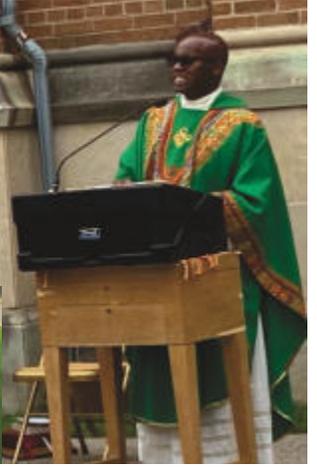


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July 4, 2021

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Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, July 4 - Fr. Larry

Lectors Emily Figlesthaler, Tony Amoroso

Sunday, July 11 - Fr. Peter Patrick

Lectors Mary Miller, Ron Ranallo

Mass Intentions & Scripture Readings

Sunday, July 4 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am † Charles Thunander (Dolores Thunander)

Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-4/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

Monday, July 5 St. Anthony Zaccaria; St. Elizabeth of Portugal

8:30 am Mass at St. Sebastian

Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-4, 14-15 ab/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday, July 6 St. Maria Goretti

8:30 am Safety and Health for Children & Young Adults

Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday, July 7

8:30 am Mass at St. Sebastian

Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a,17-24a/Ps 33:2-3,10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday, July 8

Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-21/Mt 10:7-15

Friday, July 9 St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions

8:30 am Courage to Proclaim Our Faith To Others

Gn 46:1-7,28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23

Sunday, July 11 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am † Joey Badora & Maria Buhler (Julie Ristow)

Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-14/Eph 1:3-14/Mk 6:7-13

The Week Ahead

Sunday, July 4 9:00 am Mass (Church)

Monday, July 5 All Day - Office Closed for Holiday

Tuesday, July 6 8:30 am Mass (Church)

9:00 am Adult Faith Formation (FKCC)

Thursday, July 8 6:30 pm Book Club (Rectory)

Friday, July 9 8:30 am Mass (Church)

Saturday, July 10 9:00 am Food Pantry (FKCC)

9:00 am Trail Experience Garden Club

Sunday, July 11 9:00 am Mass (Church)

Reflections on this Sunday's Readings

Today, I want to focus on the second reading from St. Paul to the Corinthians. Paul quotes God saying, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." This citation has also been recently popularized by the praise and worship song, "Your Grace is Enough for Me." This is a comforting phrase when we feel depleted and empty. Even when we are beat down and have nothing to give, we still have God's grace. "Your grace is enough for me."

St. Ignatius embraced this idea too in his first principle. He stated that we should not pray for health over sickness or wealth over poverty or even a long life instead of a short life, because we experience God wherever we are. If our circumstances were different, maybe we would not be as receptive to God's grace and love. Sometimes in our suffering we are the most open to God's presence in our life. So in your struggle, try to keep at the center that God's grace is enough.

- Do you find yourself wishing for different life circumstances?
- Are you able to keep focus on God's grace in your life?
- Are you able to share that message with other people struggling in your life?

Jon Metz

circumstances, we need to pray to God who promised, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."
Fr. Peter Patrick

Happy Fourth of July! Today we celebrate Independence Day.

This day means a lot to the citizens of this country -- past, present and future. For our forefathers, freedom meant the absence of subjection to foreign domination or a despotic government and the absence of enslavement. For them and for us, it's the power and right to act, speak or think as one wants without restraint. We know some people in this country are not completely free, so we still have work to do.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (Jn. 3:16). When Adam and Eve sinned, they chose death rather than life, but God never gave up on them. He promised to send a Messiah to save them and us from the slavery of sins, to give us freedom.

Even before the Messiah came, God sent the prophets to prepare his people, but they rebelled as we hear from today's first reading, "Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have revolted against me to this very day" (Ezk. 2:3). The message of Ezekiel and other prophets was rejected; yet God continued reaching out to his people.

In today's Gospel, we hear how Jesus also was rejected by his own people, "They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him?'" In the Gospel readings from Mark over the last weeks, we heard of Jesus performing miracles: commanding the wind and sea, ordering a little girl to rise from the dead, and healing the woman with hemorrhages. In his home region, Jesus was criticized and was not able to do a lot. They were so bound to their enslaving traditions and beliefs that they were unable to accept the message that could set them free. Sometimes we fall into the same kind of situation; we hear the word but don't act upon it because of our pride.

