

The Pastor's Page

Virtuous Leadership

Last winter Jim Jacobs of our parish brought Alexandre Havard, the author of *Virtuous Leadership*, to our parish. He is a remarkable man so the wisdom and depth of his book is no surprise. He is a powerful Catholic man from Russia, speak numerous languages, a member of Opus Dei, and deeply committed to the rebuilding of the world through living faith. The challenge is that living faith is not passive and secret. Faith is expressed in virtues, connected to a sense of mission, and lived out in action!

“Leadership is only superficially about what we imagine. Hearing the word, we think of heads of state or government moving nations to action, captains of industry bringing products to market that change our lives, generals leading armies into battle. We suppose it to be an amalgam of ambition, charisma, cunning, know-how, access to money, and a gift for being in the right place at the right time.

These are talents and qualities and resources leaders can use to advantage, but none of them constitutes the essence of leadership.

Leadership is about character.

No, leadership *is* character.

...Leadership is not reserved to an elite. It is the vocation not of the few but the many.

Heads of state and schoolteachers, captains of industry and housewives, military chiefs and health care workers – all exercise leadership. People expect them to do the right thing, to be men and women of character and virtue, to be motivated by a magnanimous vision for all those in their charge. And great is the disappointment when they fail.”

Alexander Havard draws examples from virtuous leaders unafraid to buck the tide, to speak the truth, welcome or unwelcome. Jerome Lejeune, a French geneticist who, in 1958, identified the genetic defect that causes Down's Syndrome, became a leader of the pro-life movement. He recognized legal abortion as “not just morally objectionable; it constituted an assault against and an expression of contempt for science. Speaking fearlessly and tirelessly he said, “If a law is so wrong-headed as to declare that ‘the embryonic human being is not a human being,’ so that Her Majesty the Queen of England was just a chimpanzee during the first 14 days of her life, it is not a law at all. It is a manipulation of opinion, and has nothing to do with truth... [I]t's a ‘politically correct’ point of view in some countries, but it's an obscurantist point of view, and science abhors obscurantism.” While Lejeune's cause seemed doomed from the start “his realism was inspired by a formidable hope.”

Havard goes on. “*For the leader, a vision give rise to a mission, which is then translated into action.* Many people have dreams and visions, but leaders have the unique ability to concretize them as missions. To do this we need first of all to have a *sense of mission*, to be open to the very concept...

... A mission/vocation is not something we invent or imagine. It is a specific calling to do a certain thing in a certain way. It is what God expects of us. We need to discover what it is and correspond to it. Our mission/vocation will define our specific way of being, thinking, and acting all our days...

Small-minded men pass though life as through a tunnel, and with their “tunnel vision” see only themselves. “Men are born without teeth, without hair, and without ideals, and the majority of them die without teeth, without hair, and without ideals,” said Alexandre Dumas. But great men are open to the possibilities beyond the limitations of self, and are restless until the have said “yes” to their vocation.

A leader's sense of mission/vocation mirrors his conception of marriage and family life. Small-minded men see family life as a *means* to essentially selfish ends – to eat well and get his laundry done, or to stave off loneliness, or gain social respectability, or the like. Great men, by contrast, understand family life to be a vocation to sacrifice all for the sake of others.

A family is a unit of love and communion destined to grow. If it is not that, it is at risk. A family is not a collection of sovereign individuals who share the same refrigerator, as some sociologists would have us believe. Nor is the home a pit stop between trips to the office.”

There is much more to this fine book as he develops each of the virtues necessary to leadership. I hope you consider this fine book which is available through Scepter Press at Scepterpublishers.org.

Fr. Thomas Dufner

Students of all Grades and all Ages

Come and join Bishop Piché at Holy Family as he helps us open the new school year at the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, September 8th. Bishop Piché will celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as we pray together with one mind and one body for a safe and successful school year. During Mass, everyone will be invited to consecrate (or re-consecrate) themselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary offering all that they do, and all that the year will bring, to Jesus through Mary. You can prepare for the consecration by praying the Children's Novena below, or another of your choice, daily beginning August 31. We will pray the final day together during Mass. Begin your new school year right by offering all that you do and that the year will bring to Jesus through Mary.

