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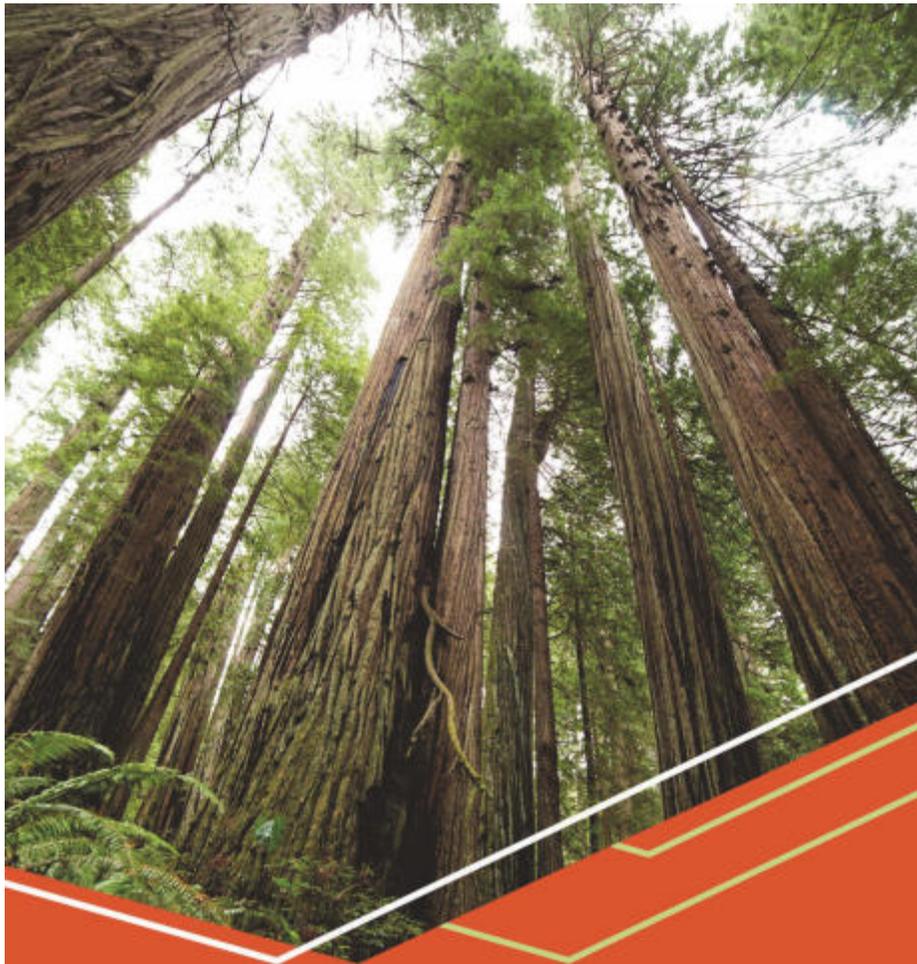
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14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!" - Mk 6:2

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*Energized by God's Word
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we strive to become
true followers of Christ."*

July 4th, 2021 | Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THIS WEEK AT HOLY SPIRIT

Parish Activities will not resume at this time. No meetings or sports activities will be permitted on the parish campus.

Mass Schedule: There is an 8:15 morning mass Monday through Friday; Saturday at 5:00pm and Sunday at 8:00 and 10:00 am.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a
 Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26
 Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38
 Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Mt 10:1-7
 Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15
 Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23
 Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33
 Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13



GOSPEL MEDITATION

It's all so ordinary that we can easily miss it. The seagulls hunting and diving for mollusks at the beach offer a display of determination and precision as they gather their food for the day. It's simply what these creatures do. Yet, there's a magical artfulness and skill to their work that speaks volumes about the One who breathed life into their being. This is pretty much the way it is with God's presence. God comes in common ways through common things and ordinary people. Sadly, we are so engulfed in our little worlds of order and ideas to notice the beauty and wonder of it all. Many have numbed themselves to the Divine spark at the essence of all life because that's just the way it is. What's so special about it? A sunset is a sunset and a seagull is a seagull. That's precisely what they thought about Jesus too. After all, isn't he just the carpenter's son? What merit can his words possibly have?

