



to our
**Parishes on the Prairie
Area Catholic Community**

St. Donatus, Brooten
St. Alexius, West Union
St. Francis de Sales, Belgrade
Sts. Peter & Paul, Elrosa
Our Lady of the Angels, Sauk Centre
St. Paul's, Sauk Centre



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"A Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." - Lk 10:33

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm....St. Paul's, Sauk Centre
Saturday 5:00 pm St. Francis de Sales, Belgrade
Saturday 5:00 pm....Our Lady of the Angels, Sauk Centre
Saturday 8:00 pm....St. Paul's, Sauk Centre
Sunday 8:00 am....St. Paul's, Sauk Centre
Sunday 8:15 am....St. Donatus, Brooten
Sunday 8:30 am....St. Alexius, West Union
Sunday 10:00 am....St. Paul's, Sauk Centre
Sunday 10:15 am....Sts. Peter & Paul, Elrosa
Sunday 10:30 am....Our Lady of the Angels, Sauk Centre

Reconciliation Schedule

Thursday 4:00 pm....St. Paul's
Saturday 3:00 pm....St. Paul's
Saturday 4:00 pm....St. Francis de Sales
Saturday 4:00 pm....Our Lady of the Angels
Sunday 8:00 am....St. Alexius

Websites

www.parishesontheprairie.org
www.holyfamilysc.org
www.centreforchrist.org
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Priest Emergency Number 320-351-2631

JULY 10, 2022



WANTED BY GOD

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name: you are mine.”

~ Isaiah 43:1 ~

God does not call us because we are worthy. He calls us because we are wanted. If we take a look at the 12 Apostles, which one of them was qualified to be a leader of Jesus’ people? Peter, Andrew, James and John were fishermen. Matthew was a tax collector. Along with the rest, they were essentially nobodies in the sight of the world. They were not worthy of their call, but Jesus wanted them.

When David was chosen to be king, his older brothers were considered because of their age, strength, or handsome looks. David was the youngest and just a ruddy shepherd boy. But he is the one God wanted.

St. Augustine’s early life consisted of sexual licentiousness, erroneous beliefs, and endless desires for the things of this world. He later wrote of his own conversion, “You (God) were with me, but I was not with you. ... You called, you shouted, and you dispelled my blindness.” St Augustine realized the great longing God had for him and despite running from grace as a young man — God wanted him.

Like King David and St. Augustine, God looks beyond your appearance and past the things you have done. He sees the real you —the good you. He looks into the depth of your heart and regardless of your faults, He wants you!

Jesus who has the power to create everything out of nothing certainly has more than enough power to transform a sinner into a saint. He has all the love and mercy He needs to change you. You only have to accept the fact that Jesus wants you and surrender your life to him. Trust him. Let Him have control of your life and see what He will do. You are WANTED BY GOD!

In our Father’s hands,

☺ Fr. Greg Paffel

Challenge — take a few silent moments this week to realize God made everything good and Jesus wants you.

Thank You — Our ACC had a wonderful celebration on June 29. Many people from all six parishes came together to play bingo, eat succulent pulled pork, have root beer floats, drink cold beer, play in the bouncy house and other games, listen to live music, pray together and bless each parish with benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Thank you to our chairperson Danny Borgerding, the event committee, and all the many hands who made our first ACC event a success!



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ST. DONATUS

301 EASTERN AVE, BROOTEN, MN 56316



Ministry Schedule

Sunday, July 17

8:15 am

Lector: Scott Jacobson

EMs: Trisha Delhamer, Carol Sanders,

Jessica Radermacher

Ushers: Aaron & Isaac Radermacher

Servers: Lilly & Faith Radermacher

Counters: Mary Rodahl & Jeanie Rooney

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Wednesday

8:45 am-6:00 pm

Everyone Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 13

8:15 am †Krista Detloff

Sunday, July 17

8:15 am †Waldo Fauskee

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

July 3, 2022

Adult	\$2,505.00
Loose	72.00
Maintenance Fund	100.00
Votives	39.00
Total	<u>\$2,716.00</u>

