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FR. CK'S CORNER: HEAD ANOINTED WITH OIL



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By Fr. Christopher
Klusman

Welcome to the
Summer *Hand in Hand*
Newsletter!

One of my favorite pastimes is visiting places with animals, such as the zoo. There is nothing like seeing an actual animal through your eyes. The size, the colors, how it moves, its touch if you are allowed to pet them, and, of course, the smells! It really makes you realize how incredible God our Creator really is by seeing so many different kinds of animals.

Throughout Scripture, animals are everywhere. Noah's Ark, the donkey that Jesus rode on, and so many more. One of the most beloved and important animals that comes up so often in the Bible are sheep. While many books can be written about sheep in the Bible, I will limit myself to something that I found recently that was shocking, as well as disgusting (like some of the smells that we can experience at a zoo).

Let's look at a famous Psalm (often called "The Shepherd's Psalm"), Psalm 23 and some of its verses: "The Lord is my shepherd" (verse 1). With Christ the Lord as our Shepherd, we are His sheep. We feel safe under the watchful care of Our Shepherd, since we tell Him that "I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me" (verse 4). Then it goes on to verse 5, saying, "You anoint my head with oil." While thousands of pages



can be written about the meaning of the importance of anointing one's head with oil, in this article, I will focus only on one issue.

The sheep are blessed to have shepherds that takes care of all their needs. From a wonderful article written Jan. 21, 2020 by Nicky Ellis ("Why Do Shepherds Put Oil on Sheep?"), she says, "[The Shepherd] takes the sheep to green pastures and quiet waters. He guides the sheep along safe paths and leads them through darkness and danger, guiding and defending them with His rod and staff. He feeds, trims their hooves, and cares for the sheep even when life threatening conditions such as freezing cold and drought (enemies) are present." As the

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MISSION STATEMENT - DEAF APOSTOLATE

The Deaf Apostolate in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee exists to enable all Catholic Deaf and Hard of Hearing people to participate fully in the liturgical, educational, pastoral, spiritual, and human concerns ministries in the Church.

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Psalm says, shepherds have been putting oil on their heads since biblical times. Why? There are three main reasons:

First, the oil protects their horns and heads. From a posting I found, it says, "Sheep can get their head caught in briars and die trying to get untangled." Briars are plants with sharp thorns and spikes. I also learned that rams are male sheep! Female sheep are called ewes. Lambs are baby sheep. Rams, as we know, have horns. Ewes can also have horns, but they are much smaller and thinner than the longer and thicker horns of the rams. During the autumn season, the male sheep (rams) may fight with each other to get the favor of the ewe in order to mate with her. The rams would headbutt (crash) into each other with their horns, which can cause serious injury and, at times, death. For that reason, the shepherds would grease the ram's horns with oil with the hope that they will slip upon impact.

Secondly, this is the one that I said was shocking and disgusting. During the summertime, and often something we see when we visit the zoo, flies often bother and buzz around the animals, especially the sheep. Here is an excerpt from Nicky Ellis:

The worst are nose flies which buzz around the sheep's head trying to lay eggs in the sheep's nose. The hovering flies can cause sheep to panic and run wildly. This sort of activity can ruin their meat and milk, and may result in injury or death.

If the fly is successful, in a few days, larvae will hatch and burrow into the soft flesh of the sheep's nasal (nose) passages. This causes irritation, inflammation and infection.

The pain will cause the sheep to rub its head on the ground, thrash through underbrush and even bang its head on tree trunks attempting to get rid of the intruders.

In severe cases, a sheep may kill itself trying to get away from the pain. If the sheep manages to survive, the infection caused



by the larvae (worms) can cause it to go blind. Because of the seriousness of the problems caused by nose flies, shepherds must be extremely attentive.

In biblical times, they would watch for the first indication of nose flies and then apply a natural repellent made of olive oil and strongly scented, medicinal essential oils."

"[The Shepherd] anoints my head with oil." (Psalm 23:4) Isn't that amazing how the sheep's head, when anointed with oil, feels peace and protected? The oil protects the sheep from the evil (such as the nose flies) that tries to hurt and destroy the sheep.

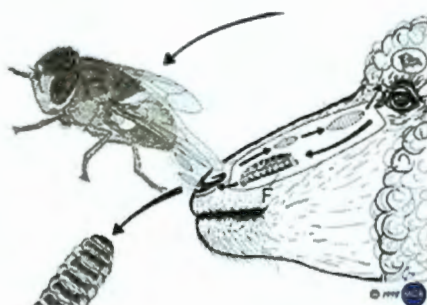
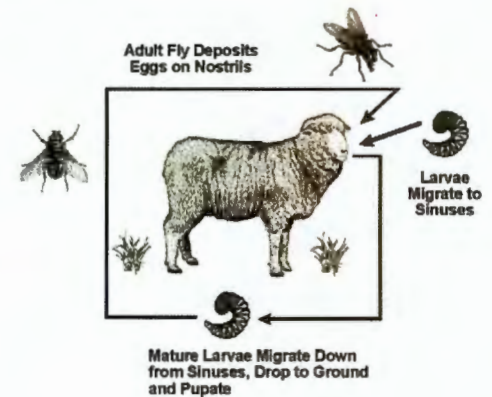
Thirdly, a problem that occurs in the summertime is a contagious disease called scab, which is caused by a mite. This could be spread from sheep to sheep by friendly headbutting and rubbing with each other. Nicky Ellis also says: "Applying a thick coat of medicinal oil to the sheep's heads was believed to kill the parasites (mites) and prevent their spread." Now in these modern times, there is other medications that can help prevent this serious infestation in the sheep.

When we think about the Sacraments where we received the oil, such as through our Baptism, Confirmation, and Anointing of the Sick, it has a profound effect on us, more than we could ever realize. So I will apply the three issues that the sheep experience that also apply to us.

