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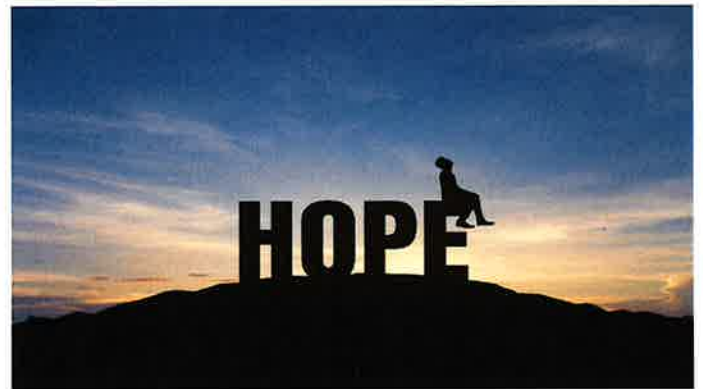
Sunday, February 4, 2024

***“My days...come
to an end
without hope.”***

Poor Job! He had lost his possessions, his family, and his health. But perhaps worst of all, he had lost his hope. Now there was nothing for him to do but suffer and wait for death to take him out of his misery. He was convinced that he would “not see happiness again” (Job 7:7).

We all need hope, but it’s not something we can manufacture on our own. Instead, we need something to pin our hopes *on*, and that was what Job was lacking. Like Job, if we don’t see something on the horizon that will improve our current situation, we will find it hard to keep going.

Perhaps that’s how the people in Jesus’ time felt as well. They had been living under harsh Roman occupation, and they didn’t know when God would come to rescue them. But then Jesus came on the scene. In today’s Gospel, he heals Peter’s mother-in-law and then spends the evening healing people and casting out demons (Mark 1:32-34). What hope this must have sparked, not only in the people he had cured, but in everyone who had



witnessed such divine power! Perhaps he really was the Messiah they had been waiting for!

The next morning, Jesus told the disciples that he was going to other villages in Galilee to preach and heal. “For this purpose have I come” (Mark 1:38).

For this purpose I have come. Jesus came to give us hope: to heal us of our sins and free us from the power of death. He came to give us life in him, a life that begins now but will last into eternity.

Perhaps you are tempted to feel hopeless about a difficult situation in your life. Or maybe you’re discouraged about what the future will hold. But remember what Jesus said: he came for a purpose, and that purpose is being fulfilled in your life and in the world even now. He is the horizon you can look to whenever you are tempted to give up hope. May we always keep our eyes on him!

~ The Word Among Us

Our Mission:

To live a Gospel way of life

***Simply *With Humility *Out of Love of God and Neighbor**

Readings for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ◆ 1st Reading— Job 7: 1-4, 6-7
- ◆ 2nd Reading— 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23
- ◆ Gospel Reading— Mark 1: 29-39

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Church Office Hours:.....
 Monday through Friday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM (Holidays change these days and hours.)

CONFESSION: Saturdays - 1 hour before 4:00 PM
 Vigil Mass, by appointment, or anytime during office hours.
 Call the office ahead to schedule a time.

In the spirit of giving, we thank you for your generosity! **Last week's collection was:**
Regular Offertory:
\$3,848.00
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Pope Francis gives 3 reasons to pray the rosary.
 † First, he said that the Rosary is a “compendium of the entire history of our salvation.”
 † Then, the Pope noted, the “Holy Rosary is a powerful weapon against evil.”
 † Finally, the Pope said, it is “an effective means of obtaining true peace in our hearts.”
 All are welcome to stay and pray the Rosary after morning Mass and after the 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Weekend Masses, the Rosary will be recited 30 minutes before Mass.



The Altar Flowers this weekend are in memory of Brian Emerson for his birthday on February 15. The flowers were donated by his loving mother, Janis Vezzoso.

Intentions available for the living (SP) or Deceased (+). Check with the office for date availability.