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ST. ALEXIUS

11 OAK STREET, WEST UNION, MN 56389



Ministry Schedule

Sunday, July 17

8:30 am

Lector: Jane Jenc

Gift bearers: Family of Norb Miller

EMs: Jane Jenc, Cindy Miller,

Jim Bottelberghe

Rosary: Hannah Kroll

Sacristan: Cindy Miller

Servers: Brock & Henry Miller,

Mason Klaphake

July Ushers: Mark Jahner &

Shawn Laven

MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 13

8:30 am †Anna Hinnenkamp

Sunday, July 17

8:30 am †Norb Miller

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

July 3, 2022

Adult	\$1,722.00
Loose	150.00
Youth	3.00
Mass Intentions	20.00
Cemetery	100.00
Total	<u>\$1,995.00</u>



Group 3 is scheduled to clean the church basement on Tuesday, July 12, at 6:30 pm.

Save The Date: Cabbage cutting will be Saturday, July 30, at 8 am.



Family Rosary Night – Sunday, July 10, at 7pm. Join us at the Mary Garden near the parish house. Bring your rosaries and chairs if you choose. In case of rain, we will be praying in the church.





Ministry Schedule

Saturday, July 16

5:00 pm

Lector: Sue Betz

EMs: Rick Tschida, Tonya Weller,
Joyce Schwinghammer

Ushers: Roy Lensing, Lionel Radermacher,
Jeff Roelike, Steve Walz

Servers: Volunteers

Counters: Dan & Sue Betz

Rosary Leader: Joyce Schwinghammer

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, July 11

8:00 am Communion Service

Tuesday, July 12

8:15 am Living & †Deceased
Members of St. Theresa Mission

Friday, July 15

Belgrade Nursing Home

Not Open to the Public

10:30 am †Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, July 16

5:00 pm †Alphonse & Hildegard
Wiechmann

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

July 3, 2022

Adult	\$1,145.00
Loose.....	53.00
Youth.....	2.25
Online Giving.....	75.00
Total	<u>\$1,275.25</u>



FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

July 10, 2022

THE SEARCH CONTINUES: WHAT ABOUT CHURCH SCANDALS?

In some way or another, we have all been affected by Church scandals. In this episode of The Search Continues, Chris Stefanick and Dr. John Sehorn discuss how we are to respond to these evils. In doing so, they remind us to fight for the Church and perpetually call her members to live up to their callings.



To sign up for FORMED:

1. Visit FORMED.org
2. Click Sign Up
3. Select "Sign Up As A Parishioner"
4. Find Parishes on the Prairie by parish name, address, or zip code (56378)
5. Enter your email - and you're in!

To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

News for BBE Parishes

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church Parish Center in Belgrade on Thursday, July 21, from 1:00-7:00 pm. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment. The need is very great!



The Parish Office in Belgrade will be closed the week of July 18. If you need assistance that week, please call the Parish Office in Sauk Centre at 320-352-2196.



Ministry Schedule

Sunday, July 17

10:15 am

Lector: Mark Herickhoff

EMs: Jim Weller, Mary Ann Bauer,

Joe Borgerding

Ushers: Gary Deters & Ken Jenc

Servers: Samantha Gregory &

Katie Gregory

Counters: Jim & Jackie Weller

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, July 11

11:15 am Totus Tuus Mass

Tuesday, July 12

11:15 am Totus Tuus Mass

Wednesday, July 13

11:15 am Totus Tuus Mass

Thursday, July 14

8:15 am †Cap Weller

11:15 am Totus Tuus Mass

Friday, July 15

11:15 am Totus Tuus Mass

Sunday, July 17

10:15 am For the People

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

July 3, 2022

Adult	\$780.00
Loose	92.00
Votives	47.00
Summer Festival	320.00
Online Giving.....	<u>25.00</u>
Total	<u>\$1,264.00</u>

Welcome, Haley!