First, about the sheep's horns which can get caught in the briars. Carol Eppehimer writes, "We live in a dangerous world too. And we get wounded – sometimes daily. One of the worst sayings from childhood is 'sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me.' Well, that's just not true; words CAN and DO hurt us. They cause wounds that can go much deeper than sticks and stones. Wounds that only the Good Shepherd can heal.

Each of us is wounded by all kinds of things. And Jesus is attentive to all our wounds – physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual. Daily, honest communication with Jesus is the best way to find healing.

If we want to live in the power of the anointing of the Holy



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Spirit, we must recognize the tender, daily provision our Good Shepherd offers us as His sheep. It reminds me that I need Him every hour of every day."

Secondly about the shocking and disgusting nose flies, a different kind of "nose flies" do bother us often on a daily basis. One Facebook posting said, "Do you have times of mental torment? Do the worrisome thoughts invade your mind over and over? Do you beat your head against a wall trying to stop them?" Carol Eppehimer again made a nice application to our lives: "I don't know about you, but I certainly have a lot of daily irritations buzzing around my head – rude actions, bothersome comments, pesky mishaps. Some of those get in my head and cause negative thoughts – angry, fearful, sinful thoughts. And if I allow them to burrow deeper into my mind, they become part of my life and can destroy me.

But I have a Good Shepherd, and He promises if I come to Him every day, He will anoint my head with oil. I can come back to Him many times a day – and I do! In prayer, I bring the Shepherd all the little irritations and bothersome thoughts that cause me discomfort before they can gain a foothold in my mind."

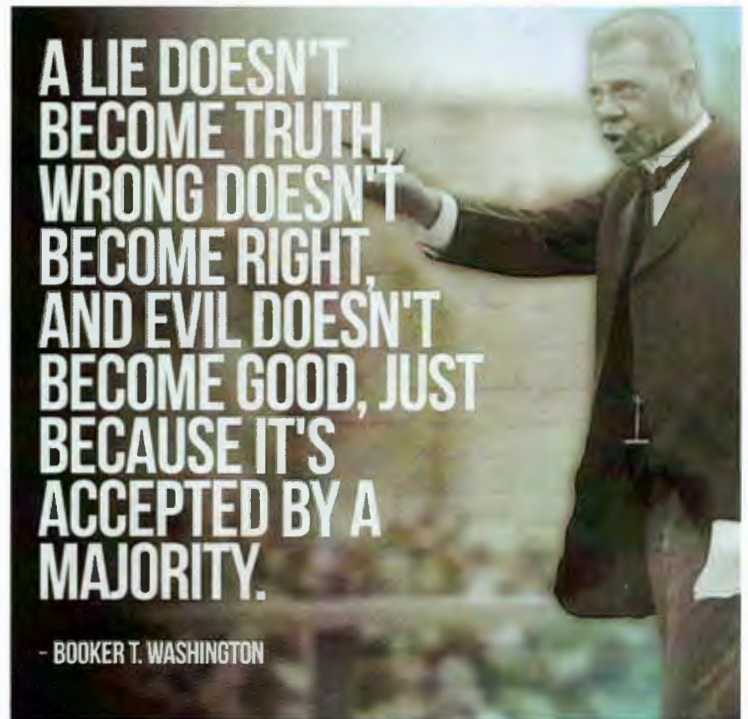
Thirdly, about a contagious disease that can be spread called "scab." While we are living through a pandemic, there is a worse kind of pandemic which is of a world that is crueler against God and the Catholic Church. We are truly sheep targeted and persecuted. Jesus said in John 14:27, "Peace is what I leave with you; it is my own peace that I give you. I do not give it as the world does. Do not be worried and upset; do not be afraid." We are anointed with oil through our Baptism, Confirmation, and the Anointing of the Sick (if needed).

When we go to Mass and receive the Most Precious Body and Blood of Our Lord, we are anointed in a way by being with the Good Shepherd. When we pray, we are "anointed" in a way like Carol Eppehimer said. Do you ever ask God to anoint your head with oil? One Facebook posting said, "He has an endless supply! His oil protects and makes it possible for you to fix your heart, mind, and eyes on Him today and always! There is peace in the valley! May our good Father anoint your head with oil today so that your cup overflows with blessings. God is good and He is faithful!" Be on guard to not be fooled and tricked by the deceptive ways and teachings of our world. Hold on to the Lord's teachings passed on to us through the Bible and Tradition (teachings of the Catholic Church). Then

our heads overflow with oil and we are kept safe from the dangers and "nose flies" of the world.

I hope you will enjoy this newsletter, which is filled with many different things that you can enjoy throughout the season. Have a blessed and safe summer!

The Immaculate Conception, patroness of our country, pray for us! St. Joseph, pray for us! St. John the Baptist, pray for us! St. John the Evangelist, patron of our archdiocese, pray for us! St. Francis de Sales, patron saint of the Deaf, pray for us! St. René Goupil, our Deaf saint, pray for us! Blessed Anna Rosa Gattorno, pray for us!





St. Andrew Parish

DEAF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MINISTRY

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

FROM THE DELAVAN CORNER: THE PANDEMIC – A HARBINGER OF SOMETHING NEW



**By Jennifer Paul, Coordinator
Deaf Religious Education & Deaf
Ministry
St. Andrew Parish, Delavan**

In the morning sow your seed, and at evening do not let your hand be idle:

For you do not know which of the two will be successful, or whether both alike will turn out well.”

- Ecclesiastes 11:6

This verse is especially relevant here. As our online Religious Education program came to its end for the summer season, and the possibility of resuming our in-person classes in the 2022-2023 becoming very real, it is very clear to us that we have to do new things.

We have families who wish to continue with the St. Andrew's Deaf Religious Education program but whose Deaf and hard of hearing children no longer attend Wisconsin School for the Deaf (WSD) for various reasons, with the pandemic often the catalyst of these reasons, unfortunately. We cannot in good conscience reject these children just because they no longer attended WSD – especially when there is nowhere else these children would receive their Religious Education with language access.

