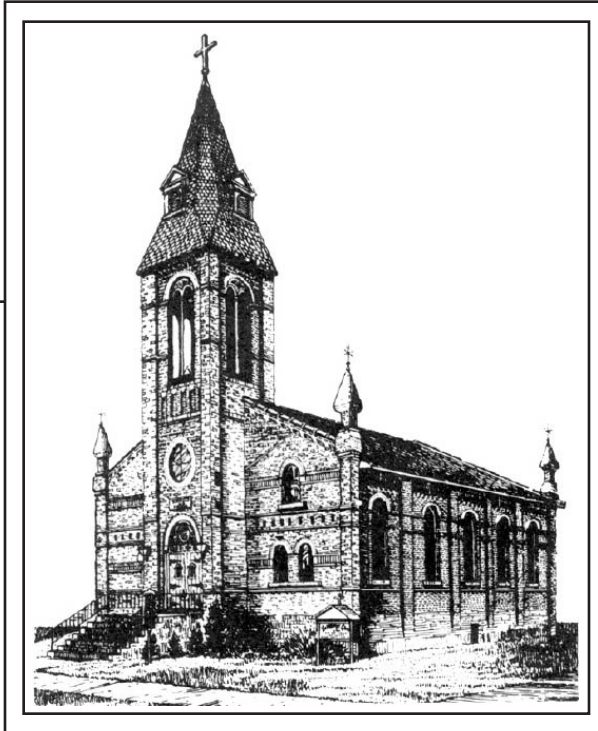


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PARISH REGISTRATION: All parishioners should be registered. Registration cards can be found in the Church foyer or at the parish office. Would you kindly notify the office when you are moving out of the parish.

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CATECHESIS



I'm glad to have received several suggestions from parishioners on topics for me to write about in weekly bulletin articles.

It appears that many people are suggesting articles about good old

catechesis, which is, of course, the basic religious education of both children and adults. This is in line with the fact that many of us Catholics may not have had solid catechesis about so many parts of the faith.

The well-known Baltimore Catechism was presented in written form under a model of question and answer, and many of our parishioners likely received this form of catechism when they were children.

Q: Why did God make me?

A: God made me to know Him, to love Him and to serve Him in this life and be with Him forever in the life that is to come.

While some might consider this a rather wrote way of learning spiritual truths, it was effective. Just as teachers will tell you that the best way for children to learn the multiplications table is by wrote. 7x9=63. Rather than figuring out in our heads 7 groups of 9 and trying to calculate the answer, you just memorize the fact that 7x9 and 9x7 equals 63.

Often people ask about the idea of reading the bible and how they should do it as well as where to begin. If we start reading the Book of Genesis, we can easily get mired in the scenes and images and become confused, and perhaps even just give up all together. Yet with a desire to know the what and why of what the Church has always taught we begin to see that Catholic faith speaks with clarity and experience which comes to us from Christ Himself, through the Apostle's teaching and the ongoing teaching of the Church to this day. Just as the Book of Ecclesiastes says "What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done; there is nothing new under the sun." (Eccl. 1:9), there is nothing new in our understanding of what God has created, designed and brought into being and in Christ has fulfilled and His redemption of the sin that has permeated us in the world. What is new is our way of covering both the bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church using modern and easily assessable tools of modern media platforms that make the scriptures come alive and portable so that wherever we are we can listen and absorb and reflect on the living Word of God.

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

There is a great way to go through the bible with explanation in a series called **THE BIBLE IN A YEAR** with Fr. Mike Schmitz. He is accompanied by Jeff Cavins, a Catholic biblical scholar. I've talked to many people who have used this form of bible study

and heard nothing but good things about the daily readings and the explanations which follow. Anyone could read the bible front to back but perhaps not really consume its meaning, particularly the Old Testament books. Yet understanding of the Old Testament shows us the unfolding plan in time of Christ who makes all things new and how He fulfills what had been made known through prophecy. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have not come to abolish these things but to fulfill them.", says Jesus. (Matt 5:17)



Fr. Mike is both an animated and lively speaker who presents the daily bible passages with the Church's explanation with both clarity and excitement. Even the more difficult concepts of biblical situations is covered well with the admission that some of the texts and scenes are rather difficult to process. Again, I've not heard a single negative comment about this series and, if fact, many who have covered the

bible in a year in this way have decided to go through it again, it was so informative. It should produce in us a growing and burning love for the sacred Word of God.

You can go to *YouTube* to find the whole series of 365 bible readings and the commentary on the text. Fr. Mike first reads the text for that day and then follows with the Church's explanation of it. This is also important because it is not Fr. Mike's interpretation but that of the Catholic Church.

THE CATECHISM IN A YEAR

There is also **THE CATECHISM IN A YEAR** with Fr. Mike Schmitz, which is an excellent way of taking those thick new updated catechisms that so many Catholics bought during the papacy of St. John Paul II and actually going through every line and subject with explanation, all in bite size pieces each day for one year. These too can be found on YouTube in the same format as *The Bible In A Year* series. Both series' can be heard on podcast as well so that you can listen to them as you drive or whenever you have and make time each day. (Fr. Charles)

SOME GOOD SIGN PUNS

I wanted to get my pants hemmed so I called Taylor Swift.

I finally watched the documentary on clocks.
It was about time.

A tombstone with a typo? Well, that's a grave mistake.

My wife and I can't count calories,
and we have the figures to prove it.

I made a chicken salad last night.
Apparently, they prefer grain.

Fruit farmers eat what they can and can what they can't.

MASS  **SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

Tuesday Mar 5 th 7:00pm	Intentions of Vern Zoller Requested by Anne Zoller
Wednesday Mar 6 th 8:30am	+Josephine & George Gerynowicz Requested by Gal & Jagielski Family
	Unannounced Mass
Thursday Mar 7 th 7:30am 8:30am	Holy Hour +Giuseppe Timpano Requested by Gal & Jagielski Family
Friday Mar 8 th 6:30pm 7:00pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS Special Intentions Mary Cudney & Family Requested by Gal & Jagielski Family
	Unannounced Mass
Saturday Mar 9 th 3:00pm 4:30pm	Confessions +Patrick Prevost Requested by Monique & Ron Joyal
Sunday Mar 10 th 9:00am 11:00am	For the People +Daniel Snow Requested by Clare & Gene Bisogno

Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Dynes, Margot Brandreth, Jean Ferguson, Fred Coulson, Hilary Joseph, Henry Niepalla, Mary Little, Elizabeth Pavilsa, Kaz Watroba, Stan Faria, Innocent Mwendalubi Malwa, Albert Sant & Tracy Rivers.

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