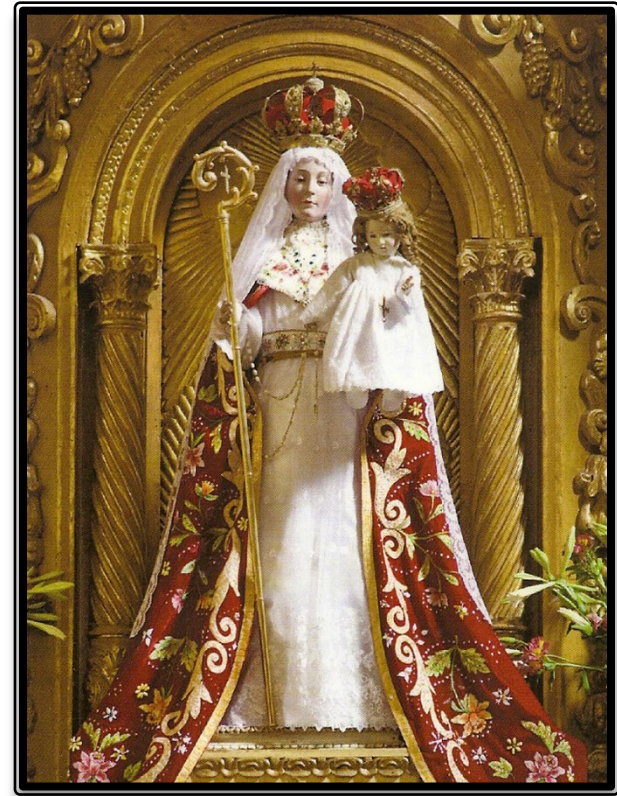


OUR LADY OF GOOD SUCCESS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Society of St. Pius X
Traditional Latin Mass



FEBRUARY 2022

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Dickinson, ND 58601

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MASS SCHEDULE

DATE	FEAST	MASS	CONFESSIONS
Saturday, Feb. 12	Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order	5:00 PM	4:00 PM
Sunday, Feb. 13	Septuagesima Sunday	1:00 PM	12:00 PM
Sunday, Feb. 20	Sexagesima Sunday	1:00 PM	12:00 PM
Saturday, Feb. 26	Our Lady on Saturdays	5:00 PM	4:00 PM
Sunday, Feb. 27	Quinquagesima Sunday	1:00 PM	12:00 PM
Sunday, Mar. 6	First Sunday of Lent	1:00 PM*	12:00 PM
* High Mass			

DONATION INFORMATION

To donate by check or money order, please mail your donation to the address below:

*Our Lady of Good Success Church
P.O. Box 1873
Dickinson, ND 58602-1873*

You may also donate online by visiting
www.olgsdickinson.org/donate
and clicking on the yellow "Donate" button.

COLLECTIONS

First Collection	Operating expenses for OLGS.
Second Collections	<i>Please write the purpose of your donation on the memo line on your check.</i>
-Sunday, February 6	St. Isidore's Priory
-Sunday, February 20	OLGS Building Fund

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Flocknote.** OLGS will be using an online service called Flocknote to send notifications to parishioners via email and text. If you have not already done so, please sign up for Flocknote by texting "OLGS" to 84576 or by visiting the following website: www.ourladyofgoodsuccess.flocknote.com.
- **The Holy Name Society** will hold their annual dinner on Saturday, Feb. 12 at 6:30pm at the Elks in Dickinson. The next HNS meeting will be on Sunday, March 6.
- **Mothers of Lu Prayer** will be recited at the Communion rail after Mass on Sunday, February 13.
- **Servers Practice** will be held on Sunday, February 20 after Mass.
- **The Eucharistic Crusade** will have a brief meeting on Sunday, Feb. 20 before children's catechism. The intention for January is "For our parents and our families".
- **Visiting Priest.** Please give a warm welcome to Fr. Dominic May who will be visiting on Sunday, February 27.
- **Missa Pro Populo.** Fr. McManus would like to notify you that each pastor is asked to celebrate a Mass for the faithful attached to his parish on every Sunday and holy day of obligation. He has said and will continue to say these Masses for the faithful of Our Lady of Good Success.
- **Retreats in the St. Louis Area.** There will be two retreats taking place in St. Louis, MO in the upcoming months. July 11-16 will be a men's 5-day Ignatian retreat preached by Fr. Thomas and assisted by Fr. Keiser. July 18-23 will be a women's 5-day Marian retreat preached by Fr. Stehlin and assisted by Fr. McDonald. For further details, please see the bulletin board in the vestibule.
- **Ash Wednesday.** March 2 is a day of fast and abstinence binding under pain of mortal sin. A flyer providing rules for fasting and abstaining will be available in the vestibule on Sunday, February 20.
- **Stations of the Cross** will be held at the church on Ash Wednesday and Fridays in Lent at 6:00pm.
- **Distribution of Blessed Ashes** will take place after Mass on the First Sunday of Lent, March 6.
- **Dress Code for Attendance at Mass** requires modest, decent, and proper attire in church, since Our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the tabernacle. Catholics should always wear their Sunday best to Mass. Ladies and girls must wear a head-covering and a dress that goes well below the knees when sitting. Men and boys should not wear sports clothes or athletic shoes to Sunday Mass.
- **Guest and Visitor Information.**
 - Guests and visitors are very welcome at Our Lady of Good Success! Please visit our information shelf in the entryway of the church.
 - Please remember that the reception of Holy Communion is reserved for baptized Catholics who are in the state of grace and have been fasting for at least one hour.