We cannot “let our hand be idle.” If the pandemic has taught us anything, it is that we need to keep sowing the seeds and let the Holy Spirit do its work. So, we are very pleased to

announce that we are now offering our Religious Education classes in both formats: in-person and online! The in-person format is for Deaf and hard of hearing dormitory students attending WSD and the online format for former and day students of WSD. Like the in-person format, the online format would be exclusively in American Sign Language led by two Deaf Catechists – myself and Megan Drefs.

For the past school year, we had been covering the different ways God shows Himself to us:

- Holy Bible
- Tradition
- Trinity
- Church (the Apostles)
- Liturgy (Mass)
- Sacraments



There are more ways God shows Himself to us and we will continue to learn about them next year, in-person and online! If you are curious about either or both formats, please do not hesitate to contact me or Fr. Christopher Klusman with the Deaf Apostolate Office at the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Also, as always, Fr. Oriol of St. Andrew and St. Patrick parishes in

Elkhorn would be happy to hear from you. He can be reached at oriol@archmil.org and by phone at (262) 723-5565, #114. He knows how to use the video relay services.

Please hold the Deaf Ministry in your prayers as we navigate through the upcoming year not only for our Deaf and hard of hearing children, but also for adult Deaf Catholics in the southeastern Wisconsin region and in all parts of the world!

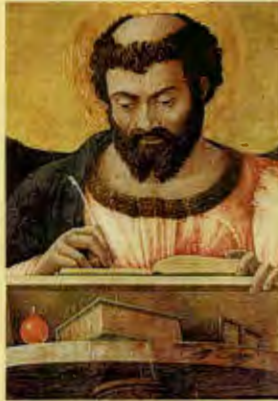
Doctor: "The best way to enjoy perfect health is to rise at five every morning and take a cold bath."

Patient: "What's the next best way?"



CATHOLIC QUIZ

1. What was the offering of the priest-king Melchizedek to Abraham?
 - (a) Spotless Lamb
 - (b) Bread and Wine
 - (c) Finest Wheat
 - (d) Two Turtle Doves
2. Who was the first apostle martyred according to Acts 12?
 - (a) James (b) John
 - (c) Bartholomew (d) Philip
3. In what year did Wisconsin become a diocese, with Milwaukee as the headquarters?
 - (a) 1833 (b) 1839 (c) 1843 (d) 1848
4. In what modern-day country is Ancient Babylon located?
 - (a) Nepal (b) Saudi Arabia (c) Iraq (d) Pakistan
5. Which is the longest Psalm?
 - (a) 23 (b) 110 (c) 119 (d) 125



(Answers on page 7.)



TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE



PUSH HARDER . . . ITS GOT TO CLOSE — Now where did all the clothes come from? St. John's students ask as they get ready for the summer vacation. Staff is busy packing footlockers, suitcases, suitcases, cardboard cartons, and shopping bags. Wonder if they miss the old school during the summer.



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DEAF APOSTOLATE INTERVIEWS KAREN HESSER



Karen Hesser

By Fr. Christopher Klusman

Tell me about your experience at our Deaf Apostolate Lenten Weekend Retreat last April 1-3rd? I truly enjoyed it! It was actually my first weekend retreat experience. I had to say that it was very inspiring! It was intriguing that we didn't watch TV, nor did we use things like the radio. Those things made me realize how

that helps us to focus more on God! I felt a great sense of peace. It was a beautiful spiritual feeling that came over me during the weekend.

I'm so grateful that you had the opportunity to attend, as well as it being a moving experience for you. What other things would you like to share about your time at the retreat? I felt fortunate that the theme was on the "The 9 Choirs of Angels," since I loovvee angels. At home, I actually have 30 statues of angels. At the retreat, I saw a beautiful statue of Archangel St. Michael, which I bought. I asked you (Fr. Christopher) to bless it, which you did! Thank you! I really hope to buy more for my collection. When I mentioned that I love angels, I have to say that I learned a lot at the retreat. I learned about the names for each "choir" or "group" of angels, such as the "Seraphim." I thought you were a wonderful teacher.

Thank you for your most kind words! I am really thankful that you came to the retreat, as I know the others felt the same way, too. Yes! I'm so blessed that Michael Hoffmann picked me up and brought me to the Schoenstatt Retreat Center. May God bless him as he is so accepting of being a good servant of God! I truly enjoyed meeting and socializing with the others. I have to say that they all are so friendly! The others made me feel so good and I have to say that I laughed so many times, too.

Do you have any closing words that you'd like to share? Since I love angels, my goal is to enter into Heaven. In



Heaven, I don't want to be lazy and sit around – I want to be busy like an angel! I will ask God to make me work like a busy angel. Perhaps, I will be able to be busy singing, "Holy, Holy, Holy..." with the angels in Heaven! (laughing) Oh, I want to go to the weekend retreat again next year! I'm already looking forward to it!

Thank you so much for your time in joining me for this interview. Again, I'm truly thankful that you were able to experience your first weekend retreat and that the theme happened to be on your favorite – the angels! May the angels continue to accompany us, guide us, and keep us safe!

THE WORLD ALWAYS DISAPPOINTS

The glory of this world is a transitory glory. Where are those rich and powerful and learned ones who made the earth ring with their name and fame, but whose lives held nothing that was truly great or good? Others have stepped into their places and they are forgotten. And their souls, where are they now? "I was once supreme — what use is that to me now?" asked the dying Severus. He who has no thoughts beyond this earth climbs the green slopes of the hill of life, only to perish at length on the bare, deserted summit. No single human soul has ever yet reached happiness by an insatiate and reckless pursuit of earthly good. Can I then look to attain that which has so far been denied to all others? — *Pesch, S.J.*

Irritated Employer:

"You were twenty minutes late again this morning. Don't you know what time we start work in this office?"



Tardy employee: "No, sir. They're always working when I get here."

