



Holy Spirit Catholic Church

February 9th & 10th, 2019

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Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

Liturgy of the Word for Children; Sundays at the 10:15 a.m. Mass

Weekdays: Mon.-Thurs. & First Fridays & First Saturdays 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Every Thursday, First Friday and First Saturday following the 9:00 a.m. Mass or at the Parish House with an appointment

For other Sacraments:

Please call the Parish Office

6 months in advance for Marriage

3 months in advance for Baptism



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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time **February 9th & 10th, 2019**

Like many of you I was shocked, horrified and sickened by the law passed in New York concerning abortions being performed right up to and including the day of full term birth. To me, no less than infanticide. When we have John the Baptist at six months in Elizabeth's womb 'leaping for joy' as he recognizes Jesus presence in Mary's womb [at about only a few weeks!]; and just last Sunday Jeremiah telling us that before he was born he was dedicated by the Lord to be a prophet, well, how then can we say that an unborn child is not sentient? Or viable? Or has his or her own rights, including a right to life! Here is an article from Friday's Catholic Exchange. Written by a woman and mother.

How Do We Respond to New York's New Abortion Law?

By Michele Chronister

The state of New York recently passed a law that guarantees women the “right” to have an abortion right up to birth at full term. The videos of this bill being passed are heartbreaking — a roomful of men and women clapping and cheering for the abortion of unborn children.

I'm sure that I'm not the only one who was deeply, deeply saddened by this outcome. But what can we possibly do in the face of so much evil?

Of course, we can pray. We must pray. We can and should fast, too, in whatever way that we are able.

While it may seem inconsequential, the other way that we can respond is with truth. I am the mother of small children, and I am well aware of the fact that they are growing up in a world that lies about the truth of the human person. But one of the ways that we can combat those lies is just by continuing to faithfully tell the truth — to our children, to our friends, to our families, to those who follow us on social media.

The abortion debate in this country is fraught with emotion. Pro-life people are often (unjustly) accused of not caring about women. If someone speaks out against abortion, they are met with a barrage of questions, “Don't you care about women? What if you were in that situation? How can you judge a woman in that situation?”

There is a difference between judging a person and disagreeing with them. Sometimes, disagreeing with someone makes the person we love feel angry or misunderstood. That shouldn't stop us from speaking the truth.

Every parent understands that you may have to disagree and disappoint those you love because you love them. A loving parent sometimes disappoints a child, because they are trying to avoid that child

experiencing even worse pain. In our relationships with friends and family, we will sometimes disappoint someone who disagrees with us, but speaking the truth is charitable when it is done to try to prevent further heartache or pain for our loved one.

In the discussion of abortion in this country, pro-choice advocates often say, “A woman has a right to decide when she is ready to become a mother. If she isn't ready to become one, she should be permitted to have an abortion.” While I agree with the premise (I think that women can and should know about their fertility — through fertility awareness methods — so they can try to plan their pregnancies according), I disagree with the conclusion. Because the truth is, if a woman is having an abortion she is already a mother.

Although it isn't a universal experience, many women who have abortions do feel sadness or grief. Many will say that they don't feel regret (because they thought abortion was their best option), but they are still sad that they had to have an abortion. If you read articles and books written from the pro-choice perspective, many speak from the perspective of sadness, i.e., “No one wants this, but women feel like this is their only option.”

But the sadness and grief tells us something. It tells us that this is not an ideal choice. Obviously, it is disastrous for the life of the child, but it is also not good for mothers. Yet, our culture insists on re-wording things in such a way that the reality of the situation is denied. As one quote I read in the past few days reminded me, it isn't as if the birth canal is a “magical tunnel” that makes someone a human being with rights. To deny that a child is a child before that point, it is necessary to skirt around the truth of fetal development. Which leads us to the fact that women deserve better than this.

The reason why speaking the truth about abortion is especially charitable (other than the obvious fact that doing so may save the life of an unborn child) is that women deserve better. In reading accounts of women who have found themselves in unplanned pregnancies, there are several common threads. Some of these women were pressured into a sexual relationship before they felt ready. Others willingly engaged in intercourse, but were still terrified and unprepared to raise a child. But many wish there was an option other than abortion.

Of course, we know that there is. Abortion, although presented by the culture as freeing women from “losing” their lives to motherhood, actually leads to loss. Loss of a child, loss of the experience of pregnancy, loss of motherhood. It is, by its nature, loss.

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What do women actually deserve? They deserve affirmation, love, and support. They deserve the truth. “You are a mother. You can do this. We will help. It’s okay to be scared. You aren’t alone.”

In a culture gone mad, we must continue to say this. We must continue to affirm that women – and their children – matter. We must continue to affirm that they deserve more.

Most major cities (and even many smaller ones) have women’s crisis pregnancy centers or homes for mothers that need some extra help getting through pregnancy and early motherhood. Find the one near you and support them. Many mothers truly desire to raise their little ones, and just need an extra boost. Be that extra support for them!

Another way to support the culture of life is to support foster and adoptive families (or discern the call to fostering or adoption). Support them and their children and birth mothers who decide that placing their child in an adoptive family is best for their little one.

But whatever you do — keep speaking the truth about life. It can be so discouraging to see legislation passing like the legislation that was just past in New York, but we can’t give up. The world may not understand, but take heart...Christ has conquered the world.

