



St. Mary St. Patrick

Father Kevin Earleywine

Epiphany of the Lord

January 8, 2023

Jan. 8, 2023 – Reflections on Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

As many of you heard, on Dec. 31, 2022, the final day of the year (and Feast day of a Saintly Pope, St. Sylvester), the retired Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI passed away. I thought I'd share with you some well-articulated thoughts from some from our own Archdiocese.

First, some thoughts from our own Archbishop Jackels:

"Some may remember that I worked in the office led by Cardinal Ratzinger before he was elected Pope Benedict XVI. During those eight years, I rarely had contact with him. He knew who I was, but he didn't know me (very small fish, really big pond). I likewise didn't know him, except for what I observed, which is this: True, he loved our holy Catholic Faith, and thought and fought that Jesus' disciples should follow the Master. But what I observed was a Christian gentleman ... Humble and loving, as a friend of Jesus should be; kind and gentle in his speech and behavior towards others, even those who pushed the doctrinal envelope; and very cultured and well-mannered as is befitting a gentleman. He was super smart and holy ... I had great respect for him ... His last words were said to be: 'Jesus, I love you.' How beautiful."

Furthermore, one of our newly ordained priests of Dubuque, Fr. Ben Valentine, happened to be visiting Rome when Pope Benedict passed, and was interviewed for an article for the Jan. 2, 2023 *National Catholic Register*:

Fr. Ben Valentine of Dubuque, Iowa, who was ordained to the priesthood earlier this year, said it was in the seminary that he began to learn more about Pope Benedict XVI, and in particular, his theological works. "For me, I just see him as someone with so much depth to his theology," he said. "He unfolds the riches of the church in a way that's so attractive, so beautiful." Valentine recalled a quote from Benedict's inauguration as pope in 2005 – after the former German Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger was elected pope by the cardinals following the death of Pope John Paul II – where the-then new pontiff told those gathered in St. Peter's Square: "Do not be afraid of Christ! He takes nothing away, and he gives you everything." Valentine said, "I've repeated that line so many times, that's my experience in life."

Peace

– Fr. Kevin

PS: I, Fr. Kevin, will be gone to a conference Jan. 9-13, therefore no daily Masses this week.

PPS: Also a heartfelt "thank you" to everyone for the kindly Christmas cards, the Christmas treats, and the generous gifts!

8 de enero, 2023 – Reflexiones sobre el Papa Emérito Benedicto XVI

Como muchos ya saben, el 31 de dic. del 2022, el último día del año (y la fiesta del Santo Papa San Silvestre), falleció el jubilado Papa Emérito Benedicto XVI.

Pensé en compartir con ustedes un par de bien articulados pensamientos de algunos de nuestra propia Arquidiócesis.

Primero, algunas palabreas de nuestro propio Arzobispo Jackels:

"Algunos recordarán que trabajé en la oficina dirigida por el Cardenal Ratzinger antes de que fuese elegido Papa Benedicto XVI. Durante esos ocho años raramente me contacté con él. Él sabía quién era yo, pero no me conocía (pez muy pequeño, estanque muy grande). Del mismo modo, yo no lo conocí, excepto por lo que observé, que es lo siguiente: Verdad, él amó nuestra Fe Católica, y pensó y luchó para que los discípulos de Jesús siguieran al Maestro. Pero lo que observé era un caballero Cristiano ... Humilde y amoroso, como debe ser un amigo de Jesús; amable y gentil en su habla y comportamiento hacia los demás, incluso con aquellos que empujaron el sobre doctrinal; hombre muy culto y educado, como corresponde a un caballero. Fue súper inteligente y santo ... Yo lo respetaba mucho ... Se dice que sus últimas palabras fueron: 'Jesús, te amo'. Que bella".

Además, uno de nuestros recién ordenados sacerdotes de Dubuque, Padre Ben Valentine, estaba visitando Roma cuando falleció el Papa Benedicto, y fue entrevistado para un artículo del *National Catholic Register* del 2 de enero del 2023:

El Padre Ben Valentine de Dubuque, Iowa, quien fue ordenado sacerdote a principios de este año, dijo que fue en el seminario donde comenzó a aprender más sobre el Papa Benedicto XVI, y en particular, sus obras teológicas.

"Para mí, simplemente lo veo como alguien con mucha profundidad en su teología", dijo. "Revela las riquezas de la iglesia de una manera que es muy atractiva, muy bella".

