

We are the people of St. Mary of the Visitation Church, a multi-cultural Catholic Christian parish in Ottumwa, Iowa. We are growing in commitment to Christ, proclaiming the Good News and offering charity to all.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday (English) 4:30 PM

Sunday (English) 9:00 AM

Sunday (Spanish) 12:00PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation 3:00 to 4:00 PM Saturday, or by appointment.

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July 25, 2021

16th Sunday in ordinary time



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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. - Jn 6:9, 11

MASS INTENTIONS AND CALENDAR

Saturday July 24, 2021

- 4:30pm (SMV) Mass– Carlos Bravo

Sunday July 25, 2021 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9:00 am SMV English Mass– Harland/Caryl Farrell
- 12:00pm (SMV) Spanish Mass– for the parish

Alicia's Birthday!

Monday July 26, 2021

- 8:00am SP– Special Intention– A.M.A
- 5:15pm SMV No Mass

Tuesday July 27, 2021

- 8:00am SP Mass– Steve Crumes
- 5:15pm (SMV) Mass– Vincent Zerngast

Wednesday July 28, 2021

- 8:00am SP Mass– James “Chub” Chebuhar
- 5:15pm (SMV) -Tony Yencsik

Thursday July 29, 2021

- 8:00am SP Mass– Beverly Larkin
- 5:15pm (SMV) Mass– Betty Conlon
- 6:00pm Eng Classes

Friday July 30, 2021

- 8:00am SP Mass– Alice Anstey
- 5:15pm (SMV) Mass– Andrea Gomez

Saturday July 31, 2021

- 4:30pm (SMV) Mass– Sheri Heisdorffer
- 5:00pm SP Mass–Dorothy Lapsey

Sunday August 1, 2021 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9:00 am SMV English Mass– David Mcfadden
- 9:00am Sp Mass– Paul Riedel
- 12:00pm (SMV) Spanish Mass– for the parish
- 5:30pm SMM Mass– For the People

Ministers of the Altar for June & July

4:30pm Saturday July 24, 2021

Lector: Carol Hauptert

Euch. Min: NV*

Ushers: Roger Frimmel, John & Sylvia Hunolt, NV*

9:00am Sunday July 25, 2021

Lector: Jeri Bowen

Euch. Min: Keith Bowen

Ushers: Rose Ferguson, Rhonda, Erin and Kelly Conrad

4:30pm Saturday July 31, 2021

Lector: Joyce Kramer

Euch. Min: Patricia Lock

Ushers: Roger Frimmel, John & Sylvia Hunolt, NV*

9:00am Sunday August 1, 2021

Lector: Deacon Jim

Euch. Min: Deacon Jim

Ushers: Rose Ferguson, Rhonda, Erin and Kelly Conrad

FINANCES FOR JULY 3-9, 2021

Total Deposit	\$5,079.00
Envelopes	\$2,681.00
Offertory	\$1,136.00
Multicultural	\$50.00
Vanco online donations (E-Giving)	\$1212.00
Weekly amount needed to meet budget	\$7,900.00

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Oct 20'-Sept. '21 Goal	Paid to Date	Amount Under
\$54,470.00	\$47,068.72	\$7,401.28

The Knights of Columbus will be having a Tootsie Drive August 27-29 at Mass

July 25, 2021 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The hand of the Lord feeds us, “ says the psalmist; “he answers all our needs.” Both Elisha’s servant in the first reading and the disciples in the Gospel story who witnessed the feeding of the five thousand saw this happen and knew it to be true.

Seton Catholic School will be hosting another blood drive August 28, from 2:30pm-6:30pm.

They will also be having there 5th Sunday Breakfast at the knights of Columbus hall on August 29th, from 8:00am—11:30pm Please come and show support to our school! We hope to see everyone.

