#### FROM FR. JAN'S DESK

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Good Morning Parish Family Third Sunday of Easter

Several news outlets have reported that the Vatican has published Monday, April 8, 2024, a document about human dignity, "Dignitas Infinita," in English "Infinite Dignity," which discusses various threats against human dignity. Evidently, the Holy See has been working on this document for five years. This document is issued by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith (DDF – what used to be named 'Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.)' If you download it from the Vatican web site it is 18 pages long. There is a lot that is good here. It affirms that "every human person possess an infinite dignity." It lists assaults on that dignity that are very relevant to the problems we suffer in the 21st century: violence against migrants, abortion, the death penalty, gender transition surgery, war, sexual abuse, violence against women, human trafficking, marginalization of the disabled and digital violence. It quotes from Pope Francis himself, Pope John Paul II, and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.

There is much to be grateful about here. The treatment of two items, war and the death penalty, won't be a surprise for those who know Pope Francis' thinking on those subjects. You may remember that in 2018 he took the wording on the necessity of the death penalty in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (#2267), to the next level, from "very rare, if not practically non-existent," to "inadmissible."

The section beginning in paragraph #26, is titled, "The relational structure of the Human Person." This brings me back to the philosophy of Pope John Paul II, which is a 'Personalist' philosophy. There are several different interpretations of personalist philosophy, but, if I remember correctly, one thing is central: we are who we are through our relationships, with each other and with God. This paragraph reminds us of exactly that. "There is an ever-growing risk of reducing human dignity to the ability to determine one's identity and future independently of others, without regard for one's membership in the human community. In this flawed understanding of freedom, the mutual recognition of duties and rights that enable us to care for each other becomes impossible. In fact, as Pope John Paul II recalled...'when freedom is made absolute in an individualistic way, it is emptied of its original content, and its very meaning and dignity are contradicted." I think we can learn a lot from this document.

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#### MASS INTENTIONS

Please join us in praying for these intentions 3/28-4/4/24. If you would like a Mass said, please call the office at 360-629-3737.

4/11 Fr. Charles Garrity, OCD (RIP) 4/12 Richard Cedarburg and Family (INT) 4/13 (9am) Fr. Charles Garrity, OCD (RIP) 4/13 (5pm) Paul Seib (RIP) 4/14 (9am) Fr. Charles Garrity, OCD (RIP)
4/14 (11am) Fr. Charles Garrity, OCD (RIP)
4/15 Fr. Charles Garrity, OCD (RIP)
4/16 Katelyn Beach (INT)
4/17 Holy Souls (INT)
4/18 St. Cecilia Parish (INT)

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#### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Carlo Acutis, a Catholic teenager who died in 2006, was beatified October 10,2020 in Assi. Acutis a gamer and computer programmer who loved soccer and the Eucharist, has been the subject of interest around the world. Pope Francis referred to Carlo as a



model of holiness in a digital age. Carlo's life should teach today's young people how to properly use and enjoy technology, including the internet and social media.

For the first time in history, we will see a saint dressed in jeans, sneakers, and a sweater. This is a great message for us. We can feel holiness, not as a saint thing, but as something very much within everyone's reach, because the Lord is the Lord of everyone.

There will be an exhibit display about Blessed Carlo Acutis in the parish hall a the Masses on April 14. There will be T -shirts, pictures, books, stickers, color pages for the kids, rosaries, and medals for sale.

#### MAY BABY SHOWER

All through April, the Women's Guild will be collecting baby items for the May baby shower on May 14, 2024. There will be a pack and play in the entry of the church. The items received will go to Cornerstone Pregnancy's Ministry. Please help support this worthy mission.

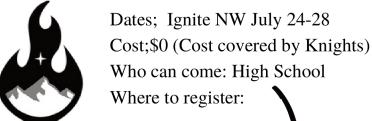






#### SPRING AND SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS

For more information about these events, contact Alexandra Calvo







Date:NET Retreat Saturday May 4th

Time: 9:00 am-4:00pm

Cost:\$0

Who can come: High School and Middle School

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# ST CECILIA CATHOLIC CHURCH A DISCALCED CARMELITE PARISH

April 14, 2024

**Mass Schedule:** 

Saturday Vigil 5pm Sunday 9am & 11am

Daily Mass Mon-Sat 9am

St Joseph Mass First Wednesday of the month. Rosary at 6:30 pm, Mass at 7:00pm **Reconciliation** Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday after the 9:00 Mass, except 3rd Friday.

### **3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER**



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