Please extend a warm welcome to

our newest parishioner, Haley

DeVlaeminick, who was con-

firmed on April 16 at the Easter Vigil Mass at Ss. Peter & Paul. Haley and her fiancé, Brent Arceneau, will be married this November in Elrosa.

Welcome to our parish family, Haley!



Observances for the week of July 10, 2022

Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Benedict, Abbot

Wednesday: St. Henry

Thursday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Friday: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Next Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Readings of the Week

Readings for the week of July 10, 2022

Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9])/ Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, July 16

5:00pm

EMs: Clara Post, Claire Rieland, Sue Rick
 Lectors: Clara Post, Lola Welle
 Servers: Gerald Haskamp & *Need volunteers*
 Ushers: Ken Leukam, Kenny Leukam Jr,
 Pat Robischon, Rob Gruber
 Rosary: Cindy Sunderman
 Gift Bearers: Kristi Whitcomb & an usher

Sunday, July 17

10:30 am

EMs: Jean McDonald, Allison Norgren,
 Lori Arends
 Lectors: Deb Holt, Mike Sopcyk
 Servers: Jeremiah Jordan, Bob Borgmann,
 Michael Doubek
 Ushers: John Metcalf, Timothy Meyer,
 Dennis Primus, Scott Rutten
 Rosary: Tony & Marlene Jennissen
 Gift Bearers: Timothy Meyer family

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, July 11

7:00 am †John & Tom Wachlarowicz

Tuesday, July 12

Getty Street

10:00 am †Kathy Funk

Friday, July 15

7:00 am †Sunderman & Meyer Family

Saturday, July 16

5:00 pm †Joe, Margaret & Dennis Berns

Sunday, July 17

10:30 am †Eugene Jennissen

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

July 3, 2022

Adult	\$7,803.00
Plate	265.00
Children	5.00
Votive	126.96
Build. Repair/Maint.	290.00
Cemetery	75.00
Basement Repair	1,000.00
Home Mission	15.00
End of Fiscal Year	50.00
Peters Pence	20.00
June ACH	<u>4,272.00</u>
Total	<u>\$13,921.96</u>



**Congratulations to
 Gerald and Joyce Meyer
 celebrating their
 60th Wedding Anniversary
 this weekend.**

May God bless you and your family!



Stewardship as a Way of Life:

“Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise’” (Luke 10:37).

This was Jesus’ command at the end of the Good Samaritan story. Did you know that the Samaritans and Jews despised each other? The moral of the story is to love our neighbor. That means loving someone you may not know, or someone that looks different than you, or someone that has different beliefs than you, or someone that you don’t like. All without expecting anything in return.

News For SA/OLA/SP

- **Searching Souls** Join other searching souls every Monday at 6:30 pm at Centre for Christ for videos and small group discussions with a different topic each week to grow in our Catholic faith together! Call 320-761-3590 for more information. “Like” the Searching Souls Ministries Facebook Group!
 - July 11: Precepts of the Church
 - July 18: No Searching Souls event this night



Sauk Centre Seniors Pie & Ice Cream Social

Thursday, July 14, Time: 2-4:00 pm. Location: Sauk Centre Senior Center “Best Pie in town!” Your choice of pie with ice cream and beverage-\$4.00!! Everyone is welcome!



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, July 16

4:00 pm

EMs: Denise Rieland, Dan Krousey,
Tom Koppelman, Bob McLellan
Greeters: Mark Haskamp, Dave Weir
Lectors: Mark Haskamp, Kate Uphus
Rosary: Carla Moritz
Servers: Noah Cross
Gift Bearers: *Need Volunteers*
Ushers: Chuck & Jason Klaphake,
Mark Schaefer

8:00 pm

EMs: Martin & Georgianne Primus
Greeter: Need Volunteer
Lector: Marty Primus
Servers: Aiden Middendorf, Grant Lahr
Gift Bearers: Michaelann Fonder & Volunteer
Ushers: Blake Bromenshenkel, Paul Reitsma,
Jim Klaphake