Optional Children's Consecration Prayer

"In the Name of the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen"

"Our Father . . ."

"Hail Mary . . ."

"Glory Be . . ."

Pray an "Act of Contrition"

Then . . .

"Holy Mary, I want to belong to you. I give you my whole self and all the good things I do at home, at school, at church, and when away. My mother, I am all yours and all I do belongs to you to give to Jesus for the glory of God! Amen."



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✠ Weekly Calendar of Events ✠

Sunday, August 23 ~ Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pancake Breakfast

8:00 am Confessions

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

Monday, August 24

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Exercise Class

8:30 am Branch III

3:00 pm WOW Holy Hour (Adoration Chapel)

7:00 pm Grandparents Prayer Group (C/MH)

Tuesday, August 25

8:00 am Mass

7:00 pm Gun Safety Class (Moorman Hall)

Wednesday, August 26

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Coffee & Rolls

11:45 am Exercise Class

Thursday, August 27

8:00 am Mass

Friday, August 28

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am Exercise Class (Gathering Place)

Saturday, August 29

6:30 am Holy Name Society (Gathering Place)

10:00 am Rosaries for Life (Robbinsdale)

3:30 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, August 30 ~ Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Food Drive Sunday

8:00 am Confessions

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass



Adoration Update

As the summer winds down, a word of thanks to all coordinators, committed adorers and subs. Your faithfulness and devotion are appreciated and a blessing to our parish. It seems a good time to highlight a couple of things.

Committed Adorers: Please remember to check first with your prayer partner - if applicable - when you are unable to make your hour to insure that your time is covered. (Our goal of course is to have at least 2 committed adorers in each hour, but this is not yet the case.) Secondly, it is most helpful if you call your hourly coordinator if you are the only adorer at your hour and need a sub. Each coordinator oversees a block of hours which prevents one or two people from receiving numerous calls. When you need a sub, be sure that you speak to one of the coordinators rather than leave a message. (Some of you arrange your own subs and that is great.) All the coordinators are listed at the top of the schedule which is posted outside the Adoration Chapel with the hours they are responsible for. If you misplaced your coordinator's number please jot their number down again. **If you are a sub,** remember to sign in and to let the adorer you are relieving know you are covering the next hour. In all these "reminders," please know that our goal is to serve, adore, and love our Lord in the best possible way. His presence is a gift to us and we should want Him to have many adorers. For more information call Jim Glover at 763.533.0423.



Funerals

Dolores Kruzel

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Mk 6:17-29

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Bartholomew

Tuesday: St. Louis of France; St. Joseph Calasanz

Thursday: St. Monica

Friday: St. Augustine

Saturday: The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist

HOSPITAL AND HOMEBOUND VISITATION:

Please notify the parish office when; ** a parishioner is hospitalized. **a homebound parishioner desires Holy Communion.

GRANDPARENTS LET US PRAY!

All grandparents are invited to join together on the 4th Monday of each month, this month it will be on August 24, to pray for our children and grandchildren. Let us storm heaven asking Our Lord to rescue the wayward, fortify the faithful and use us as instruments of His love in our relationships with our children and grandchildren.

Aunts and Uncles, please join us to pray for your nieces and nephews. We'll start at 7PM in the Church for one-half hour of prayer. Followed by fellowship downstairs in Moorman Hall

PLEASE HELP US TO HELP YOU!!!

In order to track your contributions and list them on your annual statement you must use your envelope OR put your envelope number in the memo section of your check. Thank you!

Holy Family Weekly Offering

Regular Envelopes	\$15,924.00
Plate	\$ 2,252.62
Care Fund	\$ 647.87

Thank You For Your Generosity!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Aug 24 Ron Hagen †
 Aug 25 Richard Kostick †
 Aug 26 Kathleen Fitzgerald †
 Aug 27 Dolores Kruzel †
 Aug 28 Bob & Lois Casserly †
 Aug 29 Robert Hughes †
 Aug 30 Rosella Gozola † (9AM)
 Aug 30 For the Parish (11AM)



Pilgrimage to the

SHRINE of OUR LADY of GUADALUPE

in La Crosse, Wisconsin **Tuesday, October 6, 2009**

The motorcoach will depart Holy Family Church parking lot at 7:00AM (This is not a guided tour.) Spend time on your own to attend the 11:00AM Mass in the Shrine Church, enjoy lunch at the Culina Mariana Restaurant, visit the outdoor Stations of the Cross, the Votive Candle Chapel, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Devotional Area, St. Joseph the Workman Devotional Area, the Memorial to the Unborn, and pray the Rosary while walking the Meditation Trail. The motorcoach will depart for home at 2:30PM.