Monday, February 5	8:30 a.m.	Elvige Cassard Richards (SP)
Tuesday, February 6	8:30 a.m.	Mike & Sara Petrie (SP)
Wednesday, February 7	6:00 p.m.	George Beren (+)
Thursday, February 8	8:30 a.m.	Dr. Bill Bradford +
Friday, February 9	8:30 a.m.	Madonna Boos +
Saturday, February 10	4:00 p.m.	Laura Arnold +
Sunday, February 11	8:30 a.m.	Brian Emerson +
	11:00 a.m.	Angel Zimmerman +
	5:30 p.m.	Sick of the Parish



February 4	Pope Francis
February 5	Father Everardo Mora-Tores
February 6	Father Braxton Necaize
February 7	Fathers Cuddy O'Connell & Michael O'Connor
February 8	Fathers Bernard Papania & Daniel Patino
February 9	Fathers Dominic Vu Xuan Pham & Thang John Pham
February 10	Fathers Tomaz Powroznik & Ken Ramon-Landry



Abby Theriot, Al Jacobi, Alan & Lana Noonan, Alan Garcia +, Alice Richardson, Allan & Marilyn Murphey, Angie Phearson, Ann Vandeslice, Annette Haas, Ashley & Chip Dupiere, Ava Hirtuis, Betty Youngblood, Beverly Emerick, Bill & Mary Gillen, Bill Boyd, Bill Bradford +, Billy Mathern +, Bob & Donna Martin, Bradford family, Brandon Butera, Brenda Scianna, Brent Saujon, Brian Roe, Bruce Necaize, Carmencita Baker, Casey Holfus, Cathy Smith, Celino family, Charlee Ladner, Charlie Biesecker, Charlie Saale, Charlotte & John Johnson, Cindy Russell, Claudia Murphy, Cody Smith, Connolly family, Cooper Dupiere, Corbin Debautte +, Dan Longone, Dan Richards, Daniel Longone, Danny & Daren Reinhart, Darlene & Tom Lundin, David Otero, Deb Cranmer; Deb, Jim & Jimmy Bourgeois; Debbie Lee, Dennis & Bonnie Bates, Dian Walker, Diane Perkins, Dieckhaus family, Don Eskine, Donna & Ken Kennedy, Donna Kay Scianna, E. Favre, Eddie Favre, Edward Harrison, Elaine Favre, Eleanor Lott & family, Eleanor Otero, Ellen & Claire Palmer, Elyssa Favre, Eric Cranmer, Erica Palmer; Erin, Amanda & Preston Cloyd; Ester Otero, Faye Monti, Gail France, Gayle & Rex Probus, Gerald George, Gloria Duvieilh, Gurule family, Harriet Lynch Cloyd +, Harry & Yolanda Field, Helen Centanni, Henry & Bea Mestayer +, Hope Reos, Janeal & Patrick McKee, Janet Palmer, Jason Hebert, Jeanne Baxter, Jimmy Bourgeois, Jimmy Ferry, John Harrison; John, James, Joseph & Michael; Jolene Joachim & family, Jon Shinskie, Judy Gomila, June Chicazola +, Karen King, Kathleen Westbrook, Katie Maxwell, Kay Wingate, Kevin & Hazel Ramond, Kevin Nicosia & family, Kristen Istre Orndoff +, Laura F White, Laurie & Dave Stepro, Laurie Lusk, Layla Harrison, Liz Slee, Lou Samuels, Louie Otero, Louis Bourgeois, Louis Smolensky, Lupi Heinz & family, Lydia LeBlanc Thibodeaux, Mac Piazza, Marcia Rheinacker, Margie Schmitt, Margo Schmitt, Margo Frommeyer, Maria De la Saint, Marie Beaugez, Marilyn Grillo, Marilyn Smith, Mary Ann Ferry, Mary Ann Pagano, Mary Lou & Gene Ferry, Mayra & Liam Surbeck, Michael L, Michelle F Harrison, Mike Baninger, Mike Fitzgerald, Mike Maddox & family, Miller Piazza, My The Dang, Nikie & Ken Martin, Nona Mumme, Pam & Paul Brown, Pat Hille, Patty LaBranche, Patty Steele, Paul D Pitts, III family, Paul Lemon, Pauline Otero, Payton Piazza, Peggy Parker, Phillip Haas family, Ralph Nix, Richard Deidrich, Jr., Ricky Manieri, Jr., Rosetta Bonadona, Roxanne Colson; Russel, Donna, Rusty & Lanie Bodin, Rusell Bujol +, Rusty & Gwen Price, Rusty & Mary Waldrep, Ruth Anne Ragusa, Sam Celino, Sammy Burch, Sara S Ford, Shannon Kelley, Sharon & Gilbert Tosso; Shawn, Arden & Addie Quigley; Sheila & Jay Poolson, Shirley Chiretta +, Shirley Piazza, Susan Otero, Susan Cantrell, Tara Vest and Liz Lirette Viso & family, Tiger Meyers, Todd Saujon, Tyler Reos, Valerie Nabor, Verna Martinez +, Wayne Shinskie, William Hale, Wyatt, Zimmerman family, Zoey Reos.

