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UpFront
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Matthew 5:38-48

“So, be perfect, just as your Heavenly Father is perfect.”

This verse trips up a lot of people who say, “Perfect? No one is perfect except God. I don’t have a chance, so forget about it. I’m not even going to try.”

True, no one on this earth is perfect. But let’s see if we can get a different perspective on this verse. It’s not really about perfection as we define it.

We think of being perfect as pure excellence, as having no defects. You’ve heard the old saying, “Anything worth doing is worth doing right.” Perfectionists don’t quit doing and redoing a project until it’s flawless. They set unrealistic goals and see failure as unacceptable and a sign of personal worthlessness.

Perfectionism is an issue for me, a nagging source of anxiety. But my life-changing internet find was Flylady.net. Marla Cilley is the Flylady, and, at first look, her site could be passed off as a how-to for housecleaning. It’s not. It’s about perfectionism.

Marla says, “Perfectionism is like a monster with hundreds of tentacles and it reaches into every part of our lives and holds on until we can find it and rip it out. The perfectionism monster makes us obsess and do too much as well as procrastinate and do nothing.” Yes! Perfectionism is a time-

stealing paralysis. That hyper-focus is self-defeating. If we can’t reach perfection, we get discouraged. Big problem. If we notice that our quest for perfection is working, we get proud. Even bigger problem. Marla says, “There is no such thing as perfect. We can never reach it, so why are we killing ourselves and our family in search of it?” Good enough is good enough.

What is Jesus talking about when he says “perfect”? Why can’t we be “good enough”?

The word perfect is used only twice in all of the Gospels. In this verse from the Sermon on the Mount, “Matthew uses the Greek word teleios, an adjective which defines something as being complete, something which is ‘whole,’ ‘fully grown,’ ‘final.’ Teleios may itself be a translation of the Semitic word tamim, which also conveys something which has become ‘whole’ and ‘complete,’” explains J. Steven Covington from Catholic Answers.

When Jesus asks us to be perfect as his Father is perfect, he is saying be complete. What God does completely is love. That’s all he does. We are asked to love as completely and as fully as God does. Our words and our deeds should show God’s love to others—our neighbors and our enemies. Wait...what? Did he say enemies? We need to love people who mistreat and use us?

In RCIA last night, someone shared that whenever she is confronted by a person she doesn’t like, she makes an extra effort to be as kind and nice as

possible to that person. That kind of shook me up. My approach is to stay as far away as possible from a person I don’t like. It pains me to look at them, let alone be kind. Ugh. It made me think that my RICA friend is a lot farther along in becoming spiritually mature than I. And better in the humility department, too.

Can we be perfect, spiritually complete? Jesus wouldn’t have asked us to be, if it weren’t possible. I mean, we need only look some of the greatest saints in history who confessed they struggled with ongoing sin until their dying day. And look where they ended up.

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Pastoral Notes & Ramblings

A Special St. Patrick's Day Treat This Year

It's hard to believe that February is already more than half-over, and the Season of Lent (which is very late this year) is almost upon us. We also have less than a month to go until our parish celebrates its patronal feast on March 17. For years I admit that I was rather non-plussed at those who seemed to take the patronage of the venerable St. Patrick for a single day each year in order to engage in what really can only be described as drunkenness and debauchery. Those familiar with the strong penitential character of the Irish and their beloved patron can hopefully see not just a little irony, as the behavior exhibited on St. Patrick's Day is offensive to Catholics and would be an outright affront to the sensibilities of St. Patrick himself.

Nevertheless, having come to St. Patrick's here in Weston, I find myself now jumping on the St. Patrick's Day bandwagon—at least enough to enjoy a break from Lenten fasting. And I invite all of you to join me.

On St. Patrick's Day, Friday, March 17, we will have a celebration to properly commemorate the Patron of our Parish. We will begin with the

celebration of a Solemn Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed immediately by a celebratory dinner. As this feast is a proper solemnity within our parish, the obligation to abstain from meat and all other Lenten fasting is suspended, which will provide us all with a much-needed respite after more than two full weeks of what I hope will be vigorous Lenten penance for all of us!

I bring this to your attention now so that you will mark your calendars and plan on attending. This Parish Festival is a time for us all to come together to engage in fellowship, to celebrate our Catholicism in a meaningful way, and to mark the Feast of our Patron Saint who continues to bless us with his prayers and intercession. Members of various parish organizations are helping to coordinate to make this our best Parish Dinner yet, and I am hopeful and confident that our celebration will be one worth remembering.

So make plans now to be here with us on Friday, March 17, to worship God and to celebrate the life and patronage of Ireland's great patron, St. Patrick!