Readings for the week of July 25, 2021

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15
 Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Mt 13:31-35
 Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43
 Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46
 Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
 Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58
 Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12
 Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35



Planning study testing support for diocesan needs

You may be aware that we are conducting a comprehensive survey of the entire diocese as part of a planning study. (This is separate from the “Rediscovering Sunday” survey that is being conducted through July 31.) The purpose of the planning study survey is to help gauge support for the following projects and priorities:

- Funding for priests’ medical and retirement costs
- Funding for seminarian formation and vocations awareness
- Individual parish needs

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the early weeks of the study. Others will be receiving surveys in the mail, and all who do so are encouraged to complete the survey and return it. Your thoughts are extremely valuable during this planning process.

We hope to have all surveys completed by Sept. 3. You may return your survey to the office or place it in the offertory basket at any of the Masses. Also, the diocese will hold a number of listening sessions at parishes across the diocese to gather feedback. **The first of those sessions is Monday, Aug. 2, at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick Parish in Ottumwa.**

Pastors Pen

Ana de la Torre is replacing Lisa Canny as co-director and co-youth director with Gail Bates. I want to thank Lisa for six years of service. Since she had access to the parish census, communication between the religious education ministry and the parish greatly improved. During this past year of pandemic, she created the means of remote learning and worked with families so that parents could teach their children at home. Thank you, Lisa.

Ana brings her skills of ministry formation, being bilingual and knowing the Hispanic culture. She will have the same office in Seton Catholic School, the same office phone and the same email as Lisa had. Welcome, Ana.

Fr. Jim



Please join us after 9:00am Mass on July 25th to welcome our new member in the parish staff Anna de la Torre and to give our farewell to our dear Lisa Canny. We will be having a pot-luck in the hall.

Did you know..

The word “Eucharist” is Greek for “Thanksgiving”. The Greek word Saint Paul continually uses for “grace”- charis. Grace simply put is God's life in us. The word Eucharist literally and sacramentally is how Christ put his very life or grace within us.

Religious Education News...7-25-2021

WELCOME to OCRE Ana Isabel De LaTorre!! She is the new Co-Director of Religious Education.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION NOTICE! St. Mary of the Visitation children, who are in their 2nd year of First Communion preparation, will celebrate that sacrament on **Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 1:00 pm. St. Patrick FHC is Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 9:00 am Mass and St. Mary Magdalen on September 12 at 5:30 pm Mass.**

If any girl wants a white communion dress we have 2 beautiful white communion dresses in size 5. They are free - call Gail Bates at the St. Patrick site at 641-682-0320.

PARENTS AND ALL R.E. STUDENTS Please complete your lessons! Those doing book only, please bring your book to Sr. Irene or Fr. Jim, or call R.E. offices- Gail Bates, 641-682-0320, or Ana De La Torre, 641-682-4496.

FAMILIES, PLEASE DON'T WAIT! turn in your Religious Education Registration forms for 2021-2022 now. Registration Forms have been mailed to families. Please turn them in as soon as possible. We need to know how many are attending so we can order books and supplies. **If you have not received a registration, please contact us.** You can pick up forms at both Religious Education Offices. Thank you for supporting Ottumwa Catholic Religious Education

Baptism Certificates: If your child is going into the Second year of First Holy Communion or Second year of Confirmation we need their Baptismal Certificates now, please. We have to have a copy of ALL Religious Education Students Baptism Certificates.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

It's All in the Basket

St. Therese of Lisieux made a point of going the extra mile in kindness towards those people who really got under her skin. It was part of her own brand of Everyday Stewardship — thanking God for all His creation, even the parts with which, in her own humanness, she struggled to cope.

I think about this a lot when I challenge myself to give thanks for things that bother me and people who challenge me. When I do this, I envision Christ giving thanks over those insufficient loaves. How many of us would see that paltry little basket and kick a rock in frustration because we can't feed all our people? “You didn't give me enough, Lord! You didn't give me enough patience, enough money, enough creativity, enough stamina to be a good steward. If you had given me more, I could also give more!”

In those moments of despair, we need to take a good look at the life God has given us. We need to look at the trials and the challenges and the shortcomings. The hopes that didn't pan out, the disappointments that keep cropping up. Somewhere therein lies what we need to be the steward God asks us to be, just as St. Therese's own stewardship was defined by the people she simply couldn't stand.

God does not give us all we want. He does not give us all we ask for. He does us one better: He gives us all we need. It's all in the basket.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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