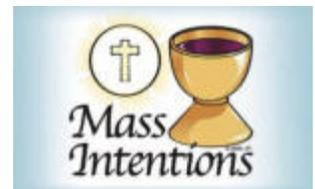
If we're looking for God to come in an event that is so dramatic and intense that it knocks our socks off, then think again. When pondering God's relationship with His people and God's action in our lives, we have to go back to the stable and the recurring, creative, unending power of God's presence. It was a quiet, run of the mill kind of night. There was nothing spectacular or extraordinary. To the naked eye, a woman gave birth to a child and there wasn't anything extraordinary to see. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinary-ness. Jesus grew up in an ordinary town, had neighbors and did normal human things. Perhaps that's why we don't always like the Gospel. It doesn't dazzle us with extraordinary things but simply challenges us to take a different look at our ordinary stuff. That makes us uncomfortable. We prefer things as they are. Our lack of faith can even cause us to take offense at what Jesus says and does, dismissing it as folly.

God's life-giving presence continues to sustain that seagull in flight and keep all things in being regardless of whether we have the faith to see and understand this. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be hardened and blinded to what God is doing or desiring to do. While God continues to do what he has done for all eternity, faith is needed for God's presence to bear fruit. The blinders we wear and the expectations we bring to life can often prevent us from seeing graced moments that radiate with God's graceful presence. They also prevent God's transforming, healing, and hope filled vision for our world from being realized. Without faith, God won't be able to do much for us either.

MASS INTENTIONS

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A MASS OFFERED, PLEASE CALL THE MINISTRY CENTER

Monday, July 5th, 2021	8:15am	†Allen & Evelyn Mattingly
Tuesday, July 6th, 2021	8:15am	†William Beach
Wednesday, July 7th, 2021	8:15am	†William Fenwick, Sr.
Thursday, July 8th, 2021	8:15am	†Sue & Paul Fenwick
Friday, July 9th, 2021	8:15am	†Tim Kenney Family
Saturday, July 10th, 2021	5:00pm	†Eloise B. Zumer
Sunday, July 11th, 2021	8:00am	People of the Parish Community
	10:00am	People of the Parish Community



STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

“So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.”

Mark 6:5-6

Stewardship is a faith response. Christ could not perform good works without faith. Neither can we. If faith without works is dead, so are works without faith.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

May, 2021

Monthly

Actual	Budgeted	Variance
\$84,810.24	\$75,000.	\$9,810.24

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Actual	Budgeted	Variance
\$917,693.95	\$930,000.	(\$12,306.05)

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DID YOU KNOW?

Question:

Do young Catholic children really need to go to Confession? How much sin can they really have?

Answer:

Ask any mom about her children, and see how many would say she has a brood of perfect angels! Parents know that kids do things that are wrong ... and they often know they're doing it! Even toddlers have a sense of right and wrong. The Church recognizes that their minds and consciences are not yet fully developed, however, and typically waits until age seven to offer the sacrament of Confession. Around that age and beyond, most young people, when asked, can easily explain why something is wrong.

Confession for children is an excellent way to help them reflect on their actions and accept responsibility for their behavior. It helps them to grow in their understanding of sin and how it affects others. This helps them to form their consciences and make better choices in the future. Most importantly, they learn the value of forgiveness, both given and received. Rather than singling out what's wrong, Confession offers hope and a new start! Children can grow in understanding God's unconditional love and develop a sense of inner dignity that transcends their failings. Not bad for five minutes and an "Our Father" or two!

FOR THE FAMILY

Reflecting on the Word: At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus arrived in Nazareth, and those who knew him as a child and watched him grow up were astonished by his teachings. But their astonishment quickly turned into anger, perhaps jealousy, and rejection. They “took offense at him.” How sad Jesus must have felt to be rejected by those who knew him best! Despite this personal rejection, Jesus didn’t need their approval and continued with his ministry.

On the Way Home from Mass: How can you support your friends and loved ones and their talents?

Living the Word: Hold a talent show in your home! Have each family member prepare a small demonstration (singing, dancing, reading, tell jokes, and so on.) Select a night for the big “show,” and prepare a stage or backdrop for the show. Have someone emcee the production and introduce each person for the family. Celebrate afterward with a special dessert, and talk about how it felt to perform in front of a supportive audience. Then recall the Sunday Gospel: How do you think Jesus felt when no one from his hometown appreciated his talents? How do you think that made him feel? How would you feel if you did not get any cheers and applause?

PRAYERS

Please pray for all the sick, shut-ins, those in nursing homes, hospitalized, or recently discharged and recuperating. *Specifically pray for the following who are suffering with a serious illness or undergoing treatment:* Noah Barone, Elizabeth Campbell Moir, Jim Boland, Matt Buechler, Bob Adelberg, Deacon Anthony Brown, Carol O’Bryan, Linda Lindsey, Wayne Clark, Adley & Tenley Ward, David Overstreet, Tom & Jane Elpers, Chuck Collins, Kenny Vance, Sawyer Hartley, Joe & Cissy Raibert

PHONE PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS:

- Cheri Hall 409-5386 (24/7 on call)
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MARRIAGE MOMENTS & PARENTING POINTERS

Marriage Moments: Independence and dependence are interrelated. Certainly each spouse should bring a free, unique spirit to marriage. Still, we need each other to help us when one or the other is in need and to compliment each other’s strengths. What are your differences?