Sunday, July 17

8:00 am

EMs: Curt & Monica Blaske,
Sandi Friedrichs, Kayla Hunstiger
Greeters: Virgil & Jean Zwilling,
Ruth & Shannon Pohlmann
Lectors: Jean Zwilling & David Tholl
Rosary: Julie Meyer
Servers: Hayden Tschida, Sophia Tschida
Gift Bearers: Virgil & Jean Zwilling Family
Ushers: Wayne & Derek Bromenshenkel,
Jeff Nienaber, Jerry Kulzer

10:00 am

EMs: Deb Himsl, Mary K. Meier, Jody Schirmers,
Barbara Uphus, Steven Schreifels
Greeters: Mary & Mike Thomas, Bob Deem
Lectors: Barbara Uphus, Becky Eibensteiner
Rosary: Shari Saltmarsh
Servers: Clayton Groetsch, Ben Klaphake
Gift Bearers: Mike & Kate Andrews Family
Ushers: Paul Schmiesing, Chuck Reynolds,
Shawn Bromenshenkel

Knights of Columbus Meeting:

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

St. Paul's Church Basement

6:30 pm Rosary, 7:00 pm Meeting

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, July 12

8:30 am †Victor Schmitz

Wednesday, July 13

7:00 am †Dave Walter (Anniv.)

Thursday, July 14

8:30 am †Dave Jones (Anniv.)

Nursing Home-

Not Open to the Public

10:15 am †Donna Kuhlmann

Saturday, July 16

4:00 pm †Pete Jennissen (Anniv.)

8:00 pm †Richard VonWahlde

Sunday, July 17

8:00 am Living & †Deceased
Members of the Zwilling and
Kerfeld Families

10:00 am †LeRoy Wolbeck

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

July 3, 2022

Adult.....	\$12,656.00
Plate	860.65
Votive	49.25
HFS.....	240.00
Bldg Maint. Repair	105.00
Cemetery	10.00
Children	67.50
Memorial/Gifts	20.00
Funeral Fund.....	125.00
June ACH	11,679.72
Total.....	<u>\$25,813.12</u>

Thank you to everyone who warmly greeted Sister Anita Jennissen and her Franciscan companions several weeks ago when they visited St. Paul's Church. If you are still interested in purchasing her book, The World is my Cloister, they are now available at Hidden Treasure in Sauk Centre.



PRAYER GATHERING Come gather together for prayer every Monday at 4:00 pm at St. Paul's Church. Let your intentions become a united prayer to the Lord.

ST. FAUSTINA CHAPEL OF DIVINE MERCY

CONTACTS: LINDA 352-0105, 320-491-8225 OR LINDAFRERICKS2@GMAIL.COM;
MARIA 320-267-3230 OR GRETCHEN 320-248-1778

COMMITTED ADORERS NEEDED FOR THESE HOURS:

Sunday- 1PM & 2PM, Tuesday- 3 AM,
Wednesday- 1AM, Thursday -1AM, Friday- 1 AM & 3AM

PRAYER PARTNER or PRAYER SUB REQUESTED for THESE COMMITTED ADORERS:

Monday-2PM, Wednesday- 6 PM &
Saturday- 12AM(midnight), 1 AM, 3AM

There are several books missing from the chapel library. If you brought a book home to read, please return the book(s) to the chapel. We would prefer that all chapel library books remain in the chapel to be read at the chapel. Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL & NEWS FOR ALL



Holy Family School Weekly Calendar Raffle

7/3	\$20	Marian Moening, Sauk Centre
7/4	\$20	Marge Lausen, Richfield
7/5	\$20	Bryan & Jeanne Bellefeuille, Sauk Centre
7/6	\$75	Kathrine Walter, St. Paul
7/7	\$20	Sue Rick, Sauk Centre
7/8	\$20	Glenn & Carden Mueller, Cold Spring
7/9	\$20	Andy Anderson, Parkers Prairie

During the month of July, HFS will be open in the mornings at unspecified times.
Please call and leave a message if you need to reach us. Thank you.