PARISH MINISTRIES

ALTAR SOCIETY: Open to men and women; envelopes are available to pay \$5.00 membership.

BAPTISM: To schedule an appointment to setup a Baptism date, please call the Church Office at (228) 467-9275. Parents and godparents should also attend a Baptism class.

CENACLE OF DIVINE MERCY: Meets each Friday at 10:00 a.m., a group meeting to study the Diary of St. Faustina & incorporate with Scripture and the Catechism. Contact Suzan Cox at (601) 209-6811 or suzan713@gmail.com.

GRIEF MINISTRY: Meets to support, encourage and equip those grieving the death of a loved one. For more information, leave a message at the Parish Office or contact Sherry at (228) 332-0256.

HOME BOUND: Volunteers bring Communion to the Home Bound. Volunteers must be trained as extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist. Contact Paul Pitts, Jr. for more information (228) 216-0091.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS/LADIES AUXILIARY: Meet every 2nd Tuesday in the Parish Center—6:30 meeting. The Assembly meet on the 2nd Tuesday after the council meeting. **Ladies Auxiliary** meet every 2nd Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

MARRIAGE PREP: Please contact Leslie and Terry Asher (228) 467-9275 if you are engaged and wish to be married at St. Clare. Marriages must be scheduled 6 months in advance.

OVER 50'S GROUP: All parishioners over 50 are invited to join (no charge). Luncheons 2nd Wednesday & Bunco 3rd Tuesday. Call Janis for details (228) 324-8715.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ST CLARE CONFERENCE: (228) 342-4117/stclaresvp1@gmail.com. Utilities help and limited food pantry available. In-person interviews Tuesday and Wednesday 10 am-1 pm.

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED: We invite all parishioners to join St. Clare as we embark on this journey together. For more information, and to ensure you receive news and updates, please contact: Linda Walden, OFS at (228) 304-2305 or lwalden855@gmail.com.

PARISH NEWS



The Lenten Fish Fry Season is almost here!!! **Volunteer sign-up sheets will be available beginning this weekend on a table in the hallway.** The fish fry's

begin Friday, February 16 and continue through March 22. Catfish and shrimp plates available every Friday. Entrees and sides will vary from week to week. Dinners will be \$12.00 and shrimp stuffed potatoes will be \$7.00. Thank you for your support and help always!

**OVER
50⁺
GROUP**



- ♥ Luncheon Thursday, February 15 at 11:30 a.m. at Yun Long Buffet. *Note this is a change of day due to Ash Wednesday on February 14.*
- ♥ BUNCO—Tuesday, February 20 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Clare.

Our St. Clare Grief support series continues on Monday, February 5 at 4:00 PM in the St. Francis classroom. We will meet weekly for 9 sessions. Please share with anyone who needs or wants support on the often lonely journey of grief. Points of contact are Sherry Ponder 228-332-0256 or Suzan Cox at 601-209-6811.



ST. JOSEPH ALTAR - TUESDAY, MARCH 19



Preparation plans for St. Clare St. Joseph Altar are beginning. There are many opportunities to be part of making the altar beautiful. For example: helping bake cakes, decorating cakes, the initial setup of tables and table cloths, selling candles after Masses, cleanup after the closing of the altar, purchasing items like vegetables and fruit, even baking items at home and bringing them. If you are interested in volunteering in any way or need more information, please call or text Suzan Cox, 601-209-6811 or suzan713@gmail.com.



Letter of annual donations for tax purposes are available by request. All requests should be emailed to finance@stclare-catholic.com

Happy Birthday!!!!

**Roxanne Colson, Nona Mumme,
Perry Courteaux,
Maureen Farris, Bryce Morreale,
Daren Reinhart,
Earlene Thomas, Ronnie Ferrell,
Angel Orgeron, Dee Ingram**

We should wish for nothing else, And have on other desire:
 We should find no pleasure or delight in anything except
 Our Creator, Redeemer, and Savior: He alone is true God, Who is perfect good,
 All good, and every good. The true and supreme good, And in Him
 Is all pardon, all grace and all glory, For the penitent, the just
 And the blessed who rejoice in heaven. Amen
 St. Francis of Assisi