A Lenten Opportunity

Here's a great Lenten opportunity that we can all start preparing for. This year, St. Patrick's is teaming up with the Knights of Columbus. There's an old tradition of

gathering food to distribute to the needy on the Solemnity of St. Joseph (March 19) called **St. Joseph's Table**. In order to help us maximize our efforts in helping the less fortunate, the Knights have agreed to join up with our endeavor with their **40 Cans for Lent** program. The idea is that every person bring one can of food every day of Lent to be distributed through local food pantries. If every person who comes to Mass on the weekend were to do this, we would generate around 12,000 cans of food!

Doing for other is an important part of Lenten devotion because it takes the focus off of us and engages us in a sacrifice for another, just like Christ's sacrifice on the cross. If everyone of us engages these three practices in some way during Lent, we can be assured of a fruitful preparation for the joys of Easter. Start planning now!

COLLECTING OLD PALMS

Please bring your old palms to the church or church office by **February 22**. The palms will be burned to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.

RCIC Class

RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children) will meet on **Sunday, February 19 at 10:30** in the parish meeting room in the back of the parish office building. These classes are for children 7—18 who want to become Catholic. The sessions are led Sheila West.

Confirmation Class

Confirmation class will meet on **Sunday, February 19** at 10:30 in the cafeteria. This class is for baptized Catholics in the 6th grade or older who have not been confirmed. The Confirmation instructor is Judy Jerden.

NOTEWORTHY EVENTS

February -

19 & 26: DTS-6pm
19 Sun: 10:30, Confirmation Class, Cafeteria
10:30 RCIC Class, cafeteria
25 Sat: 7pm, "Pursuit-" Youth Retreat, cafeteria

March -

5, 12, 19 & 26: DTS-6pm
12 Sun: 10:30, Parents meeting, First Reconciliation
17 Fri: 6pm, Mass, followed by St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest
19 Sun: 10:30, GIFT, cafeteria

Parish Prayer List

Of your charity, please offer prayers for...

- ♦ **Those who are sick:** Jimmy Kerrigan (Mon General), Shirley Mason (SJM), , Sr. Theresa Metz (Wheeling Hospital), Nick Bakas, Anita Ballard, Geneva Glover, Jackie Robinson, James Carni, John Collins, Betty Reed, Virgil Gregory, Steve Colburn, Rose Determan, Robert Fealy, Carl Ford (Lynne Shaver's father), Rob Dodson, Larry Lowe, Shannon & George Kiro (Nick Kiro's sister and father), Shelly Kraus, Clara Ann Moran, Mary Ann Murray, Julieta Rilling, Burke Riley, Mike Riley, Jane Taylor, and Megan Westfall.
- ♦ **Those who have died:** Bill Marshall (Armando Almase's grandfather), Christopher Tamblyn, May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
- ♦ **Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**
- ♦ **All Military Personnel:** Alan Hamilton



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

We are collecting **NEW socks for the homeless**. Socks for men, women, and children can be taken to the parish office or left in the sock box in the church. Socks will be distributed to shelters who work with homeless people.

The next regular monthly meeting will be **Monday, February 20 in the parish meeting room**. ALL Catholic women 18 and older are invited to join the Catholic Daughters. Find out more by going to catholicdaughters.org.

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Middle & High School Rally & Confirmation Gathering Sunday, March 19

St. Joseph Cathedral, Wheeling, WV

This is an opportunity for ALL middle and high school students and teens preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation to gather. Small parishes and large parishes will be represented. Participants will have fun, meet new friends, pray, learn, laugh and have the opportunity to grow in their faith. The day is high energy, just like the participants, with lots of music and movement.

Contact Mary Hendricks or Judy Jerden for more information.

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Kids' Corner
Catechesis

Why do we Pray?

Prayer is talking with God. When we have a good friend, we talk to that person about all sorts of things. That's part of being a friend. In the same way, we should talk to God about what is happening in our life. God wants us to share our life with him, to tell him about what makes us happy, sad, and afraid. He wants to know what we want and what we would like him to do, for ourself and for others. Also, when we pray, we open ourself up to God so that he can make good changes in us.

Key Verse

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7)

Related Verses

Luke 6:12; Acts 6:1-4; Ephe-

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2/10/2017: \$75 Jami Warner sold by Lucas Clem
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2/14/17: \$400 Marsha Garton sold by S. Mick
2/15/17: \$75 Tim Pickens sold by I. Pickens
2/16/17: Autumn Stout sold by Kami Franklin
Winners are updated daily on the schools website: www.stpatswv.org.



SoulCore class is held on the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. If you would like to increase your SoulCore exercise experience, classes are offered on the third and fourth Thursday of each month at Marist Hall located at Holy Rosary Church in Buckhannon. If school is cancelled or there is an early dismissal due to weather, the classes are also cancelled.

