

First Fridays & the Sacred Heart

The First Friday of each month was designated by our Saviour Himself as a day to be consecrated to honoring His Sacred Heart. The object of this devotion is to make our Saviour Jesus Christ ardently and perfectly loved, and to make reparation for the outrages offered to Him in the past, as well as for those which He daily receives in the Blessed Eucharist...Jesus Christ merits our love at all times, but alas! He is despised and outraged in the Sacrament of His love at all times, and so people should at all times make reparation to Him.

We should then adore Jesus Christ in this august Sacrament, make a fervent act of love to Jesus in the tabernacle, thank Him for having instituted this Mystery of love, express our sorrow at seeing Him so abandoned, and resolve to visit Him as soon as possible and love Him unceasingly.

Attendance at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is assuredly the best means of honoring and loving the adorable Heart of Jesus.

The following First Friday devotions are efficacious in honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

1. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
2. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
3. Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
4. Act of Reparation
5. The Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
6. The Sacrament of Reconciliation



Please remember in your prayers the soul of Bishop Joseph Fan of China who died recently. Pray for true religious freedom in China.

Notice:

Out of courtesy, we ask parents to take their crying or fussing children out until they quiet down before returning to Mass.

Thank you!

Reminder:

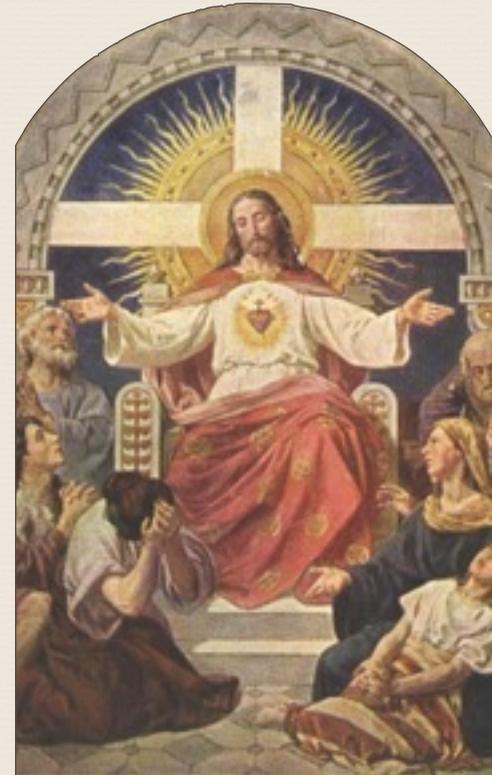
Please support the Chapel by placing your donation in the offering box in the vestibule. We rely on your support!

Monastery Dress Code:

We ask all visitors to please abide by our dress code while on the monastery grounds.

Women: Dresses or skirts must be below the knee. No sleeveless blouses, pants or shorts. Head coverings are required in the Chapel.

Men: No shorts or tee shirts.



WELCOME TO SAINT BENEDICT CENTER

OFFERING THE LATIN MASS DAILY

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m. (Sung Mass) & 11:00 a.m.

Monday - Saturday: 7:00 a.m. & 8:30 a.m.

DEVOTIONS

Rosary & Benediction: Daily, 5:00 p.m.

Miraculous Medal Novena: Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.

Vespers: Sundays, 5:00 p.m.

Compline: Sundays, 7:30 p.m.

Confessions:

Daily after 8:30 Mass; Saturdays: 4 - 4:45 p.m.

June 2014: Dedicated to the Sacred Heart

"For this, O Jesus, was Your sacred side pierced, that it might give us an easy entrance. Your Heart was opened that we might dwell there, safe from exterior disturbances. In addition to this, You were pierced by a spear, so that through the visible wound, we could see the invisible one which love inflicted on You, for he who burns with love, is wounded by love. What better evidence of Your ardent love could You have given us than by permitting the lance to pierce, not only Your Body, but even Your Heart? The wound in Your flesh then shows forth the wound in Your spirit.

"Who will not love that Heart so deeply wounded? Who will not return love to One Who so loved us? Who will not embrace a Spouse so chaste? Certainly the soul loves You in return, O Lord, who, knowing itself to be wounded by Your love, cries to You: Your charity has wounded me! We too, pilgrims in the flesh, love as much as we can, and embrace the One Who was wounded for us, Whose hands, feet, side, and Heart were pierced. Let us love and pray: 'O Jesus, deign to bind our hearts, still so hard and unrepentant, with the chain of Your love and wound them with its dart.'"