In St. John's School for the Deaf's publications of the "Our Young People," there is a section that has their current news. I hope you will enjoy these various news clippings:



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Forty of the ordination class from St. Francis Seminary thought they stepped into a different world when they visited St. John's. Although they live within half a mile of St. John's they had no idea how deaf children were taught. To quote from their letter: "The things we observed made a profound impression on us, as is evident from the current conversations and 'bull sessions' during free-time. Needless to say, there were many, many eyes opened as to what the problems of the deaf involve and to the wonderful work being done right in our own backyard."

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June 1959

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A group of Future Teachers of America from Rufus King High School visited classes at St. John's. Their friendly interest may lead to one of them becoming a teacher of the deaf, for which there is such great demand.

June 1960

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As the school year draws to a close a day will be set aside for prayer — Thirteen Hours Devotion on May 30. Each class has its turn at keeping an hour or a half hour of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

✂

June 1960

REFLECTION QUESTION:

Try to start a conversation with your family and/or friends about this question.

Which mystery in the Rosary (The Annunciation, Agony in the Garden, or ...) means so much to you? Why?



The ROSARY may not be in the BIBLE but surely the BIBLE is in the ROSARY

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The JOYFUL MYSTERIES

- The Annunciation (Luke 1:26-38)
- The Visitation (Luke 1:40-56)
- The Nativity (Luke 2:6-20)
- The Presentation of Jesus (Luke 2:21-39)
- The Finding of Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41-51)

The LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

- The Baptism of Jesus (Mat. 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-11)
- The Wedding at Cana (John 2:1-11)
- The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God (Mat. 4:13-17, 23-25)
- The Transfiguration (Luke 9:25-35, Mat. 17:1-8)
- The Institution of the Eucharist (Luke 22:14-20, Mat. 26:26-28)

The SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

- The Agony in the Garden (Mat. 26:36-46)
- The Scouring at the pillar (Mat. 27:26)
- The Crowning with thorns (Mat. 27:29)
- The Carrying of the Cross (John 18:17)
- The Crucifixion (Luke 23:33-46)

The GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

- The Resurrection (Luke 24:1-12)
- The Ascension (Luke 24:50-51)
- The Descent of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-4)
- The Assumption of Mary into heaven (Rev. 12:1-17)
- The Coronation of Mary as Queen of heaven and earth (Rev. 12:1)

Hotel clerk to prospective guest: "Sorry, we don't have room service."

Guest: "Oh, that's all right."

Clerk: "You'll have to make your own bed."

Guest: "That's all right."

Clerk: "Well, you'll find hammer, saw, lumber, and nails in back there."



Quiz Answers: 1b (in Gen 14:18-20); 2a; 3c; 4c; 5c



BLESSED ANNA ROSA GATTORNO, MODEL SAINT FOR THE SUMMER

By Fr. Christopher Klusman

Growing up, have you ever wished that there were saints who are Deaf and/or served the Deaf community? I often felt that way, as it was difficult to find a good number of saints. Along the way, it was great discovering more saints like St. Francis de Sales, St. Filippo Smaldone, and St. Lodovico Pavoni. More great news: we have another person who belongs to the "Communion of Saints" who served the Deaf community: Blessed Anna Rosa Gattorno! She was also the mother of a Deaf person!

Rosa Maria Benedetta (a name she was given at baptism) was born on October 14, 1831 in Genoa, Italy in a family of six children. Her mother and father were role models of the moral and Catholic life. In 1852, she got married at the age of 21 and had three children. They moved to Marseilles, France, but had to return to Genoa because of financial issues. During this time, her oldest child (named Carlotta) got ill and became Deaf. Afterwards, within the first 6 years of her marriage, she experienced many challenges in her life: the death of her husband in 1858 and the death of her youngest child to illness a few months later.

One of the most important lessons in life is to allow suffering instead of rejecting it. While she cared for her two children in the midst of suffering, her spiritual life grew. She experienced a deep conversion that led her to discover her vocation of offering her total self to the Lord. In union with God, she actively reached out to those who were poor or experiencing pain in various ways. She was always obedient to her confessor, Fr. Guiseppe

Firpo. She eventually made (in the upcoming years) vows of chastity, obedience, and poverty as a 3rd Order Franciscan. She also received the hidden stigmata which grew most intense on Fridays.

In the details of her life, it was found that her Deaf daughter, Carlotta, attended the Institute of the Deaf in Milan.

With the help of her priest, she was



received in a papal audience with Pope Pius IX at the beginning of 1866. He encouraged her to start her new religious order while being able to remain by caring for her children. In a great passage from catholicsaints.info, big things happened in her life:

With Fr. Giovanni Battista Tornatore, she co-founded the Institute of the Daughters of Saint Anne, Mother of Mary Immaculate in Piacenza, Italy on 8 December 1866 with a mandate to work with the poor and sick. She took the habit of the Institute on 26 July 1867, and on 8 April 1870 she and twelve sisters made their solemn profession, during which she took the name Anna Rosa. The Institute received official approval in 1879, and its rule was approved in 1892. She worked with Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini.



In Piacenza, Fr. Giuseppe Frassinetti collaborated with the Bishop G. Battista Scalabrini (who is now Blessed) in the assistance and education of the Deaf. Blessed Anna Rosa prepared and trained the first nuns specialized in teaching Deaf people.

Again, from catholicsaints.info which went on to say:

By Anna Rosa's death there were 368 houses in Italy, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Peru, and Eritrea, they had built hostels, schools and kindergartens, had 3,500 sisters, and worked in a ministry to the Deaf. Today they are associated with the Movement of Hope, the Contemplative Order of the Daughters of Saint Anne, and the Sons of Saint Anne.

She died at 9 a.m. on May 6, 1900 in Rome from influenza. She

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became Venerable on December 21, 1988 by Pope John Paul II and beatified on April 9, 2000 by Pope John Paul II. Her tomb is at St. Anne at the Lateran in Rome. You can see pictures of it, as well as a painting of her above her tomb.

