



**"EMPOWERED BY WORD AND SACRAMENT...LET US SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST"**



Rev. Mick Kopil



## Sacraments of Initiation

One of the greatest joys in any community of the faithful is to see people embracing discipleship in Christ Jesus. In the Church, that generally means through the waters of Baptism. It can also mean they embrace discipleship by coming to full communion with the Catholic Church, by receiving the Lord in the Eucharist for the first time, or by opening themselves to the gifts of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation.

In our parish, most of those who are baptized are baptized as infants. Mothers and fathers who have known God's love in their own lives, and have experienced God's love in the Church, want the best for their children, and bring them to Baptism to be forgiven of original sin, to be made into children of God by adoption, and to receive the outpouring of the graces God offers His own. This Baptism is the beginning of a lifelong journey with God in the Church.

From time to time, there are also people who feel God's call to Baptism who are no longer infants, often because they have known Catholic Christians who model joy and faith. Sometimes they are older children; sometimes they are people who have met and fallen in love with a baptized Catholic there was even a man who was eighty years old who finally experienced the call from God to be baptized. In the Church, these folks enter the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), a process to help them discern God's will and to respond by preparing to receive the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. After some time, usually a year or more, they stand in the midst of the community to profess their faith, and take their place in God's family.

We are also blessed at this time to have two people who were baptized in another Christian tradition who have experienced God calling them to complete the initiation they received by professing their faith in Jesus and His Church, and by receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. While already one with us by Baptism, they will fully be one with us around the altar of the Lord, to share in His Passion, Death and Resurrection at Mass, and to receive the fruits of the Mass, Jesus' Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist.

On April 28, seventeen children will come to the altar of the Lord for the first time to receive Jesus' Body and Blood. For these children, Christ promised them at their Baptism that He would always be with them. In this sacrament, they will have a real, tangible experience of His nearness. They will also, by God's grace, be changed into a visible sign of the Communion God seeks with us, and our hearts seek with Him.

Children who have had sufficient formation in the faith, and adults who have been baptized as Catholics but have never been confirmed, have the opportunity in our parish to be prepared for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. This great sacrament completes the graced offered in Baptism, graces that we need to live as disciples and take our place in the mission given us by Christ to make Him known to the whole world.

As we celebrate this season of our salvation and new life in Christ, please pray for those preparing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. May God bless them and us as we journey together as disciples of the Lord Jesus.

## FIRST RECONCILIATION

Father Mick Kopil celebrated First Reconciliation with our students this year. On Saturday morning, March 9, 2019 thirteen families came together to pray and celebrate the wonderful Sacrament of Reconciliation. After hearing their confessions and giving them absolution, Fr. Mick asked each child to make their way to the Adoration Chapel in the rear of the church and spend some time with our Lord in prayer. Here are some adorable photos of our



Emily Laba



Kayla Reardon



Bryson King and his Father  
Dennis King



Joel Dominquez



## **FAITH FORMATION'S YOUNGEST AND DEAREST**

Mrs. Jill Ogiego's first grade Faith Formation class was learning about volunteer service in a parish and how 6 and 7 year olds can be of service. Our first graders spent some time dusting the pews in church during their Monday night session.

Thank you to Jill Ogiego (Catechist) and Mallory Raab (Aide) and our Monday evening first grade students: Ca-My Do, Maggie Koehler, Andrew Myers, Calleigh Pierce, and Keegan Raab for being good stewards of our parish church.



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

- **Formed.org:** Spiritual opportunities for Adults, Teens and Children. Enter parish access code **QH8MQK**.
- **Eucharistic Adoration:** Friday, May 3rd and June 7th, July 5th.
- **Tuesday morning Scripture Study:** This group meets every Tuesday morning at 9 am. Please contact Sue Dywan, 219-988-2087.
- **Totus Tuus [Totally Yours]** - July 22nd to July 26th for Youth entering grades 1-6.
- **Totus Tuus [Totally Yours]** - July 22nd to July 26th for Youth entering grades 7-12.

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James Polarek





## Ministry Appreciation Brunch

Thank you to all who offer their God-given gifts in ministry in our parish!

Thanks to Elaina Balser and Kate Hamilton, the Parish Pastoral Council, and all who helped provide a wonderful afternoon.



## Christ Renews His Parish Women and Men's Retreat 2019



This Easter our Ministry experienced a high volume of flower deliveries to the bereaved and homebound. Your generosity of spirit brought countless numbers of smiles to those who mourn a loss and to those who are unable to participate in parish life.

I applaud the many of you who gave of your time, and those who went the extra mile to bring joy and the true spirit of hope to your fellow parishioners. Thanks to your help, Forty homebound and bereaved parishioners received an Easter flower.

We want you to know that many people called thanking us for the flowers and for the kindness of your visit!

Many Thanks, Mary Hollis



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