Holy Family School is accepting resumes for a teaching position and a part-time paraprofessional beginning the 2022-23 school year. The teaching position requires a license within the State of MN. Resumes or inquiries for these positions can be sent to Holy Family School, 231 Sinclair Lewis Ave., Sauk Centre MN 56378 or at this email address lotte@holyfamilysc.org. Questions may be directed to 320-352-6535. Positions will remain open until filled.

News for All Six Parishes

**Combined bulletin: The weekends of July 17 & 24 will be a combined bulletin.
Please email francisdesales@mediacombb.net with any information
for this combined bulletin by July 11.**

- **Bishop's Annual Appeal:** The Bishop's Annual Appeal proudly supports respect-for-life efforts in the diocese. Your generosity helps make this possible. To donate, visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal or mail to: Bishop's Annual Appeal, P.O. Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302.
- **Have you always wanted to make a pilgrimage but never taken the time?** Well now is your chance. The St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is hosting a **Eucharistic Pilgrimage** on Thursday, August 4. The day starts with 8 am Mass at St. Louis Bertrand in Foreston, followed by a message from Fr. Derek Wiechmann, tour of the church and chapel, and adoration. Then it's on to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Isanti where Fr. Don Wagner will greet us at approx. 11 am, followed by a tour, adoration and lunch. The day will conclude at St. Andrew's in Elk River around 2:30 pm where Fr. Mark Innocenti will join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet, tour and adoration. Drive yourself or coach busing is available. Registration is required. Contact Jean Zwilling at (320) 492-7069 to reserve your spot by 7/15.
- **WHEN ONE DOOR CLOSSES, ANOTHER ONE OPENS.** Are you feeling like you are stuck between those doors? **CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA** is a Catholic retreat program that can help you find your way. Sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and designed for adults, the next weekend is scheduled for September 23-25, 2022, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

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Parishes on the Prairie Area Catholic Community Prayer Corner

If you or someone you know in our ACC is sick or ill, please call our Parish Office at 320-254-8218 to add them to our Prayer Corner. Please pray daily for those in need of healing in our parishes.



*All those in Nursing Homes, family of †Ken Lawinger, family of †Greg Mueller,
family of †Valeria Peters, family of †Dorothy Schmitz, family of †Henry Svoboda*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FAITH FORMATION

Steubenville News! Please keep in your prayers the 17 youth from BBE and 11 from Sauk Centre who will be journeying to Rochester to attend a Steubenville Conference July 15-17: Jacinta Radermacher, Anna Jaeger, Nakia Shepersky, Faith Radermacher, Brooklyn Fischer, Teresa Heinze, Kadynce Haider, Taylor Young, Darin Huston, Toby Cebulla Kaden DeRoo, Luke Dingmann, Bryce Feuerhake, Jordan Herickhoff, Aiden Radermacher, Zach Tschida, James Wesbur, Abigail Mohs, Yaziel Aponte Diaz, Serena Middendorf, Brianna Middendorf, Victoria Marthaler, Zach Klimek, Sam Slaphake, Chris Polipnick, Nolan Kampsen, Steven Schreifels, Becca & Isaac Radermacher, Rachel Bosl, Tom Overman, Fr. Theis, and Shari & Adam Saltmarsh.

STEUBENVILLE ROCHESTER



BBE Faith Formation

It is Totus Tuus Week in Elrosa!

Grades 7-12 will meet Sunday-Thursday (July 10-14) from 7-9 pm.

Grades 1-6 will meet Monday-Friday (July 11-15) from 9 am-2:30 pm.

There is no cost to families thanks to some generous donations from parishioners!

Registration forms are in the back of each church.

If you haven't turned in your forms yet, just bring them with on the first day.



