This Week

SUNDAY 21 JULY
• 7:15 PM - Young-Adult Bible Study, Biggby Coffee, 320 E. Bridge St.

MONDAY 22 JULY / 2Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63/Jn 20:1-2,11-18
• 7 AM Communion Service
• 6:30 PM - Men’s Faith Group, Library

TUESDAY 23 JULY / Ex 14:21-15:1/Ex 15/Mt 12:46-50
• 7 AM - Mass - +Sammy Rutz & Ed Stenzel
• 10 AM - Mass - Benedictine Center - +Otto Kreill

WEDNESDAY 24 JULY / Ex 16:1-5,9-15/Ps 78/Mt 13:1-9
• 7 AM - MASS - +Burish & Blaskowski Families

THURSDAY 25 JULY / 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126/Mt 20:20-28
• 7 AM - Mass - +Joe & Marion Nowak
• 6:30 PM - Homebound Minister Renewal/Orientation, Church

FRIDAY 26 JULY / Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19/Mt 13:18-23
• 7 AM - Mass - +Jeanette Stenzel

SATURDAY 27 JULY / Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50/Mt 13:24-30
• 9 AM - Reconciliation

Lord’s Day Worship
Solemnity of St. Anne, Mother of Mary - 27/28 JULY
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Next weekend we celebrate our patron — St. Anne
At all Masses July 27/28 we will celebrate the Solemnity of St. Anne, our patron. In addition to the introduction of a new hymn composed for this feast, there will be receptions after the 4, 8:30 and 10:30 liturgies. While not mentioned in scripture, tradition identifies Anne as the mother of Mary.

Nominations sought to fill four spots on Pastoral Council
Nominations are being sought for our parish’s reformulated Pastoral Council. The goal is to fill four vacancies on the Council, which is the primary consultative body to the pastor.

The new Pastoral Council, once it’s fully established, will consist of 12 members who are eligible to serve two three-year terms.

Any parishioner is eligible to serve on the Pastoral Council. You may nominate someone, or nominate yourself, by sending an email to Joan Kleist of the Pastoral Council, at kleist1150@gmail.com, or by contacting the parish office. Nominations will be confirmed with the nominee. If there are more than four nominees, names will be drawn at random.

Terms are for three years, with members eligible to serve two terms. The Council meets approximately six times a year for, usually, no more than an hour!

The deadline for nominations is July 28, the Solemnity of St. Anne, our parish patron.

The Pastoral Council identifies matters of importance to the parish and then proceeds to discuss, encourage, challenge and make recommendations as to specific and general aspects of parish life. Committees focusing on worship, faith formation, social justice and community outreach, which will be organized in the fall, work in collaboration with the Council. The Finance Council is the other major consultative body.

Vacation Bible School this week
Assuming we have not met capacity, your son/daughter can still join the fun of Catholic Vacation Bible School this week. Arrive at 8:30 a.m. Monday for at-the-door registration. The program is from 9 a.m.-Noon through Friday at St. Michael Parish for children age 4 to entering 5th grade.

Our need to praise God can’t take a vacation.
JOIN YOUR PARISH FOR MASS THIS WEEKEND, OR FINE MASS TIMES WHEREVER YOU ARE AT www.MASSTIMES.org

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50 YEARS: A different perspective on space

A change of plan: Part 2 of answers to Camino questions that began last week will be shared in an upcoming bulletin. - TL

What I remember about the night of July 20, 1969, is that my mom wouldn’t let me watch what was one of the most significant historic events of not just my, at that point, young life, but really my entire life. The whole world it seems in hindsight was watching what was happening that night on the moon – I recall seeing pictures of people in a remote African village somehow watching TV, sharing that monumental moment. But not my sister and me. Our mom thought it was too nice a summer night to be wasted sitting in front of a television.

I was still a month shy of 9, so, in fairness to my mom, I might not be remembering this with 100 percent accuracy. However, when I’ve been asked where were you when Neil Armstrong stepped onto the moon, I’ve always responded with what I just explained. The first major world event of such extraordinary significance since I’d reached the age of reason – the Church places that at 7, which of course is quite debatable – and I was outside playing kick-the-can or some other trivial pursuit.

