdom and the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ in the context of our parish.

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BEING THE BODY OF CHRIST

The Sacrament of baptism has bonded us with Christ and with one another (Rom. 12:5, Hebrew 13:3). So as Christians, we are the body of Christ. We are the representatives of Jesus in the world and in our parish. As disciples we are called to step away from the values and the dynamics of the world in order to enter into the world of the Spirit, the world of the new and fuller life to which Jesus calls us.

IN A PARTICULAR TIME AND PLACE

As the Body of Christ means that each of us is unique, alive and vital in the context of our parish as it is right now. Growth implies changes and so if we want to grow as individuals and as group we have to accept changes or even initiating changes so that we can move from the level we are now to the higher level. Our pastoral planning should be geared towards positive changes that will help us becoming truly missionary disciples of Christ in the context of our parish and in the 21st century.

Dear friends in Christ let us pray for the wisdom that come from Christ, so that he may lead us in the process of our pastoral planning which will start soon.

NB. Most of the ideas in this letter come from the book "a concise guide to Pastoral Planning" by Dr. William L. Picket

Fr. Bartholomew MROSSO M. Afr, PASTOR

Most Reverend Bishop Sanchez will install Father Bartholomew Mrosso M. Afr as our Pastor on Saturday, October 5th at our 5:00 PM Mass Details for Reception to Follow

**Monday & Thursday's ✦ 7:30 PM
Youth Basketball & Karate: 5:00 – 7:30 PM
Adult Physical Training,
Self Defense & Karate 7:30 – 9:30 PM
St. Benedict the Moor Church Hall
See Mr. Sam or Sensei Rey**

☪ 10:00 AM Mass Celebration

- ✦ In Memory of ~
 - Henry Nemorin Req. Maria Thomas
 - Beloved Daughter Denise Chapman
24th Anniversary in Heaven
Req. Darcel Chapman
 - Djeffry Nathanel & Jonathan Louis
Req. Cassandra Brown & Family
Mass of Christian Burial
Friday, August 9th – Viewing 5-7 PM
Mass 7 PM - St. Bonaventure

☪ 12:00 Noon Mass Celebration

- ✦ God's Healing for ~
 - Julia Lindie, Mauva Torrel & Dolly Jankee
- ✦ In Memory of ~
 - Kennan Orson Michael Paul 1994-2019
Req. Paul/Coleman Family
 - Andre Alix Dorilas 1yr in Heaven
Req. Laure Dorilas

☪ 5:00 PM Mass Celebration

- ✦ Healing prayers Theresa Addai

Our Faith Formation for K – 8 classes begins on **Sunday, September 15th**



It is essential that every young person register for Faith Formation.

If you're registering your young person(s) for the first time please attached their Baptismal Certificate.

Registration Forms can be found at the entrance of the church.

Special Notice to Parents/Guardians: Your young person should receive their sacraments in the parish where the family is registered.

Weekday Mass

Monday thru Friday 8:30 AM - St. Benedict
Monday thru Friday 12 Noon - St. Bonaventure

Readings for the week of August 4, 2019

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Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Monday 8/5: **Joyful Mysteries**

The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday 8/6: **Sorrowful Mysteries**

The Transfiguration of the Lord
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

Wednesday 8/7: **Glorious Mysteries**

**St. Sixtus II, Pope, & Companions, Martyrs;
St. Cajetan, Priest**
Nm 13:1-2, 25--14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday 8/8: **Luminous Mysteries**

St. Dominic, Priest
Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23

Friday 8/9: **Sorrowful Mysteries**

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr
Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-21 [12a]/Mt 16:24-28
In Memory of Felix Anakhu Req. Anakhu Family

Saturday 8/10: **Joyful Mysteries**

St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr
2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
In Memory of Lucy Anakhu Req. Anakhu Family

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

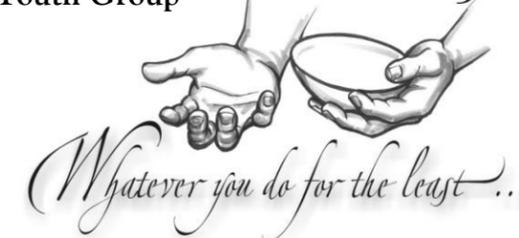


Troop 4454
Kick-off Event September 7th

Youth Choir ♪ Will resume in September

Disciples in Motion
Youth Group

MATTHEW 25



Please donate toiletries items for Blessing Bags we're donating to the Homeless.
Bring them on...

August 24th
11:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Wishy Washy Car Wash
St. Bonaventure Parking Lot
Enter on 115th Ave. & 169th Street

Have a good Summer!

Please remember your church continues to need your help! The good work of your parish will not be diminished while you are away and we can't run off of our offering.

Thank you For your Sacrificial Giving to our Parish

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Together let's meet our weekly goal of \$6,000.00

- ✦ 10:00 Mass 106 - \$ 1,455.00
- ✦ 12 Noon 69 - \$ 748.00
- ✦ 5:00 Mass 25 - \$ 314.00

The Finance Committee thanks all those who donated for our 2nd Collection to renovate the rectory to date collected \$3,126.00
We will continue our efforts today