In today's second reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, Paul came to understand that his own pride could enslave him to sin. Paul had been persecuting the Christians; he had been a slave to his religion and culture before his conversion. He understood the difference between slavery and freedom. "That I, Paul, might not become too elated, because of the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan, to beat me, to keep me from being too elated" (2 Cor. 12:7). When we are faced by challenging

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Cougar Camp Has Openings

Cougar Camp is our after-school program that offers parents a safe and enriching environment for their children from the end of the school day until 6 pm. The Camp also operates during summer vacation; its program includes learning activities, games and field trips. Call 445-2846 for more information.

Senior Ministry

"Most changes involve some losses and some gains. If we allow ourselves to focus only on the negative aspects of a change, we will slip into a state of worry, bitterness, and despair. We feel like powerless victims who have lost control. If we choose to accept the fact that change happens and look for the potential positives, we can exercise our freedom to decide what to do next. We can choose change as a normal part of life or as an enemy, even a friend. We can resist and fight it, even when we cannot win. Or we can accept and embrace it as an opportunity for continuous renewal and growth." Robert Best

Sustainability Tip

Visit greenhomeguide.com/know-how/article/summer-sustainability-roundup for tips for managing the summer's heat, outdoor events and leisure activities in an eco-friendly way: make strategic use of shades, shutters and awnings, grill sustainably, and take a train instead of flying when traveling.

Facing Racism

Let the cry for justice always be heard in our land until, by your gracious will, your children live together in freedom, justice, and equality. Amen. *Prayer to End Racism - Epis. Dioc. of W VA*

Cleaner Needed for the Parish . . .

to keep the office and church clean and orderly. The expectation is to work 4 to 8 hours per week. Get more info from Carole Poth at 414-445-5115, extension 204.

Book Club s reading "The Wonder Boy of Whistle Stop" by Fannie Flagg; will meet in the rectory, Thursday, July 8, at 6:30.

Summarized Parish Activity through 5/31/21

	Budget	Actual
Income from Envelopes	170,000	164,428
Other Income	32,400	57,881
Parish Expenses	(231,800)	(220,119)
Net Income (loss) from Childcare	20,000	(35,809)
Surplus (deficit) Budget vs. Actual	(9,400)	(33,619)

Recovery Groups-All groups meet in the Community Ctr.

AA: Sunday 11:00 am AAA: Thursday 7:00 pm
Tuesday 6:30 pm
Friday 6:30 pm

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Independence Day Celebration . . .

at Enderis Park, 2938 N. 72nd Street, on July 5. A parade will start at 9 am; games and prizes, craft activities and food for purchase will follow.

Rise Above

Check out Rise Above, the 2021 Catholic Stewardship Appeal video that reflects the moment we are in and challenges us to rise above to help our neighbors. Contributions to the annual \$8.1 million Catholic Stewardship Appeal are restricted for use in four key areas of ministry: serving those in need, strengthening parish ministries and promoting evangelization, supporting schools and parish religious education, and forming priests, deacons and fostering parish leadership. See the video at www.catholicappeal.org. Put your faith into action with a gift to the CSA. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference. Thank you!

Where Are You in Your Journey?

Journeys can be physical (a move to a new place, a vacation) or spiritual (an awakening to a more meaningful relationship with God). Share that journey in **Reflections of Faith**. Send articles to secretary@saintcatherine.org.

2021-2022 Parish Budget

The Finance Council has approved the 2021-2022 Parish Budget. It is an insert in today's bulletin, and you can find the budget on the parish website.

Reading Tutors Needed for 2021-22 School Year

If you enjoy working with children and are looking for a way to make a lasting difference in a child's life, consider volunteering **two hours a week during the school day**. The Ignatian Volunteer Corp, affiliated with the Jesuits, is seeking volunteers who are willing to help struggling students learn to read. Each tutor works one-on-one with the same students throughout the school year so meaningful relationships can develop. Volunteer tutors are needed at our school and at St Rafael. Training and learning modules give volunteers the support. More info: Kathleen Mantz at kathleen.mantz@gmail.com

A New Month - A New Centennial Trivia Question

What religious order staffed St. Catherine School throughout much of its history? Note: It was NOT the same order that staffed St. Sebastian's School.

Eucharistic Liturgies are celebrated on Sundays at 9:00 am. Weekday Mass is at 8:30 am in church, T & F; at St. Sebastian, 8:30 am, M.

For an **Infant's Baptism**, contact the parish office during the prenatal time to begin preparation.

Those discerning a call to **Marriage** should contact the parish office at least six months prior to the wedding date.

For **Non-Infant Baptisms, First Communion, First Reconciliation, Confirmation** and **Information about the Catholic Church**, call the parish office.

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