What is incredible is her great dedication for the Souls in Purgatory. Here is an excerpt from an article:

Her piousness was not limited to those suffering in this life; it extended also to the souls of purgatory in need of help, being mindful that living members of the mystical body of Christ must sincerely participate in the suffering of everyone. Therefore besides copious suffering for the deceased of her institution, she desired to make offering for all the deceased; she was in fact heard many times exclaiming: "Oh if I could gather enough assurance that in our Church a Mass would be dedicated every single day for the souls of Purgatory, how I would be so happy!" She managed just that and she established the necessary funds for a Mass every day and every Sunday; furthermore she reserved charities for the general chapel that had a Mass every day for the souls suffering in purgatory.

Her feast day is May 6. Blessed Anna Rosa Gottorno, pray for us!



The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Although many pious souls have ever been accustomed to venerate the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with great devotion, yet our divine Saviour desired that the boundless love of His Heart might be known by all men. For this purpose He made use of a frail and little known instrument, that the whole world might perceive that the hitherto unheard-of devotion to His loving Heart was His own work. This instrument was a nun, by name Margaret Mary Alacoque, of the order of the Visitation at Paray. The divine Saviour often appeared to this pure spouse of His, and showed her His loving heart, as it were upon a throne, surrounded by flames transparent like crystal, shining far more brightly than the sun.

One day, when, according to her custom during the octave of Corpus Christi, she was deeply engaged in devotions before the Blessed Sacrament, the divine Saviour again appeared to her, showed her His Heart burning with love, and said, "Behold this Heart, which has loved men so much that it has spared nothing, that it has even exhausted and consumed itself in showing its love to them. Instead of gratitude, I receive from the greater part of them nothing but ingratitude, in their con-

tempt, disrespect, sacrilege, and indifference toward Me. I desire, therefore, of you to procure that the first Friday after the octave of Corpus Christi be observed as a particular feast for the veneration of My Heart, by solemn petitions for pardon, and by devout reception of the Holy Communion, with the intention of making amends for what My Heart has suffered, while I have been exposed upon the altar. I promise you that My Heart shall pour out abundantly the influence of its divine love on those who pay it such honor themselves, or cause such honor to be shown by others."

St. Margaret obeyed, but met everywhere the greatest opposition, until finally she succeeded by the help of her divine Spouse, He animating men to venerate the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Thence the devotion spread into the adjoining dioceses, where confraternities in honor of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus sprang up. Pope Clement XIII, after having instituted a most rigorous examination of the whole matter, commanded that the feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus should be solemnly celebrated throughout the whole Catholic Church every year, on the first Friday after the octave of Corpus Christi.

THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL BEGINS

Exciting news from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) about the Eucharistic Revival. This article was borrowed from them:

The National Eucharistic Revival is a three-year initiative sponsored by the Bishops of the United States to inspire and prepare the People of God to be formed, healed, converted, united, and sent out to a hurting and hungry world through a renewed encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist – the source and summit of our Catholic faith. The Revival will officially begin in June 2022, and its milestone event will be a National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, IN, from July 17-21, 2024. The National Eucharistic Revival and National Eucharistic Congress are a direct response to the Holy Father's call for a "pastoral and missionary conversion which cannot leave things as they presently are" so that the Church in the United States might be "permanently in a state of mission" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, n. 25).

This eucharistic movement seeks to bring together clergy, religious, laity, apostolates, movements, and parish and diocesan leaders to spur momentum, collaboration, and lasting impact for the renewal of the Catholic Church in the United States over the next three years. Each year will have a strategic focus for formation and missionary discipleship.

Year One (2022-2023): Year of Diocesan Revival

During the first year, the U.S. bishops will be inviting their presbyterates, diocesan teams, and parish leaders to a renewed love for Jesus in the Eucharist by hosting and highlighting diocesan-wide events such as eucharistic congresses and days of formation centered on the mystery of the Eucharist in the life of the Church.

Year Two (2023-2024): Year of Parish Revival

During the Parish Year, pastors will invite their parishioners and staff to become even more truly and deeply eucharistic communities through small groups, increased exploration of the sacrifice of the Mass, eucharistic adoration, catechetical studies on the Real Presence of Christ, parish-sponsored processions, and other activities to enable deeper encounters with Our Lord in the Eucharist.

Year Three (2024-2025): Year of the National Eucharistic Congress and Missionary Sending

During the third year, the Church will gather for the first



National Eucharistic Congress in almost 50 years, where approximately 80,000 Catholics are anticipated to draw close to Jesus in the Eucharist by way of a pilgrimage to Indianapolis from July 17-21, 2024. The intended fruit of the Congress is to prepare the faithful from around the country to go out to the peripheries of their

communities as "eucharistic missionaries" filled with the flame of divine charity for those around them. Following the vote of the U.S. bishops at the November 2021 general assembly, a new corporation has been formed to plan and implement this milestone event.

See the many ways the Archdiocese of Milwaukee will be participating by visiting www.archmil.org/revival.



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival



**Women of Christ
Conference**
Saturday, November 5,
2022.

IT HAPPENED AT THE CLUB

Here is a powerful story borrowed from Our Young People: The Friend of the Deaf, June 1958 issue.

I don't want to pose as a defender of the Faith or as a model Catholic bachelor. A bachelor by choice, I am a Catholic by birth and, lately, by conviction. Fighting is not in my line. My mother, God rest her dear soul, always told me that it was not nice to fight, and I have never faltered in my belief that she was right. But I will make a stand any day for Christendom and Bachelordom provided somebody or something spurs me into the fray. Somebody did give me the spurs the other night at a meeting of the men's club of our neighborhood. The drift of the conversation had glanced off politics to veer into the field of religion. It all began with an uncalled-for slur on bachelors and their religion.