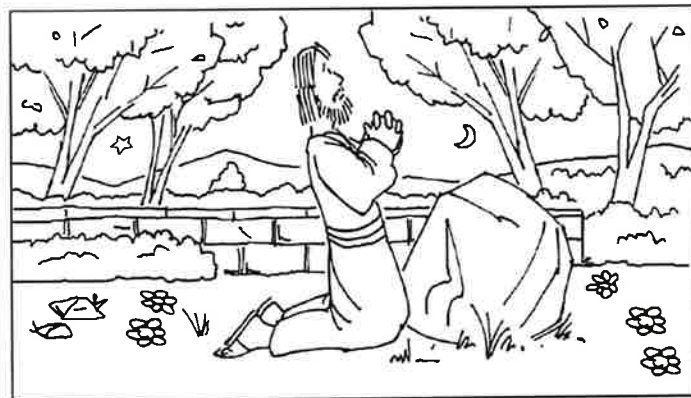
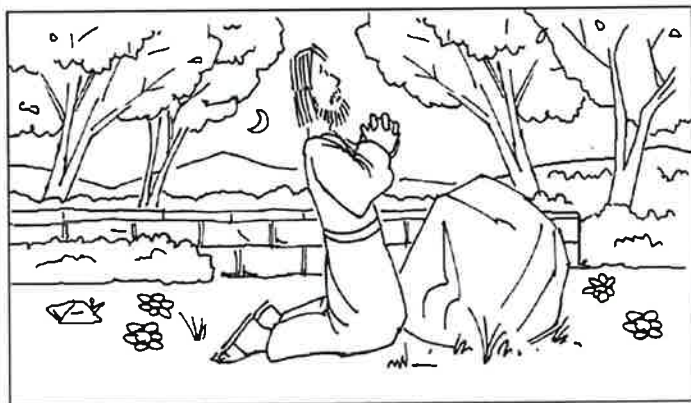


You are invited to attend the Celebration of the Eucharist and Rite of Profession Ceremony
 As Renee Faucheux will make her profession
 in the Secular Franciscan Order,
 as member of:
 Our Lady of the Pearl Fraternity

St. Clare Catholic Church
 Sunday February 11, 2024
 11:00 am Mass
 Lite refreshments to follow in the
 Parish Hall
 Please join us in this Celebration!

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus went off by Himself to pray.

Circle 6 differences in the 2nd picture.

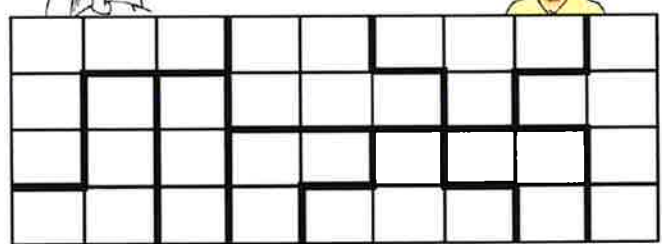


Children's Worship Bulletin™

Ages 7+ February 4, 2024 • Mark 1:29-39

Jesus Heals Many People

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Preparing for the Lenten Season 2024

Ash Wednesday is February 14, 2024. This is the day we are marked with the ashes from the blessed palms from previous Palm Sunday celebrations. We hear the words “Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return.”

Fasting Catholics 18-59 years of age who are in good health are obliged to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On all weekdays of Lent all are encouraged to participate in Mass and to observe a self-imposed fast.

Abstinence: All Catholics 14 years of age and older are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent.



St. Clare Church Lenten Events

Mass Times for Ash Wednesday

- ✝ Wednesday, February 14, 2024
- ✝ 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Weekly Exposition, Adoration, Vespers & Benediction

- ✝ Each Wednesday during Lent: Benediction, Adoration & Vespers will begin at 5:00 p.m. and be followed by the regular 6:00 p.m. Mass.

Stations of the Cross

- ✝ Stations of the Cross begin Friday, February 16 at 5:00 p.m.

Lenten Fish Dinners

- ✝ Fried catfish and shrimp every week!
- ✝ Entrees and sides will vary from week to week.
- ✝ Look for menus to be posted on FaceBook on Sundays.
- ✝ Plates are \$12.00 and shrimp stuffed potatoes cooked or frozen are \$7.00.
- ✝ The Altar Society will have drinks for sale.
- ✝ Volunteers are always welcome. Sign up sheets are available in the hallway. Service hours forms are available for those who need to report their time worked.
- ✝ Thank you for your support and help, always!

