

April 2024

In Touch



***Christ led,
Christ fed,
Hope filled!***

Priority One

Creating a Culture of
Vocations

Priority Two

Strengthening Faith
Formation in Family Life

Priority Three

Building Parishes with Living
Stones

**Renew Faith,
Nurture Hope,
Discover Love**



**Diocese
of
Ogdensburg**

Every day

stop before something beautiful

long enough to say,

"Isn't that b-e-a-u-t-i-f-u-l!"

It's not hard this time of year to find snippets of beauty all around us. Green appearing on the trees and bushes, a dandelion adorning the lawn, bird song filling the air very early in the morning, a spectacular sunset later in the day, the warmth of the spring sun on your face, geese and ducks in transit against a brilliant blue sky, water spilling over a cut of rock alongside the highway. The list is endless. What beauty have you seen today that took your breath away??

Please remember in prayer the following:

Sr. Jessintha's father who was home on comfort care and is now back in ICU. Sr. Jessintha has finally received an emergency pass to travel home. She plans to leave for India as soon as she can get a ticket.

Sr. Debbie Blow's father, Carl, who died in February.

Sr. Mary Rita Kempney's brother who died this past week.

"And he departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find Him. For He departed, and behold, He is here. -St. Augustine

*I must be holy because my Jesus wants it.
-St. Bernadette*



A Bit of Humor



I love waving at Random people. Because you know for the rest of the day they're trying to figure out who the hell you were!!



When someone changes lanes to pass you and gets stuck behind a slower car



Have you ever had one of those days, when you're holding a stick and everybody looks like a pinata?



Thought it was my dryer that was making my clothes shrink. Turns out it's the refrigerator

THE FACT THAT THERE'S A HIGHWAY TO HELL AND ONLY A STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN SAYS A LOT ABOUT ANTICIPATED TRAFFIC NUMBERS.



DO YOU EVER GET UP IN THE MORNING, LOOK AT YOURSELF IN THE MIRROR AND THINK... "THAT CAN'T BE ACCURATE."

LORD, GRANT ME THE SERENITY TO ACCEPT STUPID PEOPLE THE WAY THEY ARE, COURAGE TO MAINTAIN MY SELF CONTROL AND WISDOM TO KNOW THAT IF I ACT ON IT, I WILL GO IN JAIL.



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Wisdom from the April Saints



St. Bernadette Soubirous

If one dream should fall and break into a thousand pieces... never be afraid to pick one of those pieces up and begin again. That's the beauty of being alive... We can always start all over again. Enjoy God's amazing opportunities bestowed on us. Have faith in Him always.

My Jesus, fill my heart with so much love that one day it will break just to be with you. My Jesus, you know I have placed you as a seal on my heart. Remain there always.

St. Julie Brilliant

God allows us to be deprived of the feeling of His presence, so that we may cling to Him and not to His gifts.

When the good God asks something of us, He gives us the means of doing it.

I go quietly on day by day. I wait for the good God. I look at Him, I follow Him.

We must have courage in the century we live in. Great souls are needed, souls having the interest of God at heart.

Although Mary was chosen to be the Mother of God, she never loss sight of her lowliness.

St. Anselm

For I do not seek to understand in order to believe, but I believe in order to understand. For I believe this: unless I believe, I will not understand.

Spare me through your mercy, do not punish me through your justice.

St. Louis de Monfort

The rosary is the most powerful weapon to touch the Heart of Jesus, Our Redeemer, who loves His Mother.

Take advantage of little sufferings even more than of great ones. God considers not so much what we suffer as how we suffer. . . Turn everything to profit as the grocer does in his shop.

Chosen soul, how will you bring this about? What steps will you take to reach the high level to which God is calling you? The means of holiness and salvation are known to everybody, since they are found in the Gospel; the masters of the spiritual life have explained them; the Saints have practiced them...These means are: sincere humility, unceasing prayer, complete self-denial, abandonment to Divine Providence, and obedience to the will of God.

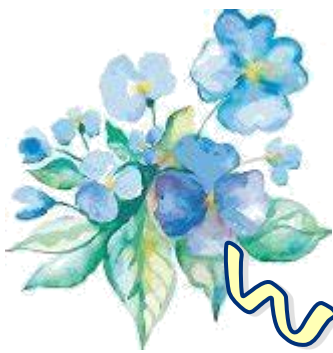
Recite your Rosary with faith, with humility, with confidence, and with perseverance.

St. Catherine of Sienna

Start being brave about everything. Drive out darkness and spread light. Don' look at your weaknesses. Realize instead that in Christ crucified you can do everything.

You are rewarded not according to your work or your time but according to the measure of your love.

To the servant of God... every place is the right place, and every time is the right time.



Welcome Sisters!

We are happy to welcome to our Diocese, three Sisters from the Congregation of Mary, Mother of the Church. Their Motherhouse is located in Ghana and this is their first time in the US. They arrived the Monday after Palm Sunday ..just when the weather turned cold! They got to experience snow for the first time. Although I told them that snow in late March is not like snow in January!



L to R: Sr. Martha, Fr. Kevin, Sr. Justine, Sr. Joyce

The sisters will be ministering at St. Joseph's Home here in Ogdensburg and living at the Parish House in Lisbon.

Love is not what
you say.
Love is what
you do.

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