"Bachelors and religion! Not much community of spirit between the two! Bachelors may be great ones for hobbies but not for religion. Forgive me for saying it, Mike, but as a class you fellows are self-centered, too much so, to let yourselves be carried away on a generous current of religion. What, for instance, have you contributed to other people's happiness? Making people happy, that's religion at work."

We were all friends, and could both disagree and hit hard without losing our heads; so I took up the cudgels.

"Contributing to other people's happiness, Joe, is only a part of religion, not the whole of religion. But putting this aside, I am afraid that you have got us bachelors wrong. We might, of course, be better than we are; as for that matter, so could married men. Ours are rather lonely lives. With no fair daughter of Eve and children around us to broadcast our good deeds, we move pretty much in the obscurity recommended by the Lord for doing good. But let that also pass. You spoke of bachelors 'being great ones for hobbies but not for religion.' Do you know that my hobby for the past six months has been the study of religion?"

"I'll be hanged if it has. But that'll blow over, old chap, and you'll soon run true to form."

"Don't be too sure of that, Joe. I'm in for good this time. If you scratch only the top of religion, you can soon get over it. But I have gone under its skin, and believe it or not, the skin has practically closed over me. It's such an overwhelmingly big and beautiful thing, this Catholic religion of ours. I have lost my mind and heart and will to it. Our trouble as laymen, single or otherwise, is that we take our religion too much for granted and do not even attempt



to look into the inside of it, or to inquire why we are Catholics at all. As if the knowledge of our Faith were forbidden us!"

"Say, Mike," somebody threw in, "you'd better turn your collar around. You were to the altar born!"

"There you are! Just the thing I am banging on: the foolish notion that

the study of religion is reserved to the clergy. I can't get into my head that our Lord meant the lay portion of His flock to be just a lot of pious dumbbells. Traditional Catholic submissiveness to authoritative teaching is something to glory about, certainly. Only the real Church of Christ can call for so much humility and get

it. But if submissiveness is not rational, it can't last very long under heavy fire. Plain, traditional Catholicism, and by this I mean being Catholic through mere accident of birth, is not safe. It often takes very little to knock it down, as we are learning right now from the plight of the Church in certain countries. We'd be a lot better off if more of us knew what we are submitting to and why. There'd be less stumbling, if we that follow understood more of what we are being led to."

Evidently, I was driving home a truth that hurt; the tell-tale retorts told me so.

"Well, Mike," someone said from across the table, "would you drive the laity into a seminary?"

"No, not exactly, although a year or two in a seminary wouldn't be such a bad guarantee for a good Christian life. What I'd like to have is just a little more intelligent living of the Faith, a wholesome sort of inquisitiveness into the fundamentals of Christianity, and a reasoned adaptation of it to our state of life. You'd be surprised- it swept me off my feet - to find out how much of Catholic theology we laymen can absorb, how tightly bound to this theology is every bit of our insecure and insignificant lives, and how a world more interesting, and another world less foolish, it is to be a Catholic when you know what it's all about. The teachings of Christ are not reserved to a 'brain trust' and -"

"Well," cut in my friend Joe, "you go ahead and reform our system of Catholic education. Gosh! To hear you talk it looks as if our bishops had been lying down on the job ever since the hierarchy was established."

"Reforming is absolutely out of order. You just follow episcopal directions and you'll be what every Catholic should be - well

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informed on matters of the Faith. The bishops never supposed that a complete course of Catholic theology could be crammed into a grammar school course; neither did they ever tell us to stop studying our religion at fifteen or eighteen years of age. Now we must be straight about this. I don't know how the rest of the boys here stand; but you and I, Joe, have grown up together, and I am pretty well posted on the amount of religious schooling we have had. WE both left the Catholic school at fifteen. This means that we stopped studying religion at that age, that religiously our minds practically gave up growing at fifteen. With our fifteen-year-old religious equipment we have tried, and are still trying, to weather a man's difficulties and answer his problems. Between you and me and all of us, that is downright foolishness. You wouldn't for the life of you turn over the management of your business office to your office boy. With our limited child's stock of hazy Catholic notions, what are we better than office boys, trying to do a man's job?"

"Oh, you exaggerate, Mike!"

"Come on, Joe, we're not in court and word-fencing won't help. You know full well I'm talking cold facts. You don't like – none of us do – this talk about the need of a well-informed Catholic laity, because it leaves you out, and all of us. Thank God, we are all proud of being Catholics. But we would have a whole lot more to glory over if we knew more about the Church. Take one point, the Mass. What do we know about the Mass? Forgive me, Joe, if I am somewhat personal, but what does the Mass mean to you?"

"I haven't the habit of airing my devotional life in public. I suggest that you are somewhat personal in your questions."

"Not half so much as you in your dig into my life as a bachelor."

"Well, have your way. I make it a point never to miss Sunday Mass, to be there on time and not to leave before the end. I say my beds, listen carefully to the sermon and – I suppose since you've taken to religion as a hobby, you won't be satisfied unless I tell you I'm on the altar with the priest!"

"Right you are! You should offer the Mass along with the priest. A little more knowledge about Holy Mass will teach you that much. Here's what I picked up from a book a few weeks ago: At Mass, Christ, His whole Self, Mystical Body as well as Real Body, both sacrifices and is sacrificed. As members of His Mystical Body, we all have our place in this sacrificial scheme: we offer Christ to the Father. We should also offer ourselves to God the Father as victims with Christ, the Perfect Victim, whose offering gives value to our own. This right to offer sacrifice was given to us at our incorporation with Christ at Baptism."

"Not a bad little sermon, Mike. But how many Catholics know about that, and knowing it, appreciate it?"