****Please check the bulletin weekly for changes that may occur.**** The bulletin is available at www.stclarecatholic.com, on FaceBook at St. Clare Catholic Church, or you may pick up a copy at Church.

The St. Clare Lenten Movie Nights return for the 2024 Lenten Season on Saturday, February 17th! Movies begin at 6:00 PM (following the 4:00 PM Vigil Mass). Snacks to include popcorn, hotdogs, candy, chips and cold drinks will be available (donations accepted) each movie night.



The movie nights are as follows:

Saturdays

- ⇒ **February 17** Mother Teresa
- ⇒ **February 24** The Reluctant Saint
- ⇒ **March 2** Joan of Arc
- ⇒ **March 9** To Be Announced
- ⇒ **March 16** To Be Announced

Mondays

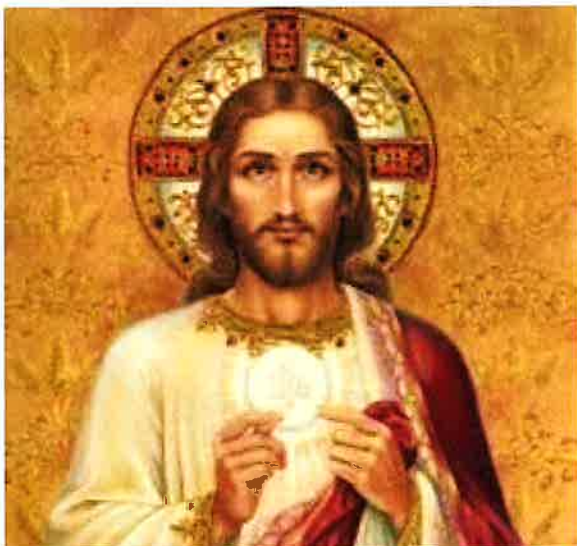
- ⇒ **February 19** The Shoes of the Fisherman
- ⇒ **February 26** Restless Heart
- ⇒ **March 4** To Be Announced
- ⇒ **March 11** To Be Announced
- ⇒ **March 18** To Be Announced (**)

****Note**** Movie night 3/18 may be cancelled due to the St. Joseph Altar display.

Lenten Penance Services

- † Our Lady of the Gulf — March 4, 2024 at 6:00 PM
- † St. Charles Borromeo — March 4, 2024 at 6:00 PM (Adults) and
- † St. Charles Borromeo — March 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. (Youth)
- † Our Mother of Mercy — March 5, 2024 (time to be announced)
- † Holy Family — March 6, 2024 at 6:30 PM
- † St. Matthew the Apostle — March 13, 2024 at 6:00 PM
- † St. Clare — March 18, 19, 21 & 22, 2024 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM
- † St. Ann (Lakeshore) — March 20, 2024 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM
- † Most Holy Trinity — March 25, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Note there may be changes/additions to this list, please check weekly bulletins for possible changes.



Jesus is virtue personified. He is...honest – patient – kind – humble – courageous – compassionate – hopeful – wise – generous – gentle – resilient – loving. And whenever we act virtuously, in some mysterious and amazing way, we usher God’s grace and goodness into the world.

The Eucharist is “a divine storehouse filled with every virtue; God has placed it in the world so that everyone may draw from it.” ~ Matthew Kelly

So draw from it. Spend time with Jesus in the Eucharist and draw from that storehouse abundantly and often.

Eucharistic Adoration in the Church every Wednesday 10:00 – 5:00 PM and in the Adoration Chapel 10:00 – 3:00 PM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

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Location: **Our Mother Mercy Catholic Church at**
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Please bring your friends and those who needs special prayers in this powerful “Healing Mass Service. Thank you.

The Wisdom of the Saints—365 Days of Inspiration

February 4—“Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak.”

~ St. Anthony of Padua

February 5—“Fly from bad companions as from the bite of a poisonous snake. If you keep good companions, I can assure you that you will one day rejoice with the blessed in Heaven; whereas if you keep with those who are bad, you will become bad yourself, and you will be in danger of losing your soul.”

~ St. John Bosco

February 6—“I need nothing in this world in order to be

happy. I only need to see Jesus in Heaven, Whom I now see and adore on the Altar with the eyes of faith.”

~ St. Dominic Savio

February 7—“Never begin or end your study but by prayer.”

~ St. Vincent Ferrer

February 8—“A word or a smile is often enough to put fresh life in a despondent soul.”

~ St. Therese of Lisieux

February 9—“Great occasions for serving God come seldom, but little ones surround us daily.”

