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FROM FATHER GUANELLA

This weekend, Msgr. Robert Hundt, the Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of La Crosse, was able to preach at the Masses on the topics of marriage, divorce, and annulments. These are important topics to discuss at this time, especially at this time in history, with the manifold attacks on family life coming at us from all directions. In 1981, when Pope St. John Paul II wrote his encyclical on the Christian family in the modern world, *Familiaris Consortio*, he did not realize that he was being prophetic in the first paragraph, but he was.

The first paragraph of *Familiaris Consortio*, written 34 years ago (!), states—The family in the modern world, as much as and perhaps more than any other institution, has been beset by the many profound and rapid changes that have affected society and culture. Many families are living this situation in fidelity to those values that constitute the foundation of the institution of the family. Others have become uncertain and bewildered over their role or even doubtful and almost unaware of the ultimate meaning and truth of conjugal and family life.

The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life and which is ordered by its nature to the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring, has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament between the baptized. The consent of the parties, legitimately manifested between persons, makes marriage; no human power is able to supply this consent. In other words, a marriage is brought into being by the lawfully manifested consent of a man and a woman who are legally capable. Jesus Christ taught us that true marriage is indissoluble. The Catholic Church does not recognize divorce or second marriages.

A declaration of nullity (aka “an annulment”) within the Catholic Church is a decision that a given marriage lacked one of the essential elements listed above from the beginning and was, therefore, not a valid marriage. It is a judgment that one or both of the parties did not give proper consent to marriage. This judgment is reached through a full and careful inquiry into the history of the individuals and the marriage. A marriage is presumed to be valid unless proven otherwise. Remember as well, a declaration of nullity within the Catholic Church has no effects whatsoever in civil law. It does not affect, in any manner, the legitimacy of children.

How does one go about beginning the process? The annulment process is most often initiated by meeting with the local parish priest or parochial vicar who will assist the petitioner in completing a preliminary (Cont. on pg. 2)

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Schedule of Masses

Weekend:

Saturday (vigil)	4:00 pm
Sunday	11:00 am
	1:00 pm (Spanish)
<i>Mass at St. Raymond's Sat. 6:00 pm</i>	
	<i>Sun. 8:30 am</i>

Sacramental Celebrations

Confession: St. Mary's: Saturday from 10:00 am –12:00 pm or by appointment.
St. Raymond's: Thursday at 7:00-9:00 pm
Baptism: Call parish office for appointment.
Marriage: At least six months advance notice. Call parish office for appointment.

MASS INTENTIONS

November 21/29

Sat. 4:00 pm † Donald Albert Fugere
Sun. 11:00 am † Bonnie Laporte
1:00 pm Spanish Mass: St Mary's & St Raymond's Parishioners
Mon. No Mass
Tue. 8:00 am Mass at St. Raymond's
Wed. 8:00 am † William & Ann Planert
Thu. 9:00 am Mass at St. Raymond's
NO Adoration at St. Raymond's
Fri. NO MASS
Sat. 4:00 pm † Gary & Patty Gosnell
Sun. 11:00 am † Joe & June Meznarich
1:00 pm Spanish Mass: St Mary's & St Raymond's Parishioners

investigation form. The completed form is then sent to the Diocesan Tribunal and the priest who is the presiding judge will contact the petitioner within a couple weeks to inform the petitioner if his/her case has been accepted or if further information is required. If the case is accepted, the petitioner will be informed of the grounds on which the case is being tried.

The process continues with a collection of documents (baptismal certificates, marriage certificates, etc). At the same time, the petitioner will be asked to come to the Diocesan Tribunal for a personal interview with a member of the staff. Its purpose is to obtain information on which to base a decision regarding the possible nullity of his/her marriage.

The petitioner's former spouse must be notified that the petitioner has filed a petition and will be offered an opportunity to testify. It is most helpful if both parties provide testimony. However, if he or she chooses not to be involved in the process, this will not ordinarily jeopardize the final decision. Testimony from several supporting witnesses is also required.