For additional information, contact Rachel at rachelfweber@yahoo.com or go to www.soulcore.com

The Dead Theologians Society



"Through the Saints of yesterday, the Dead Theologians Society inspires the youth of today to become the saints of tomorrow."

The Next Meeting will take place on
Sunday, February 19
at 6:00 p.m.

in the downstairs Parish Meeting Room

For updates and more information, text @dts-weston to 81010

Lost and Found

We have accumulated a number of medals, pieces of jewelry, glasses and other items found in or around the church. To claim your lost item, please call or stop by the parish office during office hours.

TAP info

For the 26th consecutive year, the Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) is striving to keep Catholic school education affordable for Catholic families who desire it for their children but who may need some financial assistance to make that dream a reality. Thanks to the ongoing and genuine commitment of Bishop Michael J. Bransfield to the Catholic schools in our Diocese, funds have, once again, been allocated for distribution to Catholic families in need of financial assistance. More info available in the vestibule.

Need Help? Get Help!

Alcoholics Anonymous
AA - Tues., Thurs., & Sat.,
8pm school basement.

Narcotics Anonymous
NA - Mon., 8pm school basement

Use the door on the side of the school building facing the rectory for AA and NA meetings.

This Week's Liturgical Calendar

Saturday—February 18
Saturday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time
5:00p Confessions
6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for People of the Parish
RDGS: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5; 10-11; Mk 9:2-13

Sunday — February 19
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:45a Confessions
9:30a Mass for †William Rowan by family
RDGS: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48
3:15 Confessions
4:00p Mass (Latin) for †Pauline D'Aurora by Family
Sexagesima Sunday

Monday — February 20
Monday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time
8:15a Mass for †Rev. Austin Grogan
RDGS: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday — February 21
Saint Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
8:15a Mass for †Margaret and Bridget Shea by John and Jackie McLaughlin
RDGS: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday — February 22
THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE
8:15a Mass for †Sarah T. Rowgh by family
RDGS: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mk 16:13-19

Thursday — February 23
Saint Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr
8:15a Mass for †Charles Garton by Deborah K. Garton
RDGS: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50

Friday — February 24
Friday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time
8:15a Mass for †James W. Hines by Junior and Veronica Brumley
RDGS: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34-34; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday—February 25
Saturday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time
5:00p Confessions
6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for †Most Rev. Thomas J. McDonnell, D.D.
RDGS: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; 10-11; Mk 10:13-16

Sunday — February 26
EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:45a Confessions
9:30a Mass for People of the Parish
RDGS: Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34
11:45 Confessions
12:00p Mass (Latin) for †Edwin and Mary Mullady
Quinquagesima Sunday

Weekly Attendance & Collection

Saturday: 88
Sunday: 198
Latin Mass: 25

General: \$3493
Loan: \$1305
School: \$320
Latin Mass: \$366

(Tax statements for those giving more than \$200 in 2017 were mailed on January 31, if you did not receive one, please call the parish office at 304 269-3048.)

Upcoming Collections and Appeals
March 1 (Ash Wednesday): Church in Central and Eastern Europe
March 4 & 5: Catholic Missions among Black and Native Americans

Ministry Schedule for
February 25 and 26, 2017

Saturday, Feb. 25, 2017
Greeters: Amanda and Samantha Blake
Servers: Ian Droppleman, Makenna West
Reader: Tyler Mehr
Offertory: Ed and Anita Droppleman
EMHC: Micki Snyder
Cantor: Rudy Pascasio

Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017
Greeters: Marissa and Payton Aman
Servers: Michael Riley, Jordyn Aman
Reader: Michele Turner
Offertory: Mary Edwards and Mikey Linger
EMHC: Rose Neal
Cantor: Joe Derico

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40 Cans for Lent Food Drive

This Lent, the Knights of Columbus Council 1415 will be conducting a canned food drive. The intent of this Knight of Columbus tradition is to fulfill the Councils obligation to charity by helping the needy during the Easter season. This year, the food drive will be open to the entire parish and will be coordinated with Saint Joseph's Table on the corresponding feast day of March 19. There is a history behind Saint Joseph's table that states in earlier centuries, there was a famine in Italy and the people prayed for the intercession of Saint Joseph to end the drought. After the prayers brought relief to the region, the practice of preparing a feast for the poor was started in memory of the patron saint of workers and protector of families. The goal is for each of us to donate one can of food for each day of Lent to achieve a total of forty cans. We will amass the donations at the altar of Saint Joseph right here in church and all donations will then be distributed to a food bank at the conclusion of Lent. The donated cans can be any size or type of food, but please keep in mind that your contribution does need to be in a nonperishable canned item. Please prayerfully consider participating in this parish endeavor.

Alumni Pictures Needed

St. Patrick School is collecting Alumni pictures for our Alumni Wall. Please bring any photos to the school or church office. We will copy and return your pictures. Please turn in photos by March 1.