~ St. Francis de Sales

Saint

Of the Week

St. Jerome Emiliani

Patron of abandoned children and orphans

Feast Day: February 8

Jerome Emiliani lay chained in the dark dirty dungeon. Only a short time before he had been a military commander for Venice in charge of a fortress. He didn't care much about God because he didn't need him -- he had his own strength and the strength of his soldiers and weapons. When Venice's enemies, the League of Cambrai, captured the fortress, he was dragged off and imprisoned. There in the dungeon, Jerome decided to get rid of the chains that bound him. He let go of his worldly attachments and embraced God. When he finally was able to escape, he hung his metal chains in the nearby church of Treviso -- in gratitude not only for being freed from physical prison but from his spiritual dungeon as well.

After a short time as mayor of Treviso he returned his home in Venice where he studied for the priesthood. The war may have been over but it was followed by the famine and plague war's devastation often brought. Thousands suffered in his beloved city. Jerome devoted himself to service again -- this time, not to the military but the poor and suffering around him. He felt a special call to help the orphans who had no one to care for them. All the loved ones who would have protected them and comforted them had been taken by sickness or starvation. He would become their parent, their family.

Aid through education and giving all he had to others

Using his own money, he rented a house for the orphans, fed them, clothed them, and educated them. Part of his education was to give them the first known catechetical teaching by question and answer. But his constant devotion to the suffering put him in danger too and he fell ill from the plague himself. When he recovered, he had the ideal excuse to back away, but instead his illness seemed to take the last links of the chain from his soul. Once again he interpreted his suffering to be a sign of how little the ambitions of the world mattered.



He committed his whole life and all he owned to helping others. He founded orphanages in other cities, a hospital, and a shelter for prostitutes. This grew into a congregation of priests and brothers that was named after the place where they had a house: the Clerks Regular of Somascha. Although they spent time educating other young people, their primary work was always Jerome's first love -- helping orphans.

His final chains fell away when he again fell ill while taking care of the sick. He died in 1537 at the age of 56.

I urge you to persevere in your love for Christ and your faithful observance of the law of Christ. Our Goal is God, the source of all good...we are to place our trust in God and in no one else. In his kindness, our Lord wished to strengthen your faith...He also wished to listen to your prayer, and so he ordained that you experience poverty, distress, abandonment, weariness and scorn. God alone knows the reasons for all this...it is in this manner that God acts with his good servants, who put their hope in him and remain unshaken in times of distress. God raises us up and, in return for the things we have left behind for love for God, he repays us a hundredfold in this life and with eternal life hereafter. If then you remain constant in faith in the face of trial, the Lord will give you peace and rest in this world, and for ever in the next.

-St. Jerome Emiliani

“A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned.” *Pope Francis*
 (Message for the 29th World Day of the sick 2021.)



Thought for the week!!

Ships don't sink because of the water around them; ships sink because of the water that gets in them. Don't let what's happening around you get inside you and weigh you down.

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Dear Friends:

On **Saturday, February 10th**, at **9 am**, at the request of Margo Smith – Bill’s sister, St. Clare Catholic Church will have a Remembrance Mass for William W. “Bill” Bradford, retired EMS Doctor who died on January 24th from complications during heart artery stents.

Immediately after the Mass *until noon* there will be a “Reminiscing Reception” in the Parish Hall. You are invited to write a note of how Bill has touched your life to be shared with all and then given to his sister Margo Bradford Frommeyer Smith and her children. If you have any photos of Bill which have survived Hurricane Katrina (Hurricane Camille!) please let us make copies of them to share with others.

Refreshments will be served – if you would like to contribute something, we thank you.

Bill’s life was a GIVING LIFE in a family, professional neighboring, and spiritual way. Just some of the MAJOR events of his “giving life’ besides his marriage, his children, dog, and horses were:

Historical Society of Hancock County,
History of Waveland,
Keep Waveland Beautiful [KWB],
History and Growth of St. Clare Church,
Waveland Volunteer Fire Dept. member [including donations of rescue equipment to the department],
Reshelving books at the Waveland Library,
Ground Zero guide,
Waveland Methodist Church Wednesdays Soup Kitchen server and most recently, the low-impact Exercise classes at the Waveland Library on Thursdays.
You would often see Bill riding his bicycle to and from Mass at St. Clare or taking walks and ***always stopping to pick up the trash on the roadside.***

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Thank you and GOD BLESS
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