Valentine recuerda una cita de la inauguración de Benedicto como papa en el 2005 – después de que el ex Cardenal alemán Joseph Ratzinger fuese elegido papa por los cardenales tras el fallecimiento del Papa Juan Pablo II – donde el entonces nuevo pontífice le dijo a todos reunidos en la Plaza de San Pedro: "¡No teman a Cristo! Él no te quita nada y te entrega todo". Valentine dijo, "He repetido esa línea tantas veces, esa es mi experiencia en la vida".

Paz

– Padre Kevin

PD: Yo, Padre Kevin, estaré ausente en una conferencia desde el 9 al 13 de enero, por lo tanto, no habrá misas diarias durante esa semana.

PD2: También, un muy sentido "agradecimiento" a todos quienes amablemente me enviaron tarjetas, golosinas, y generosos regalos de Navidad!

St. Mary

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Book Club

February 6

“Paris Apartments”

By Lucy Folley

Asking for donations

Pastor Lynn and Deanna Arends will be taking a Mission trip to Dominican Republic in February. They are raising funds to purchase reusable water jugs. The community they serve, now has a delivery truck to deliver to the surrounding villages, but need water jugs, as the families cannot afford the initial \$8 per jug. If you could help with this project please contact Lynn and Deanna Arends. There is a flyer at the back of church if you need more info.

Stewardship - Treasure

Sunday, December 25, 2022

Budget Envelopes \$1518

Offertory \$750

Christmas \$8195

Midnight Mass

Offertory \$188

Christmas \$2384.81

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Budget Envelopes \$1080

Offertory \$82

Christmas \$310

Give Online www.FranklinHardinCatholic.org/online-giving

Liturgical Ministers

January 15, 2022

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Youth Mass

Lector: Lyla Brekunitch, Gianna Flores, Elizabeth Kielty

Ushers: Eli Kuper, Jaxon Schipper, Elsie Kuper, Jorge Montes

Eucharistic Ministers: Mady Mausser, Tessa Sperflage

Greeters: Caleb Harms, Sam Mausser, Alex Harms, Sophia Forgy, Joana Hinojas, Collin deNeui

Gift Carriers: Tucker Wojeski, Jace Harms Kyla Harms, Gisselle Flores, Elle deNeui, Ella Gronewold,

Money Counters: Jeff Frazier, Jenny Kuper

Altar Servers: Lucas Mausser, Jacoby Brekunitch

Sacristan: Jim Wessels

Thank you

Thank you to Julie Brandt for the donation of trash bags, zip-lock bags and paper towels.

Budget Envelopes

The 2023 Budget Envelopes are on the table at the back of church. Please take the time to pick yours up.

Epiphany

Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrr. The gifts we bring---our time, service and some share of what we earn for the work we do--- are equally precious in his sight.

St. Patrick

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9:00 AM-1:00 PM, excluding holidays.
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Please notify the Parish Office with any updates of mailing addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, membership status, or name changes. Updates are very appreciated to keep our records current. Thank you!

Por favor avise a la oficina parroquial de cualquier cambio de dirección, número telefónico, correo electrónico, estatus de membresía o cambio de nombre. Las actualizaciones mantienen nuestros registros al día. ¡Gracias!



Meal after January 15th 5:30 PM Mass will be served. Please plan to join for Chili and Cinnamon Rolls. Anyone that can help with serving please notify the parish office.

Habrà una cena después de la misa de las 5:30 p.m. del 15 de enero. Por favor asiste para disfrutar de chili y rollos de canela. Quien pueda ayudar a servir, por favor avísale a la oficina parroquial.

It has come to my attention that budget envelopes for January-May were not received. The company has been notified and they are working diligently to get the envelopes mailed out as priority mail. Delivery date unknown. In the meantime, please use old envelopes with the date crossed out or another envelope with your name, envelope number (if you know it) and if you want dispersed other than regular stewardship (i.e. Food Pantry). I apologize for any inconvenience or confusion. If you would prefer to switch to automatic giving-contact the parish office or online giving, go to www.FranklinHardinCatholic.org/online-giving

Gracias por su continuo apoyo financiero
Me ha llamado la atención que no se han recibido las dotaciones presupuestarias para enero-mayo. La compañía ha sido notificada y están trabajando diligentemente para que los sobres se envíen por correo como correo prioritario. Fecha de entrega desconocida. Mientras tanto, use sobres viejos con la fecha tachada u otro sobre con su nombre, número de sobre (si lo sabe) y si desea dispersión que no sea la administración regular (es decir, Despensa de alimentos). Pido disculpas por cualquier inconveniente o confusión.
Si prefiere cambiar a donaciones automáticas, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial o con donaciones en línea, vaya a www.FranklinHardinCatholic.org/online-giving
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Liturgical Ministers

January 15, 2023

English Mass 10:30 a.m.