Call the **Church Office** to reserve your place for this special day. **(Reservations are on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED basis.)** The cost is \$25.00 which includes tip. Please pay at the **Church Office - anytime BEFORE the trip.** Make checks payable to "Holy Family Church." Lunch is not included in the price. Thank you. Sharon

NOTE THIS . . .

ALL CHOIR MEMBERS: LET THE MUSIC BEGIN!

The first choir rehearsal is set for

Thursday, September 10th at 7:00PM in the choir loft.

I look forward to seeing **ALL** of you again as we begin another season of singing God's praises.

If you have been "thinking" of joining the choir,

NOW is the time!

Call Sharon at 952.929.0113 Ext. 13 for more information.

SEVEN STEPS TO FINANCIAL FREEDOM!

Are you having difficulties in your finances? Do you have too much debt? Is it hard to budget? You are invited to a Catholic Small-Group Study on **The Seven Steps to Becoming Financially Free.**

The six sessions will begin on Tuesday, September 8 and finish on Tuesday, November 17. We will meet in the Gather Room in Moorman Hall at 7:00PM. Books are \$40 purchased through Theresa Bakos in the Parish office.

For references on previous attendees, please feel free to contact Steve & Tammie O'Donnell at 952.831.3106 or Tim & Ruth Laxen at 952.898.5790 or John Paul & Teresa Rosenthal at 651.688.9656. If interested, please send a note to Bob and Sharon Spinharney at rspinharney@comcast.net or call 952.941.9138.



ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Ladies, we have just a couple of announcements:

☞ We are conducting an informal survey to learn whether there is enough interest in having a tea here at Holy Family. Please call Terry Berthiaume at 952.929.3155 with your input. Also indicate preferred times - April or May, or ladies "event" in January. Offers to help or plan would also be appreciated.

☞ Sacristy "sub" help would still be welcome. Call Gloria Cruze at 952.926.3198 if you wish to be a part of this great group of helpers!!

☞ Plan to attend our Fall Altar and Rosary meeting on Tuesday September 29 beginning with the Rosary in Church, followed by dinner and a short meeting in Moorman Hall. Watch for more details in the next several weeks.

☞ Mark your calendars for this year's "All in God's Plan," Father/Son Program which will be on Friday, November 20 and the Mother/Daughter Program which will be held on Sunday, November 22.

Carmel Prayer Group

Holy Family's Carmel Group will begin our new year on **Monday, September 14th, starting at 6:30PM** downstairs in Moorman Hall. **We meet the 2nd Monday of the month from September through May.** The evening consists of chanting Evening Prayer together in Church, Father Dufner leading us in our study time, quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament (mental prayer), chanting Night Prayer and then Social Time. Even if you have never come before, you are welcome to join us for an evening of prayer, study and friendship. This year our study book will be the spiritual classic: *Introduction to the Devout Life by Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church.* We recommend the paperback version published by Vintage Spiritual Classics with the preface by Cardinal Archbishop Edward Egan, ISBN 0-375-72562-8. The book is available @ www.amazon.com. The price on Amazon is \$10.20 plus shipping. We will also have copies of the book for sale at our first Camel meeting in September.

If you obtain a copy of the book in preparation for our September meeting, please read the preface by Cardinal Egan and the Chronology of the Life of Saint Francis de Sales.

Pro-Life Corner

"It wasn't many years ago that almost everyone accepted that infanticide is intrinsically and inherently wrong. Clearly, this is no longer true...with the growth of personhood theory that denies the intrinsic value of human life, and with the discriminatory "quality of life" ethic permeating the highest levels of medical and bioethical thinking, we are moving toward a medical system in which babies are put down like dogs and killing is redefined as a caring act."

Wesley J. Smith, J.D.

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