Assumption Catholic Church

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Here is a thought from last week's homily: *There is a* response to troubles that we uniquely Christians do; we bring them to Jesus!

A friend from Austin, Texas called me yesterday. He told me about a book that he was sending me, and he described how quiet life is in the retirement center these days. He mentioned that it was short sleeve weather, 75 degrees. I was instantly jealous. If the laws of physics would have permitted me to do so, in that moment I would have blinked my eyes in Frazee and rematerialized in Austin. What would happen if we could be as impulsive as this?

If I saw a man I didn't like, I could blink my eyes and he would be vaporized into nothingness. Wouldn't that feel good? If a waitress is giving me attitude, with a nod of my head she be transformed into a...a...

Impulsiveness may add to the excitement of life, but it doesn't often contribute to the beauty of our Christian discipleship. Discipleship has much more in common with marriage vows than it does with the fantastical life of Harry Potter or Jeannie from I Dream of Jeanie.

> I (name), take you, (name), to be my wife/husband. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you, all the days of my life.

We are to love one another right here and right now—in Minnesota and in Texas, at -15 and at +75, on Sunday and every day, in a pandemic and out, Buccaneer or Chief. You can be impulsive with a piece of chocolate or with a charming practical joke, but not with the obligations of Christian discipleship or family life. The Christian and family vocations are what matters. Don't throw them away on a whim or for a moment of excitement or satisfaction.

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> Mass Times Thursday 7:00 pm Saturday 7:00 pm Sunday 10:00 am

CONFESSIONS: Thursday @ 6:15 pm Sunday after Mass

ADORATION: Thursdays: 5:00-7:00 pm



Today is Commitment Sunday for the 2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal. Last year our diocese was unable to reach the overall goal. But even facing the obstacles that we did, with people absent from the pews, cautious, facing job losses and on the tail of a very tough season for our farmers, the faithful in the Diocese of Crookston made contributions of an outstanding 95% of the 2020 Diocesan Annual Appeal goal. Thank you and please be generous once again! For more information about how your gifts are used, go to <u>www.crookston.org/DAA</u>. And do not forget to share your prayers requests! Where there is faith, there is hope!

We will celebrate Ash Wednesday on February 17. Distributing ashes on the forehead of each person is problematic this year. Therefore, we will follow the ancient and common practice found in Rome and in a number of countries where ashes are sprinkled on the head. The person receiving the ashes should kneel or make a deep bow when receiving the ashes.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

A PRAYER TO PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE BELOW: Lord, we pray for your loving support for the people listed below and their families as they deal with their illnesses. Guide the doctors who are seeking answers and making decisions about care/ treatments. We pray that their illness is at a stage favorable for effective treatment. Enable their bodies to respond well to care/treatment and their soul to experience comfort and peace in you. Make this an experience that draws them and their loved ones closer to you as well as to one another. We commit them to your mercy. Amen

Sherry Steffl, Ernie Clark, Martha Donley, Connie Olgaard, Deb Clark, Rick Flottemesch, Brent Pearson, Peter Pearson, Jeanine Kivi, Peg Braaten, Connie Collman Bergren, Darrell Beck, Brian Hazelton, Hali Thomas, Chris Fairbanks, Jim Foltz, Pat Hilber (Coleen Tietz's brother-in-law), Ken & Rita Pearson, Ethan Estabrooks, Judy Dwinell, Marlene Scherping. Jerome Jirava, Jr., Josh Janousek, Cleo Baker, Don Tietz and Violet Fairbanks..

Question of the week: What strained bond can I help heal this week? What barrier can I break down?

Father David's homilies--frazeesacredheart.org>Homilies.

| "Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." (1 Corinthians 10:31) | | |
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| Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, "Am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me? | | |
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| Ministry Schedule for February 121 2021 | | |
| Saturday | S | unday |
| Julia Steffl | Lector A Usher | llan Foltz |
| Damian Zurn | P | at Stalberger |
| Wed Feb 17 | Mass Intentions | Ash Wednesday's Mass on |
| Sat., Feb 20: | +Jerry Flottemesch +Milo Winter +Arlene Faltersack | February 17 will be at 5:00 pm. |
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