Lector: Maggie Pearson

Ushers: Sue Basye, Trace Brocka

Eucharistic Ministers: Joe & Lili Alonzo

Money Counters: Bobbi Brocka, Wilma Mason

Altar Servers: Cade Alonzo, Rhymer Velica

Sacristan: Millicent Fielding

Linen: Sue Garrett

Spanish Mass – 5:30 p.m.

Lectores: Soiree Lara, Carmen Garcia

Ministros de Eucarísticos: Soiree Lara, Lina Vallejos

Contador es de Dinero: Rafael Garcia, Raquel Garcia-Hernandez

Monaguillos: Marcos Ramirez, Roman Penazola -Nunez, Gabriel Diosdado

Sacristan: Esther Garcia

*You are responsible to find your own replacement.
Usted es responsable de encontrar su propio reemplazo.*

Happenings This Week:

Monday/Lunes, January 9/Enero 9

3:30-5:00 PM Social Hall in use

Tuesday/Martes, January 10/Enero 10

8:30 AM-Mass

7:00 PM - AA/Al-Anon (RE Center)

Wednesday/Miércoles, January 11/Enero 11

10:00 AM-Noon-Food Pantry/ Mediodía Despensa de Alimentos (Social Hall)

1-3:00 PM-Crafts

6:30 PM-Faith Formation Pre-K through 8th grade/
Formación en la fe Pre-K hasta 8^o grado
Faith Formation with Fr. Kevin
Formación en la fe con el P. Kevin

Thursday/Jueves, January 12/Enero 12

8:30 AM-Mass

6:00-8:00 PM-Adoración/Adoration-RE Center

Sunday/Domingo January 15/Enero 15

10:30 AM-Mass/Masa-English-Inglesa

4:00 PM -Pastoral Council Meeting

5:30 PM-Mass/Masa-Spanish/ Español

Meal served after Mass

Stewardship – Treasure

Regular Stewardship.....\$2280

Offertory.....\$ 297

Food Pantry.....\$ 125

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Memorial for Christmas flowers

Donations made in memory
honor of loved ones....

Eric Fielding

Carl & Teresa Kuehner

James & Norma Furrie

Julie Currie Starneak

Eugene Kuehner

Lauren Kuehner



Pray for them...

Cathy Kuper, Chuck Baltes, Dr. John Fetter
Marj Kampman, Darwin Wikert, Jacob
Sudtelgte

Please make use of your parish's prayer chain:

St. Mary, Ackley:

Jolene Harms at stmaryspatrick@gmail.com

St. Patrick, Hampton:

Mary Ann Patton at thepattons4@gmail.com

Nine days for Life

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, *9 Days for Life*, Thursday, January 19 – Friday, January 27. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at 9daysforlife.com!

Understand Your Catholic Faith with
The Catechism in a Year Podcast
with Fr. Mike Schmitz!

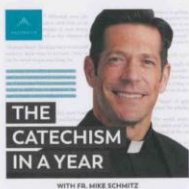
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Mass Intentions

Monday, January 9

No Mass

Tuesday, January 10

No Mass

Wednesday, January 11

No Mass

Thursday, January 12

No Mass

Sunday, January 15

8:00 a.m. Jose Rodolfo &

Jesus Salvador Villarreal

St. Mary

10:30 a.m. Bill Patton

St. Patrick

5:30 p.m. For the People

St. Patrick

Spanish

Live stream of Mass

www.franklinhardincatholic.org/livestream

YouTube Channel: Franklin Hardin Catholic

Weather announcements and cancellation of Masses & activities

If AGWSR or Hampton-Dumont/CAL schools announce a delay or a cancellation on a weekday the Mass will be cancelled.

Weekend Masses will be celebrated as usual if possible. If there is a need to cancel, notifications will be posted on Facebook, email, website:

franklinhardincatholic.org or at

the following stations:

KLMJ 104.9/KQCR 98.9

KIFG 95.3

Please try these resources before
you reach out to the priest.



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