"Joe, I thought you had a legal mind. That's what I'm driving at;

they ought to learn about it. Most of us merely sit the Mass through, patiently awaiting the end of it, not linked to Christ's act of worship except by mere bodily presence. We don't know what we are there for. We consider it the priest's job to say Mass, ours to assist at it. The power of a mysterious tradition brings us there Sunday after Sunday; we leave Mass on the outside of our lives, whereas it should be part of them, and a daily part, too. The Missal, for instance –"

"The Missal! I'm out of that!" cried Joe, almost fiercely. "If using a Missal is the right way to assist at Mass, you're welcome to it. I borrowed Helen's Missal once and tried my luck. You'll know how I felt about it if I tell you I had to hear a second Mass to quiet my conscience. Helen pleaded with me to let her show me how to handle the book. I told her that I was through, that I would assist at Mass the way my father did, the way my grandfather did, the way my great-grandfather..."

"If you climb up far enough in your family tree, you may meet some great, great somebody of yours who disagrees with you. Early Christians used to live closer to the official prayer of the Church than we do."

"I'm through with the Missal, and that's that!" snapped Joe, as he began puffing his pipe furiously – his way of emphasizing the finality of a decision. He suddenly stopped puffing, however, relaxed, laughed, and added: "What an experience! I'll admit it was a sacrifice!"

"The more you talk, Joe, the more you strengthen my point. You don't know and you don't want to know. And you call that our established system of education! If you care to know, our established system of education has taken this very matter in hand. Some of these young school children are real adept at handling the Missal. The nuns start breaking them in as soon as they can read. I can never forget the thrill I got not so long ago at a First Communion Mass when I heard a crowd of tots 'Pray the Mass.' Yes, mere babies joining with the priest in offering the Mass to God. Each one had a tiny Mass Book printed in large boldface letters, with plenty of pictures that paralleled the twentieth century Mass with the first Mass at Calvary. They seemed interested, too, and such order in their labored recitation, a joyful and holy noise, the result of patient training. It overpowered me to hear them say: 'Accept, O Holy Father, Almighty and eternal God, this unblemished offering, that I Thine unworthy servant offer Thee... We offer to Thee the Chalice of Salvation... Holy, Holy, Holy,





Renewal Prayer for Deaf Catholic Church

Father, we ask you to look with mercy at us,
your Deaf Catholic Church.

We ask you to bless us, inspire us to always love you
above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

We pray to you for our bishops, our spiritual leaders.

Please bless them and give them the strength
and wisdom to guide us, their people.

Help them to recognize, understand, and respond
to our unique needs.

Please bless the priests, deacons, religious, and lay people
who serve our community.

Inspire them so that they may
then inspire all hearts of deaf people
to know, love, and serve you and your Catholic Church.

Father, we pray to you for our baptized
Deaf Catholic brothers and sisters.

Please send your Holy Spirit to enkindle and
renew their hearts

so that they may continue to grow spiritually
through making time for prayers, receiving sacraments,
and serving other people.

Our young baptized Deaf Catholics are growing up
in a challenging and confused world.

Almighty God, please help them understand
that the way of the world does not give life;
your way alone gives true life.

Please touch their hearts and guide them to find your love.

Bring them back to the Church.

Put in them the desire to pray, to receive the
sacraments and to serve other people.

Holy Spirit, come and transform each of us
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Holy Mary, our Mother, pray for us. Amen.

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Lord God of hosts... and so on. I can understand why God should have a weak spot for children.”

“Bachelors are sentimental that way!” came from somebody.

I ignored the jibe and went on: “You know I’m an inveterate theater-goer; there’s not been a decent show put on in the past twenty-five years that I’ve not seen. But nothing in all these dramas and comedies has ever gripped me like that First Communion Mass.”

“As I said, Mike, you’re a sentimental old bachelor, and – “

“Hang it! I’m not!” I barked back, bringing down my fist with a resounding bang. “I mean I’m a bachelor, but I’m not sentimental. I’m a hard-boiled businessman. A man’s not sentimental because he reacts to something big and beautiful. Why do you think God threw beauty right and left into this world of ours? You imagine it’s the bachelor’s tender nerve in me that broke down when those children line up at the altar rail. That helped, but I have seen First Communion Masses before and they did not affect me that way. It was the big thing, the sharing so closely by these tiny members of Christ’s Body in Christ’s greatest action, the gallantry of these small ladies and gentlemen in lending a hand to God, as it were, and helping Him take the high step down from heaven to the altar and then into their little hearts. Good gracious, boys! The thought of it swept every distraction out of my mind for days, although I never looked so absentminded as I did then, if thinking of God is absentmindedness!”

“Mike,” put in Joe, “you are after Missal converts. You have been throwing your web around me all evening, you old spider. But you haven’t got me yet. To be fair with you I’ll give the Missal a second and last trial: if I don’t score this time – “

“I’ll see that you do, Joe. Come to our study club tomorrow night – “
“I’ll be hanged! So that’s why you showed up so seldom of late at the club! We thought you were looking for somebody to look after you in your old age. You can count on me tomorrow night.”

Normand, the club manager, pulled out his watch: “Time to close, boys. We’ve overstayed fifteen minutes.”

We got ready to disperse. I sought out Normand. “I’d like to think I didn’t spoil your program for the evening.”

“That’s all right, Mike,” he said, a bit moved. “By the way, if you admit rotten Catholics to your study club, may I come tomorrow night with Joe?”

I nodded. The lump in my throat permitted no words. Perhaps after all it was true that bachelors are sentimental. But, you see, Normand hadn’t been to church for years...



WHY DO WE BLESS SALT, OF ALL THINGS?

Scripture often mentions salt (especially through Jesus' quotations), as well as salt being one of the important things in our Church. Why is that? "The Catholic Company's Get Fed: Bite-Sized Faith" article helps us to understand the importance of blessed salt:

What's the basis behind the powerful blessings associated with salt?