I could not have said it any better. -Fr. Ron



**The altar flowers this week
are dedicated to**

Kathleen Ann Krempely



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND THOSE WHO NEED

OUR PRAYERS: The intentions of the Holy Spirit Prayer Chain, Steve Straessler, Tristan Humble, Mauro DeTrizio, Helen Hubbard, Joey Benjamin, Karen D’ Ambrogi, Renee Dierckx, Jackson Langdon, Nina Cantacessi, Margaret Potchatek, Charlotte Facchini, Erasmo Roque, Ken Davis, Marilyn Lechuga, Chuck Fritch, George Fannuci, Pat LaRussa, Irma Schelter, Taylor Gouin, Joe Gouin, Pat Fryer, Ken Hicks, Jane Young, Maria Prentiss, Becky Crozier Stephens and Kathy Castro.

FOR THE SOULS OF: Dennis DeCota, Charlie Rogers, Frank Mantellina, Ray Hill, Alice Purugganan, Marlene Soohoodolskey, Howard Furlong, Richard & Virginia Marson, Al Pisenti, Margaret Winrich, Carmen Leon Guerrero, Barbara Bobrowski, George Gooding, Geraldine M. Gonfiotti, Concha O’Dell, Hank Cooper, Bonnie Clark, Esther Keating, Shirley Kielty, Martha Olivas-Paz and Tom Peterson.

Mass Schedule Feb 9th to Feb 17th

02/09 Sat 5:00pm †Linda Capuano
 02/10 Sun 7:30am †Agapito Jorge Dos Santos
 02/10 Sun 10:15am Mass for the People
 02/11 Mon 9:00am †Richard Marson
 02/12 Tues 9:00am †Mary Kyncy
 02/13 Wed 9:00am †Leocadia Serban
 02/14 Thur 9:00am †Kathleen Ann Krempely
 02/15 Fri 9:00am Liturgy of the Word
 02/16 Sat 5:00pm †Susan Makela
 02/17 Sun 7:30am Mass for the People
 02/17 Sun 10:15am †Martha Olivas-Paz

LAST WEEK’S PLATE COLLECTION: \$7,978.00

LAST WEEKS BUILDING MAINTENANCE: \$3,092.00

February 16th –February 17th- The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

| | Readers | Eucharistic Ministers | Greeters | Servers |
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| Sat, February 16th, 5 pm | #1– K. Schmoll #2– J. Albers | Kathy Piasta, Kathy Snodgrass, Joe Piasta, Mary Ellen Friesen, Dino Boito | As Available | As Available |
| Sun February 17th, 7:30 am | #1– L. Kubo #2– P. Edson | Kathy Doyle, Jane Hoffman, Elizabeth McDonnell | As Available | As Available |
| Sun, February 17th, 10:15 am | #1– S. Duffy #2– L. Orr | Laurie Berlo, Donna Kaiser , Michael Wagner, Kathy Stevens, Loyde Johnson, Sherry Johnson, Tim Sullivan, Shirley Sullivan, Babette O’Shell | As Available | As Available |
| Children’s Liturgy of the Word –Babette O’Shell | | | | |
| Homebound Week of February 20th- M. Hoeft, H. Salemi, P. Breuer | | | | |

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

Faith Formation Grades K-12 February 9th & February 10th

Faith Formation Grades 1-6



This week's readings help us reflect on what a call from God involved for Isaiah, Paul and Peter. As a family talk about how everyone has a vocation and by Baptism each one is called to witness others to God's love. Take some time and explore how you can help one another develop and use your gifts and talents to make a difference in the world. <http://www.pflaumweeklies.com>

Pray Together

As a family pray each day this week; "Lord, help us to be all you created us to be. What would you like us to do for you today?"

Pray too for all those religious (priests, deacons, bishops, pope, nuns, brothers) and lay people who have followed the call of Christ.



Discipleship

Confirmation

2nd year Confirmation Preparation

This Monday, February 11th at 6:30pm we will continue in our preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation "Formation for Discipleship." This week we will explore the "The Sacraments of Initiation; Journey for Darkness to Light"

1st year Confirmation Prep (7th- 8th grade) will gather on Monday, February 11th 6:30-8PM in the Parish House for "Beatitudes"



YOU are invited to join us this Wednesday (2/13) for



Bring a friend, or show up by yourself, we would love to have you join this growing ministry of **Wednesday Night Gig (grades 8-12)**, 7-8:30PM in the Holy Family Room.

Bring a snack to share with the group!

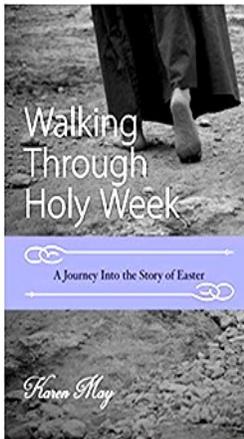
Adult Faith Formation

If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church or would like an adult update on what you last learned in JR. High School or High School, come join us.

Wednesday Nights
7:00- 8:30PM

Rosary Room

Led by Thom O'Neill



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, March 2nd 10am to 4:30PM

A one-day retreat with author Karen May
"WALKING THROUGH HOLY WEEK"

Registration and flyers will follow in next week's bulletin!

Registration fee for all parishioners is covered by the parish

Non-parishioners registration fee \$20



Holy Spirit Men's Club

Father Daughter Dinner

All men of the Parish are invited. All ages!

Tuesday, February 12th

Doors open at **6:00pm**

Dinner at **6:30pm**

Make your own tacos bar!

Ice Cream Sundaes too!

\$15 at the door— daughters are **FREE!**



Holy Spirit Women's Club Meeting

Wednesday Feb. 13th 2019 at

6:30 pm.



Soup and Socks



We provide the soup- bring any kind of new socks to be distributed among shelters in Santa Rosa.

Tickets will be sold after Mass.

\$20 each includes dinner, beverage and 6 raffle tickets!