Parenting Pointers: if you live in the USA, how will your family celebrate Independence Day? Kids usually love fireworks (but babies don't). Many enjoy a meal with family and friends. But, independence does not mean freedom from work. What do you depend on each other in your family to do?

SCHOOL NEWS



Catch the Spirit! Applications are now being accepted for in-person preschool 4’s and Kindergarten through 8th grade. Register at hspirit.org/school or schedule a tour by calling the school office at 502-893-7700.

FEATURED ARTICLE

BY FR. FRED KLOTTER



As I write this reflection, I am highly aware that the calendar reads “June 29, the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul.” In our times, it seems people are not much aware of the feast days of the Church. The only ones that usually come to mind are St. Valentine’s Day, St. Patrick’s Day, and of course, Christmas Day. Easter comes to mind as well, but as that always falls on a Sunday, it may seem less unusual.

When I first entered seminary and in my first years as a priest, I marveled at all the various feast days observed in the Catholic calendar, and I saw in their multiplicity a great variety of Christian approaches to God and to his Christ. I found the feast days to add depth and texture to the human experience of Christian faith. Now, with passing of time, I admit the novelty of the list of feasts has worn off a bit. On occasion, though, one of them still catches me off guard, and the life story of a particular saint and his or her times provides an unexpected bit of joy and inspiration. The Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, however, does not catch me off guard, for each year I look forward to it and *expect* inspiration to flow from it.

Expecting inspiration from this feast seems only natural given that fact that these two men are indispensable in the development and spread of Christian faith. Peter working primarily with Jews coming to faith in Jesus and Paul working with Gentile adherents, set a pattern for the universal availability of God’s love shown through Christ his son. No one is excluded from God’s care and concern. Certainly, history has shown that society struggles with this notion, or maybe more accurately, with how to express and live it. Despite the ebbs and flows, one sees that the broadness of its application has grown overtime. Indeed, it could be said that many of our current political upheavals come down to the question of how to expand love and how to express it. Then, mixing those ideals with understandings of morality and the realities of power and money, things can get pretty messy, pretty quickly. Nevertheless, Peter and Paul exemplify the expansion, not the contraction, of God’s love.

Somedays, when I feel frustrated over some mundane happening in the parish office, I amuse myself by recalling Peter and Paul, along with the other apostles, Christianized the Mediterranean Basin without the use of either a photocopier or the internet. It was the value of personal witness, integrity of character, word of mouth, and Spirit-led use of papyrus and pen that brought Christianity’s sea-change of human history into existence. Jesus, the Son of God, the second person of the Holy Trinity, had accomplished our salvation, but it was the work of the apostles that made it known. Without Jesus’s human associates, knowledge and faith in of the Christ event would have died in the Judean desert.

So, my friends, take heart! While we are not apostles in the biblical, foundational way of St. Peter and St. Paul, it is you and I who now serve as Christ’s human associates. If you find joy or comfort in your faith let someone know. Like the two of them, we have the use of personal witness, integrity of character, word of mouth, and paper and pen. We even have Facebook and Instagram! Allow the joy of faith to comfort and fill you. On days when it runs over the brim, do not let it go to waste. Share it with someone else.

**The Ministry Center
will be closed on Mon-
day, July 5th because
the 4th of July holiday
falls on Sunday.**



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Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00 and 10:00am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30pm in the Healing Chapel.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

Contact the Ministry Center for information regarding Baptism, First Eucharist, RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) and Marriage.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

After the 8:15am Mass every Thursday

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE PARISH?

Contact Karen Bisig, Business Manager, at the Ministry Center, to find out how to become a member.

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This year we will only be collecting \$10 and \$25 Walmart gift cards so students can purchase their own supplies. We did this for the first time last year during the pandemic and it worked out really well. **The Walmart gift cards can be dropped off in the collection basket at Mass or at the Ministry Center anytime between now and Sunday, August 1. (If gift cards are dropped off when the Ministry Center is closed, please place them in the Ministry Center mail slot.)**

Questions? Contact Jeannie Donovan at (502) 640-4522 or jlechdono@aol.com. Thank you for your support!

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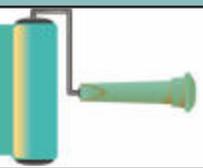
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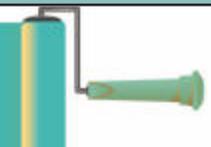
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