~St. Bonaventure

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- ❖ **SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST** - SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION. Saint Angela Merici founded the Institute of Saint Ursula (Ursuline Sisters), to teach children, beginning with religion and later expanding into secular topics. *Join us for the IHM Band Spring Concert this evening! Enjoy a musical celebration at 7:30 p.m., Nashoba High Auditorium.*
- ❖ **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4TH** - Saint Francis Caracciolo, a relative of Saint Thomas Aquinas, was born into the nobility of Naples. At the age of 22, after a miraculous cure from leprosy, he sold his goods and gave his life to God as a priest. He founded the Congregation of the Minor Clerks Regular and was noted for his work among the poor, his preaching and miracles.
- ❖ **FRIDAY, JUNE 6TH** - Saint Norbert realized that nothing could be effectively done without God's power. Finding this help especially in devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, he and his Norbertines praised God for success in converting heretics, reconciling numerous enemies and rebuilding faith in indifferent believers. *First Friday.*
- ❖ **SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH** - Saint Robert of Newminster. *First Saturday.*
- ❖ **SUNDAY, JUNE 8TH** - PENTECOST SUNDAY. *Join us today for the 2014 Immaculate Heart of Mary School Commencement Exercises after 9:15 a.m. Mass. May God bless our graduates!*
- ❖ **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11TH** - Saint Barnabas. *Ember Day.*
- ❖ **FRIDAY, JUNE 13TH** - Saint Anthony of Padua is one of the most famous disciples of Saint Francis of Assisi. He was a famous preacher and worker of miracles in his own day, and throughout the eight centuries since his death he has so generously come to the assistance of the faithful who invoke him, that he is known throughout the world. *Feastday of Br. Anthony Marie, MICM. Ember Day.*
- ❖ **SATURDAY, JUNE 14TH** - Saint Basil the Great founded monasteries and drew up rules for monks living in the desert; he is considered the founder of monasticism in the East, just as Saint Benedict of Nursia was to the West. *Ember Day.*

IHM CLASS OF 2014

Join us for the IHM School Commencement Exercises for the Class of 2014 on Sunday, June 8th after 9:15 a.m. Mass.

Congratulations to our Graduates:
Joseph Anderson, Mary Kate Bohane, Juliann Chlebeczek, Elisabetta Creaghan, Bridget Croy, Jacinta DiVerdi, Benedict Eramo, Katherine Feudo, Timothy Fill, Mariana Kejariwal, Michael Mooney, Melanie Ravesi and Christina Sulmonte.

May the Immaculate Heart guide you in all your future endeavors. God bless.



- ❖ **SUNDAY, JUNE 15TH** - TRINITY SUNDAY. Saint Germaine didn't found a religious order. She didn't reach a high Church post. She didn't write books or teach at universities. She didn't go to foreign lands as a missionary or convert thousands. What she did was live a life devoted to God and her neighbor no matter what happened to her, and that is all God asks. *Feastday of Sister Mary Germaine, MICM.*
- ❖ **THURSDAY, JUNE 19TH** - *CORPUS CHRISTI* is not named for the divinity of Christ, nor for the soul of Christ, for those are not of this earth, but Our Lord chose to name it for His Body, for It is of earth, to show us how closely He is united to us. He has abased and annihilated Himself in assuming this body, by uniting Himself so closely to us. So we in turn, will strive to live continually in annihilation of ourselves, that He may give life to all our actions. *Regular Mass times; Eucharistic Procession after 8:30 a.m. Mass.*
- ❖ **SATURDAY, JUNE 21ST** - Saint Aloysius Gonzaga gave up everything the life of a noble could offer in order that he might follow Christ. He left all things to seek solely for eternity, and is an excellent model for the youth of today, who have so much, materially. *Have you read his issue of From the Housetops?*
- ❖ **SUNDAY, JUNE 22ND** - 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. *Saint Paulinus of Nola.*
- ❖ **TUESDAY, JUNE 24TH** - The Birth of Saint John the Baptist. He was great before God because he forgot himself and lived for Jesus Christ, Who is the source of all greatness. Remember that you are nothing; your own will and your own desires can only lead to misery and sin. Therefore sacrifice every day one of your natural inclinations to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and learn little by little to lose yourself in Him. *Feastday of Sr. Marie-Jean, MICM.*
- ❖ **FRIDAY, JUNE 27TH** - Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. "Behold this Heart," said Our Lord to Saint Margaret Mary, "which has loved men so much that it has exhausted itself, while I receive, for the most part, nothing in return but the coldness, indifference, sacrilege, and contempt which they offer Me, especially in the Sacrament of My love... That men are so ungrateful to Me pains Me more than all the sufferings of My Passion. If men would only requite My love for them, I would consider as nothing all that I have hitherto suffered, and would be willing to undergo still greater torments were that possible. But alas! My love and My liberality find in them only cold and ungrateful hearts. And what pains Me more deeply is that amongst these are souls consecrated to Me." During this month dedicated to that most suffering and sacred Heart, may we all grow in devotion to the Sacred Heart. May the image of that Divine Heart be ever before us and lovingly venerated. May we strive to give Him love for love, and especially strive to repair His outraged love by fervent reparation.
- ❖ **SUNDAY, JUNE 29TH** - 3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Saints Peter and Paul. The Prince of the Apostles, Peter, still lives on in his successors, and rules and feeds the flock committed to him. The reality of our devotion to him is the surest test of the purity of our faith. We should say a special prayer every day of our lives for our Holy Father in Rome, Francis I, that Saint Peter may guide him, and the Holy Ghost inspire him in his works. *Feastday of Br. Peter Mary, MICM.*
- ❖ **MONDAY, JUNE 30TH** - Commemoration of Saint Paul. "The heart of Paul is the Heart of Christ!" - his labor will not cease while the race of man continues. Even now, like a chivalrous knight, Saint Paul stands alive in our midst, and captivates each of his readers to the obedience of Christ.