Ordinarily a case is completed approximately nine months from the date it is accepted by the Diocesan Tribunal and six months from the date of the interview. The standard fee for processing a formal marriage case is \$400 but if you are experiencing financial difficulties, the fee can be reduced and/or arrangements can be made to pay it in installments as necessary. No one is ever denied the right to petition for a possible declaration of nullity based on an inability to pay.

Perhaps you or someone you know is divorced and has already remarried and now wants to be right in God's eyes. Perhaps you or someone you know would like to get married, but wants to have moral certitude that they are free to do so without violating God's commandment. That is where the annulment process has been so helpful for so many. If you or someone in your family is in an irregular marriage and would like to begin the process of making it right in the Church, please let one of us priests know and we would be more than happy to help you in the process.

BINGO VOLUNTEERS

Bingo is every Tuesday evening. Begin selling at 6:00 pm. Early bird bingo starts at 7:00 pm. Regular bingo starts at approximately 7:30 pm. Bring the family and enjoy a fun evening together. Thank you to our bingo workers for their dedication: Volunteers names will be available next week. Thank you.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes, Dec. 2, grades 1-8 meet 6-7 pm & gr. 9-10 meet 6-7:30 pm.
Sunday School – *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* program has begun. Registration

forms are in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Becky at 715-832-9798 or thurner@charter.net.

Welcome!

We are glad you participated at Mass with us. How may we serve you?

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

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I am interested in parish membership

Please note my change of address or phone I am in need of envelopes

I will be temporarily away the following dates: _____

Please remove and put in the collection basket or send to parish office.

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

Nov. 23, ABCD's of Medicare 1–3 p.m.

Nov. 24, Young Adult Meeting 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Nov. 24, 33 Days to Morning Glory Retreat, 7 p.m. at St. Raymond's.

Dec. 1, The Bible Timeline Study, 9 a.m. All women are invited to participate.

Dec. 2, RCIA, 6:30-8:30 p.m., every other Wednesday. For more info, email frsakowski@gmail.com or go to www.srsmRCIA.com

Dec. 2, "The Liturgical Year" a talk by Fr. Sakowski in the Center, 6:30-7:30 p.m. No registration fee. All are welcome!

Dec. 3, Understanding the Scriptures Bible study, 6:30-8p.m.

Dec. 9, Adoration 8:30 a.m.—8:30 p.m. Please sign-up for an hour with our Eucharistic Lord. **The sign-up sheet is in the narthex.** Adoration is on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Dec. 10, Mission Ladies, 10-2 p.m. Potluck luncheon at noon. All women invited. This event has been changed to the second Thursday of the month.

Dec. 13, Bi-Lingual Mass at noon followed by a Las Posadas Celebration in the Parish Center. This Mass will replace the 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Spanish Mass.

Please check out the bulletin board for detailed information.

Please submit information for the bulletin by Monday and inserts by Wednesday before that weekend.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Week of November 22, 2015

Sun: Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

Mon: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4

Tue: Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11

Wed: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19

Thu: Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28

Fri: Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33

Sat: Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36

Sun: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12--4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The Weekend of November 28/29

Lectors

4:00 pm M Hanson
11:00 am J VanHemert

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4:00 pm J Boley
11:00 am L King

Servers

4:00 pm A Leis, M Talley, B Lecher
11:00 am C Chilson, M Mullenberg, C Windeshausen

Attendant Servers

4:00 pm J Bechly
11:00 am J Mullenberg

Organists

4:00 pm A Plaetz
11:00 am J Gallagher

Cantors

4:00 pm L Gallagher
11:00 am S Stearns

Ushers

4:00 pm P Connell, C Lynum, R Meyer, R Verdegan
11:00 am M Chilson, R Mullenberg, R Smeltzer, J Bauer

Counters J Thom, R Olson, C Mastej

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Expecting a child? Begin the baptismal preparation now. At St. Raymond's, the baptismal prep class is on **Thu., Dec. 10**, at 6-7 p.m. and the luncheon is on **Sat., Jan. 17** at 9:45-11:30 a.m. At St. Mary's, the next baptismal prep class is on **Mon., Jan. 11**, 6-7 p.m. and the luncheon is on **Sun., Feb. 12**, 9-10:45 a.m. Baptism information, forms, and documents are available online at www.stmarys-altoona.com. At least two (2) months advance notice needed. See website for details, or contact parish office now to start the process.