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They were more functional and, to be honest, routine. Shuttles seemed to be launching all the time. And, quite frankly, once we’d made it to the moon, the luster faded. I was working in a newsroom without television when the Challenger shuttle exploded in 1986, so I actually didn’t see that happen either, but I helped assemble some reaction for that day’s newspaper. I was sitting in a coffee shop on the Saturday morning of Feb. 3, 2003, when I heard a radio news cast that the shuttle Columbia dis-integrated as it re-entered earth orbit; it was disconcerting because people at a nearby table, who heard, simply kept on laughing and talking as if nothing had happened.

This week’s Apollo 11 commemorations have of course reminded me of that July night and my childhood fascination with the space program, but I’ve been kind of lukewarm about it all. I’m not negating the historic and scientific significance of the event. What I’m lacking is that 8-year-old boy’s enthrallment with all things related to space. Indeed, as an adult I’m rather suspicious of talk that our astronauts should return to the moon and even fearful of tentative plans to...
Men meet on Mondays

St. Anne’s Men’s Group welcomes men interested in confronting the challenges of being faithful Christians in a complicated world. Together participants encourage one another along the way. The group meets at 6:30 p.m. Mondays in the parish library.
JOIN FR. TOM ON PILGRIMAGE

THE BEATIFICATION of a potential Saint is, I would think, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. And that's what this pilgrimage offers — the experience of participating in the Beatification Mass of Brother James Miller, a Central Wisconsin native martyred in Guatemala in 1982.

While the Beatification Mass on Dec. 7 will be the culmination of the pilgrimage, our time in Guatemala also will include a day in Santiago Atitlan, where we'll visit the church where Blessed Stanley Rother of Oklahoma City was martyred in 1981. We'll also visit the beautiful, ancient city of Antigua and experience some of the Mayan culture at a parish mission in San Lucas Toliman.

Brochures with a complete itinerary and other details are available at church entranceways. Please consider joining us for what promises to be a wonderful experience. If you have any questions, please call or send an email.

— Fr. Tom
Mission preacher at Masses this weekend

Fr. Jackson Arul is with us at all Masses this weekend to address the missionary activities and challenges of the Diocese of Kumbakonam in India.

This is part of the annual mission cooperative encouraged by the diocesan mission office by which Catholics in more established parts of the world are encouraged to help those in more financially desperate regions of the world.

Envelopes are available in pews and at entrances to make a cash or check donation. Donations today can be put in the collection. You can also mail your donation or bring it next weekend, but have it clearly marked as “mission.”

Make checks payable to St. Anne Parish and put “mission” in the memo line.

A NEW BEGINNING TO SUMMER DAYS:
If you find yourself getting up a bit earlier, along with the sun, maybe you’d want to use a half hour of your morning to participate at Mass, which is celebrated at 7 a.m. Tuesday-Friday in church.

St. Florian Parish Picnic is July 27-28. In addition to live music all day and night, the picnic will feature a chicken dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, other food and refreshments, bingo and raffles, country store, kids games, cheese curds and tacos, and petting zoo. St. Florian is located at Exit 185 on Highway 29E.

New Diocesan School of Biblical Studies to begin

The Diocesan School of Biblical Studies is welcoming registrations for the program’s sixth four-year session, which begins this fall. The program unites the best of contemporary Christian biblical learning with a desire for spiritual growth in the Church. With teaching locations in Wausau and La Crosse, the program holds classes one Saturday a month for nine months each year. Catechists, teachers, permanent deacons, parish Bible study leaders and regular Bible readers looking for something “beyond the basics” will benefit from this program. To learn more go to http://diocesanschoolofbiblicalstudies.weebly.com or email Fr. Mark Pierce at frmarkpierce@gmail.com.

A weekend to restore joy and hope to your marriage

Is your marriage drifting apart? Retrouvaille is designed to give you the tools you need to restore joy and hope to your marriage. The next program in Central Wisconsin begins with a weekend Aug. 9-11 at St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon.

“We Needed to Refresh Our Marriage...It was wonderful. This program should be part of everyone’s marriage...We learned so much about each other we didn’t know!” See comments from program participants at HelpOurMarriage.org. For more information call 1-877-922-4673. It is fully confidential. Early registration is recommended.
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