FAMILIES OF MOURNERS

Dear Faithful,

Of all Our Lord's paradoxes, one of the most striking is the third beatitude, "*Blessed are they that mourn*". At first glance, it seems that nothing could be more contrary to happiness than mourning. We mourn when we *lose* someone or something we love. Happiness, however, consists in the *possession* of what we love. So, to say "to mourn is to be happy" seems contradictory. Nevertheless, Wisdom Incarnate affirms that the third source of happiness is to mourn. On His word, we believe that the members of a Catholic family must each become "mourners" to possess the happiness Our Lord wishes for them.

We may legitimately mourn over the loss of the things we love. Yet, the loss of any of these things, and even all of them, can never cause us real unhappiness. Though we have all our possessions, our honor, our health, our loved ones, and even our life taken from us, no power in heaven or on earth can rob us of the happiness of possessing God. "*For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor might, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*" (Rom. 8:38). There is only *one* thing which is capable of taking God from us and that is sin. To say that sin is the only real evil is completely accurate. It is sin, then, over which we ought to mourn above all else.

Understanding this, the apparent contradiction of "to mourn is to be happy" disappears. If we have had the misfortune to lose God by the commission of a mortal sin, it is mourning for this sin—what we call contrition—that alone can restore for us the happiness of God's presence in our soul. Through contrition expressed in the sacrament of Confession, our sin is erased, and we enjoy once again the possession of God, the Supreme Good and source of all happiness. Moreover, a *continual* spirit of mourning for our sins—what we call compunction—will *maintain* happiness in us, since it guards us against future falls through the humility and dependence on God which it fosters.

Applying what has been said to the family, it is no surprise that the happiest families are those whose members each have frequent recourse to the sacrament of Confession. A spiritual author observed that Confession is one of the greatest benefits to human society, since it alone can offer the real remedy to human crime and malice, viz. God's grace. If this is true of society as a whole, it is also true of the "micro-society" which is the family. Confession acts as medicine to heal the wounds sin creates in a family. Through confession, arguments are resolved, injustices are righted, anger is cooled, coldness is melted, envy is destroyed, grudges are done away with. Even the damage caused in the family by "private" sins, sins we *erroneously* think affect none but ourselves, find their antidote in the confessional. When all the members of a family are spiritually healthy through frequent Confession, the atmosphere in the home can't but be happy.

On a practical level, parents should encourage frequent Confession in their home. They will remember that leading their children by example is the most powerful means of doing so. A child who sees dad and mom humbly taking their places in the Confession line, will find it easier to do the same. It is a duty of parents, as well, to encourage their children by their words to make use of the sacrament of Confession. They must be prudent, however, as an ill-timed or ill-phrased comment, which was meant to help, may sometimes do the opposite. Finally, parents should offer frequent prayers, and even sacrifices, to obtain the grace for their children of a love and devotion to the sacrament of Confession.

It is my hope that you and your families may become families of mourners, that is, families who have frequent recourse to Confession as a means of securing the happiness promised by Our Lord in the third beatitude.

With my prayers,
Fr. Nicholas McManus.