KNIGHTS NEWS

Regular Monthly Meeting, Mon., Dec. 7 6 p.m. Officers meeting in the Knights room, followed by regular meeting at 7 p.m.



STEWARDSHIP

Last Week

Adults	\$8,911.00
Endowment Fund	\$0.00
Young People.....	\$1.00
Children	\$7.75
Offertory.....	\$820.39
Total	\$9,740.14
Capital Campaign (Rec'd to Date)	\$273,610.41

ELIZABETH MINISTRY



- To add a name, due date/birth date, request a meal, or to volunteer, please call Emily Thurner at 715-864-3048.
- Please pray for those who are expecting.

*Thank you for giving of your time to this ministry.
It is appreciated by those who are blessed.*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please Pray For...

Please keep Cliff Abrahamson, Pat Gerseth, Richard Lasiuk, Betty Nelson, JoAnn Deters, Sr. Theodore Nelson, Karen Solberg, Shelly Allen, Sheila Lehnen, Foresten Family, Lucille Welter, Mary Beth Pierce, Pat & Don Kamrowski, Lee & Darlene Henrichs, Linda Gesche, Eileen Niehoff, Megan Olszewski, Roger Forcier, Jeanne Reali, Clarence Nowobielski, Julie Rohn, Arla McFadden, Duane Fanetti, Linda Gabriel, Rose and Kevin Sigmund, Dick Sires, Sarah Marble, Bob & Betty Haas, Plets family, Erica Nerbonne, Judy Ciske, Kelly Hawker, Maureen Kollar, Ed Hofacker, Sam P, Eleanor Wildrick, Dave Rosener, Mike Moses, Carol Bridges Rothfusz, Abby Williamson, infant Elizabeth and her parents, Laurie, Lucille Plautz, Kip Schultz, Doreen Bauer, Kristin Soley, Dylan Snyder, Sue Arrell, Pabich intention, Melgard intention, Sue Lippold, David Schwartz, Garret Soley, Steve & Ella May Kassa, Rita Collier and their families in your prayers.



REMINDERS & TIDBITS

Check out St. Mary's new app on your smartphone! Download MyParish app from the App Store. You will have access to St. Mary's bulletins, homilies, religious education cancelations and more.

Did you attend St. Mary's Elementary School? We want to connect with you as we work to grow our St. Mary Parish Endowment Trust. Please check out the information sheet in the Narthex and connect with your classmates.

Community Christmas Fair, Sat., Dec. 5, 9-2 p.m. at Fall Creek Fire Hall.

The Second Vatican Council – 1965 to 2015 is the title of a presentation that is sponsored by the Eau Claire Catholic Deanery and will be presented by Fr. John Schultz 50 years after the conclusion of the Council. Presentations will be at the St. James Parish Gathering Room on Monday, December 7, and at St. Raymond's Parish on Wednesday, December 9. Both will be at 7:00 PM and will last one hour. The public is invited.

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The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by a member of the clergy or by lay employees or volunteers. Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Bishop William Patrick Callahan at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. The form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse, Office for Clergy; or on the diocesan website at: www.dioc.org. **Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.** Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Monsignor David Kunz, Vicar for Clergy, Diocese of La Crosse, at (608) 791-2679; or dkunz@dioc.org

\$SCRIP NEWS

\$scrip Volunteers for next weekend,

4:00 pm (Mary Kneer and volunteer),
11:00 am (Loann Sumner and volunteer)

Last Week

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