I'M IN! CAMPAIGN UPDATE

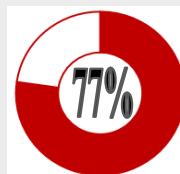
Goal: \$345,000.00

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If you prefer not to make a pledge, please give through the diocese to the Catholic Sharing Appeal. Since we have reached the 50% mark of that goal, all donations given will be returned 100% to our parish throughout the coming months.

"For it is in giving that we receive."

— Francis of Assisi



How does your family pursue Christ?

Join us for a
Family Night
for middle and high school families!

INSERT YOUR FAMILY HERE!

Join our Diocesan Missionaries from Bishop Hodges Pastoral Center for a family-oriented evening of prayer, song, and inspiration. Open to all middle school and high school students and their families.

Saturday, February 25

Beginning with Mass at 6:00 and then moving into the School Cafeteria. All are welcome!

Liturgical Musings

Pre-Lent?

By Fr. J. DeViese

As I mentioned last week in a very brief note, our liturgical tradition includes many arcane yet useful tools for aiding in the spiritual life. While many of them were done away with as part of the liturgical reform of 1969, they still exist in our tradition thanks in part to their preservation in the Traditional Latin Mass, and they can still serve as helpful guides to us.

The one which I mentioned specifically last week concerns the Season of Septuagesima, the pre-Lenten penitential season that helps us prepare for Lent. On the surface it seems odd to do penance in order to prepare to do penance—it's rather like when George Carlin quipped about the concept of pre-boarding an aircraft: "You get on before you get on?!" Yet, this season can be incredibly useful, as it challenges us to begin to get into the mindset necessary for penance that will be both achievable and fruitful.

All too often I hear people complain about how they had such high hopes for their Lenten practices, only to have them fall by the wayside after a couple of weeks. This is in part because we can be too ambitious, and also because we are not used to doing penance outside of Lent (which is a shame!). Having a pre-Lenten season is like warming up before running a race—we start to stretch our spiritual muscles, and we prepare our hearts so that the starkness of Ash Wednesday isn't so severe that we peter-out after a couple of weeks, get discouraged, and give up. I am always saddened when this happens, because there is no surer way to fight against the influ-

ence of the devil in our lives than by doing penance.

Another useful thing that Septuagesima does for us is it helps us to count. You see, nowadays everyone is on this absurd and horribly wrong bandwagon of saying that "Sundays are not a part of Lent." This, despite the fact that they are called "Sundays OF Lent," that the Alleluia and Gloria are not sung, and that they continue to have the character of Lent. This ridiculous notion comes as a result of trying to achieve 40 days of Lent without the Season of Septuagesima. You see, prior to the reform of the calendar, what you would find is that Ash Wednesday is not a part of the 40 days which begin with the 1st Sunday of Lent (ALL liturgical seasons begin on Sundays, incidentally). Rather it was the Wednesday of the week of Quinquagesima, part of the Septuagesima season. When we begin to count the days from the 1st Sunday of Lent up through the morning of Holy Thursday, guess what happens? There are 40 days!

Sundays *are* a part of Lent because all Sundays, while being the Day of Resurrection, take on the character of the Season in which they occur. In past centuries Sundays were days of *lessened* fasting and penance because people did REAL penance—not just giving up TV, but true fasting and harsh practices that would make the modern Catholic blush! I typically tell people that if you cannot give up something for 40 days straight, you should check into a rehab facility!

So, without Septuagesima and with including Ash Wednesday and the following days into Lent, where does that leave us? Next week we'll look at how we should be viewing the 40 Days and what it means for us as we prepare to enter into the Great Fast of Lent in just over a week.

Pope Francis "Tweets" @ Pontifex

"Let us never forget to pray for each another. Prayer is our greatest strength."



Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form:

Sexagesima Sunday

"The sower went out to sow his seed . . .

Now . . . the seed is the word of God" (Gospel).

Every springtime



God, as it were, rewrites the Book of Genesis and Creation. Appropriate to the coming spring, Jesus is now pictured as the Divine "Sower." He sows "seed" in the soil of our souls, covered with "rocks" of hardening pride, "thorns" of softening "pleasures!"

The Epistle is a vivid picture, moving in quick action over Europe and Asia, but above all moving our souls to action as it describes the sacrifices of Paul, the "sower," sowing the "word of God," despite passions from within, persecutions from without.

— Excerpted from My Sunday Missal, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

Liturgical Calendar for the Traditional Latin Mass During the Week

02/20	Feria
02/21	Feria
02/22	Chair of St. Peter
02/23	St. Peter Damien, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor
02/24	St. Matthias, Apostle
02/25	Saturday of Our Lady