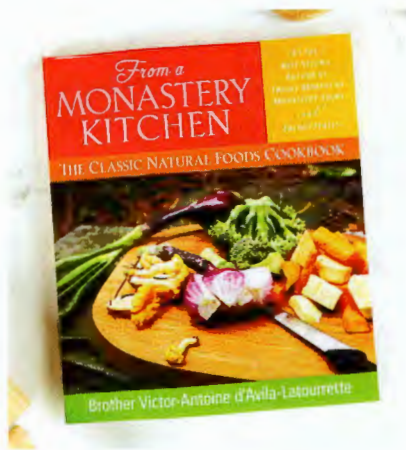
It's fairly easy to understand why we bless water. Water is cleansing, hydrating, and full of symbolism. We use it in Baptism, etc. Water is a necessity of life. The Bible is full of events that involve this element.

But did you know that the Church blesses salt, too?

It does — and a powerful blessing it is. Blessed salt is a sacramental that is strongly associated with protection from demonic influences. Demons hate it. It is thus used in exorcisms, as protection in homes and living spaces, is often added to holy water, and is used in the older rite of baptism.

But why *salt*, of all apparently random things?

Salt in the ancient world was a valuable substance. Roman soldiers were, in fact, often paid in salt (Latin: *sal*), which



is where we get the word "salary" from. Because it has a preservative effect, it was used to preserve food and also used medicinally to prevent infections. In a related way, it symbolized immortality and preservation from spiritual corruption. It saw use in both pagan and Jewish religious rituals.

Okay, you think. So it was valuable, anti-physical-and-spiritual-corruption, and anti-sickness. This is starting to make sense.

We even have a scriptural basis for our use of salt, such as Elisha's blessing of the sickening waters of Jericho in the second book of Kings. This event is recalled in the present-day blessing of salt.

Then he went to the spring of water and threw salt in it, and said, "Thus says the Lord, I have made this water wholesome; henceforth neither death nor miscarriage shall come from it." So the water has been wholesome to this day, according to the word

which Elisha spoke. 2 Kings 2:21-22

Salt is therefore highly symbolic, and its use is well-supported by Scripture. Additionally, it has always been used for flavoring and hence is associated with hospitality, good cheer, welcome, and love of neighbor — all things the devil hates.

Speaking of hospitality, one of the lesser-known uses of blessed salt is as an addition to food. Yes, you can add a bit to your recipes not just for physical flavor but for spiritual blessings as well! Start with a recipe from the pages of [From a Monastery Kitchen: The Classic Natural Foods Cookbook](#). Written by a monk and containing seasonal, frugal, simple, delicious, nutritious ideas for your table, this book is sure to transform your mealtimes. Add a dash of blessed salt and you'll be on your way!

Taken from: <https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/why-do-we-bless-salt-of-all-things?>



"Sorry Arthur, your answer was actually correct, but Paul shouted his opinion louder so he gets the point. And an extra bonus point also goes to Sue as she was offended by your answer".

First Father: "I don't know what to do about my son. He wants to drive the car."

Second Father: "Well, whatever you do, don't stand in his way."



CLARIFYING MISCONCEPTIONS

With the announcement of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) of the Eucharistic Revival began during the weekend of Corpus Christi (The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ) on June 19, 2022 leads us to think about this huge misconception many people (including Catholics) have about the Eucharist. Let's take a deep dive and clear things up.

Misconception #1

Today, about 70% Catholics think it is not true that the bread and wine are changed into Jesus' Body and Blood.

We Catholics love big words: epiclesis, doxology, catechesis, Magisterium. But perhaps no word is more important and more misunderstood than transubstantiation.

Transubstantiation is the term used to describe what literally happens at every Catholic Mass, through the power of the Holy Spirit working through the Sacramental priesthood of Jesus Christ. Transubstantiation is when the gifts of bread and wine are substantially changed (transubstantiated not transformed) into the real flesh and blood of Jesus Christ. The Catholic Church at the Council of Trent summarized transubstantiation quite nicely. To read more about it, check out your Catechism (CCC 1376-77).

Many Christians (and some Catholics, unfortunately) have a difficult time with this teaching because it does not "appear" that the bread and wine change. So, how do we as Catholics explain our belief in the Real Presence, if the bread and wine still look like simple bread and wine? Think about it – it would be a lot easier if all of the sudden, the bread oozed blood or if we used clear glasses and white wine turned into red wine, right?

Well, it's complicated to do in a small amount of space, but let's give it a try.

There are two "levels" that make up an object: the accidents and the substance. The accidents are the appearance, taste, look, and feel of an object, but the substance is what it really is. Take a chair; it has accidents and substance. Say that you saw the chair in several pieces and then take those pieces of wood and reconfigure them with nails to make a coffee table. You've changed the accidents of the chair into a table, but the substance of the chair has not been changed; it's still made up of wood molecules. Make sense? So, at Mass the accidents of the bread and wine do not change, but through the power of the Holy Spirit, the substance of the bread and wine are altered into Christ's body and blood on the altar.



The Eucharist is not a mystery to be solved but a mystery to behold. The gifts are not transformed but transubstantiated. This miracle turns you into a walking tabernacle, literally changing you from the inside out. This uniquely intimate expression of God's grace, through Holy Communion, has a power to transform and "transubstantiate" us like nothing else on earth.



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EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES VLOG SERIES IN ASL

By Fr. Christopher Klusman

Did you know that there is a weekly Vlog series on Eucharistic Miracles in American Sign Language (ASL)? They are all explained by Al Alvord, who is Deaf and serves the Catholic Deaf Community in the Archdiocese of St.



Louis. When you go on Youtube (www.youtube.com), type in "Al Alvord" in the Search Box. You will see several videos in which he provides an explanation of many Eucharistic Miracles from history in many different places in the world. Each video averages about 5 minutes.

I truly enjoy watching these videos and am amazed at how often these miracles occur. I hope you watch them as a new video is usually posted every week. Please do share these with your family and friends. You can easily share the videos on your Facebook pages, through texts, etc. Again, it is a great way to evangelize as we begin the Eucharistic Revival! You can make a big difference in helping others know that the bread and wine does truly change into Jesus' Body and Blood during the Mass!

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