

Lord, I Give Myself to You!

By Deacon Wigton

It was just after midnight, February 3rd, 1943. The Army Ship Dorchester was torpedoed by the Germans. The waters were fringed just south of Greenland where the attack occurred. There were 904 souls on board as the ship began to sink. There was an immediate rush for the life jackets and the lifeboats. There were not enough jackets for so many passengers and of the 13 lifeboats on board, only two were found to be usable. There were 4 chaplains on the ship who were found handing out life jackets and giving away their own. 25 minutes after the torpedo strike, the ship sank. Only 230 passengers survived. Many of those rescued reported seeing the 4 chaplains arm in arm as they perished in the frigid sea. They were heard singing the Navy hymn "Eternal Father, Strong to Save". A Catholic Priest, a Jewish Rabbi, and two Protestant Chaplains gave their lives on that tragic night, a night that became known in their honor as Chaplain's Sunday.

I was on duty one evening when a patient entered the ER. He had taken an overdose of drugs to take his life. By the grace of God, he was saved. Later while I counseled him, he stated that, while under the influence of alcohol, he had rationalized that he was given only one life and under his difficult circumstances the best thing that he could do with it was to 'take it'. Obviously deranged thinking from the enemy of our souls. Yes, we have choices, but the ultimate is to not 'take it' but to 'give it'! Jesus showed us the way. "Though He was harshly treated, He submitted and opened not His mouth; like a lamb led to the slaughter or a sheep before the shearers, He was silent and opened not His mouth." (Isaiah 53:7) Jesus was under the worst of circumstances yet in love for us, He chose to give His life so that we might live. He did this for all of us. "The way we came to know love was that He laid down His life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers." (1 John 3:16) It is abundantly clear that Jesus is asking us to do the same. He gives us opportunities to lay down our lives every day.

This past week we celebrated the feast of the Presentation.

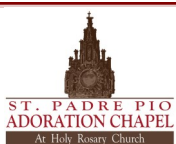


Mary and Joseph took the baby Jesus to the temple where His life was presented to His Father. His life was dedicated to the Father to use as He willed. In a similar fashion, we too, regardless of our age at baptism, are presented to the Father to allow Him to use us as He desires. We are His. We become His children.

There is a beautiful tradition that has developed in the Church after an infant baptism; to have the celebrant take the child to the altar, lifting it high, presenting the baby to God the Father. Just like Jesus, we too have been presented.

Daily we are to follow Jesus. The circumstances of our lives determine how God the Father might choose to use us. With each step we take in the footsteps of Jesus, we are given occasions to give our lives. Jesus was clear when He said: "Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

The Adoration chapel is the perfect place to renew our own Presentation. Regardless of our station, giving our life to the Father is the most rewarding thing that we can ever do. As a mother caring for children with constant feeding, bathing, nurturing, there are multiple moments of grace as you give your life for these little ones. As a father, putting the needs of your wife and children before any glory you might receive in the workplace offers moments of great grace as you give yourself for their sake. Regardless of your position, regardless of your health, God the Father needs you for the sake of the Body of Christ. You can come to the Chapel and present yourself saying: "Lord, I give myself to you. I am yours."



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Prayer feeds our lives. Prayer is a gift. It is a gift because Christian Prayer is based on knowing the Lord Jesus, and having the Holy Spirit stir and move through us in prayer. Please keep these intentions in your prayers.



Pray for those that are not able to attend Mass with us



Jill Anderson - Home
 Ted Bodus - Woodside Assisted Living
 Betty Flaska - Maple Valley * Georgetta Galla - Joy Givers
 Gerri Galla - Local Nursing Home
 Marga Galla - Culver Meadows * John King - Home
 Loraine Kulanda - Home * Ann Mazurek - Home
 John Peplinski - Medilodge * Joanne Popa - Home
 Kelly Priest - Woodside Asst Living * Elizabeth Randall - Home
 Mike Shorter - The Villa at Traverse Point

Please call the office to correct & update this list.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Recent Prayer Intentions

Brian Sogge & Dawn - Recovery from burns in devastating house fire
 Jim and Sue - Challenging health issues
 Sheryl Sogge - Health issues * Karen Drake - Serious diagnosis
 Nadia Ihme - Health issues * Scott Weber - Shoulder injury
 Andrew (43) - hospice father of 3 * JoAnn - Back problems
 Mother and her baby in critical condition
 Jay - a lot of health issues * Jerrad - young man with cancer
 Casey * Edwin - lineworker who fell off pole in ICU
 Loren - prayers for healing * Scott * Frank * Carol
 Krystal & Baby E. * Lilly Grace (3mo.) - surgery
 Loren & Rita Wilson * Carolyn B. * David Mikowski



FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS & THEIR FAMILIES

- Ken Artz —US Air Force
- Isaiah Belanger —US Navy
- Charles Berninger —US Coast Guard
- Nicholas Bryan —US Army
- John Bunek —US Navy
- Curtis Bunek —US Navy
- Keith Castle —US Marines
- Matthew Culver —US Navy
- Timothy Fisher —US Army
- Peter Freundl —US Coast Guard
- Joshua Harris —US Coast Guard
- Avery Kohler —MI National Guard
- Christopher Kohler —MI National Guard
- Jacob Kunde —US Air Force
- Austin McQueer —US Marines
- Collin Platts —US Army Nurse Corp
- Andrew Tondreau —MI National Guard
- Ryan Tondreau —US Army
- Leif Vanderwerf —US Marines
- Dr. Daniel Weber —US Army
- Tim Wigton —MI National Guard
- Andrew Zeits —US Army

Please pray for those receiving the Sacraments



OCIA

Victoria Roman
 Logan McKillip
 Nancy Priest

Sacraments

Confirmation
 Marie Swager
 Emma Harris

1st Holy Communion/ Confirmation

Sophia & Estelle Scott
 Roan Joubran
 Adelia Thorne
 Leah Talbott
 Anselm Kranz
 Madison Rethoret
 Maria Trudeau
 Jonah Robinson

May the Holy Spirit guide them on their journey into the Catholic Faith



For the recently deceased & their families



Barbara Flores * Elmer Kalchik
 Dr. Harry Blount * Marcia Couturier



Cancer Patients:

Peter Freundl * Martin Gallagher * Joe Kastl * Cynthia Lieby
 Jan Novak - severe cancer * Don Pahl * Therese Rosinski
 Erin Richards Rashy * Craig Stallman *
 Ruth Trotsky (Cancer & Parkinsons) * Leanne Bauer Weber
 Kelly Winowiecki Florip * Tina VanderWulp
 Danielle - breast cancer * Christi * Gabby - melanoma * Jack
 Kathleen * Lori * Lois * Marissa * Randy * Steve

* Ongoing Prayer Intentions *

- * Chris Berkey - Neurological issues *
- * Delores (Ditto) Couturier - stroke recovery *
- * Baby Henry Gauthier - 15 mos - cervical neck healing *
- * Lucas P. - teen - serious food allergies and EOE *
- * Jim Plamondon - long-term rehab *
- * Conor Rigan - age 4 - Cont. recovery (brain tumor removal) *
- * Ron Rushton - stroke recovery *
- * Kayla Tondreau - SJIA & many health struggles *
- * Randy W. (Buckley) - Parkinsons *

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

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Prayer for The Vocations in Our Diocese

Seminarians:

Jake Belanger
 John Mawby
 David Witkowski

Candidates

for Diaconate:
 Jason Maday
 Neil Witkowski

Religious Life: Gianna Belanger