The Faith Formation office at Centre For Christ will not have regular staff hours for July. We will be in for Totus Tuus. If you need to reach someone, please email them directly or leave a message at 351-5580 and someone will get back to you. Have a GREAT summer!

Totus Tuus is in July! Totus Tuus is a program led by a team of college age men and women. Permission slips can be found in the Centre For Christ entryway, or you can still sign up after Masses July 16-17. Elementary program is July 18-22, 2022 from 9 am -2:30 pm for children going into 1st-6th grade. Jr. & Sr. High Program is July 17-21 from 7-9 pm.

Daily Faith

Question:

What can I do to help our family practice our faith each day?

Answer:

Some families practice their religion together as just another event on their schedule: go to church, observe Lent, help at the parish picnic, go to a meeting, volunteer time, make your confession, use your envelope... But the focus needs to be on who we are—God's people, in relationship with him, loved, forgiven, and redeemed, and called to live and proclaim the Gospel. Our awareness of

God's presence and our sense of mission are supported by the daily rituals, celebrations, and traditions that help us stay focused. Sharing our faith strengthens us and clarifies the beliefs and values of Christian living.

Daily family practices include time for prayer—before meals, before bed, before important meetings and activities. Attend Sunday Mass together and discuss the homily afterward. Create family celebrations for holy days and holidays. Make religion a regular part of your discussions. Include others, especially the elderly and the less fortunate, in your activities and charitable efforts. By applying the virtues of faith, hope, and love to each day, faith becomes part of who your family is. It influences how you act towards others, what you value, and how mindful of God you are. Faith is the leaven of life that helps all of us rise to our calling and dignity as God's people. ©LPi



MISCELLANEOUS

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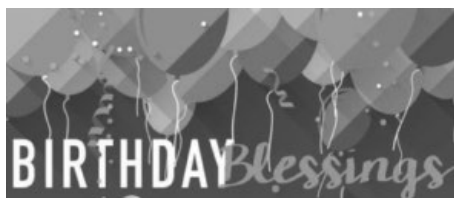
Job Openings

Full Time Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant

We are looking for an organized, friendly and prayerful individual to join our Parish Staff in Sauk Centre! Experience and working knowledge of bookkeeping preferred. If you are interested and want more information, please contact our parish office for a full job description: 320-352-2196 or email business@parishesontheprairie.org.

Youth Minister/Faith Formation Coordinator

This position will work in faith formation and youth ministry for five of our parishes within our Area Catholic Community (ACC). In three parishes, for over half the time, this person would be responsible for youth ministry and faith formation for grades 6-12. In two parishes, this person would be responsible for a middle school Youth Ministry (grades 6-8) and assist with 9-12 grade Youth Ministry. Some events are the same for the whole ACC. This position is full-time for 12 months of the year. To apply for this position, please send your resume and references to Adam Saltmarsh, business@parishesontheprairie.org. For more information and a complete job description, please refer to our website, www.parishesontheprairie.org.



Happy Birthday to one of our seminarians, Kevin Soenneker, on July 16!
We hope you have a great day!

What Jesus Doesn't Say

"If Jesus wanted us to (fill in the blank), he would have said so."

We hear this argument applied to every controversial topic under the sun — and even some not-so-controversial topics, too. Whenever someone is trying to make a case for a decision they have already made, they call in Jesus' scriptural silence on the matter as their expert, unimpeachable witness.

And sure, there's much Jesus doesn't talk about in the Gospels. But by this logic, we would have to assume that Jesus doesn't care, for instance, if we drive well over the speed limit (he doesn't discuss cars and highways in the Bible) or what we do online (he never mentions the Internet or websites at all!), when we know that certainly is just not the case.

Like the scholar of the Jewish law who challenges Jesus to define who exactly his "neighbor" is, we can argue semantics all we want. But if we rest in prayer and look deep into our hearts, we know what path we need to take, and it's usually not the easy one.

I find that I do this plenty in ways that are far more subtle. I lament that the situation facing me is not sufficiently "black and white." I become frustrated by the shades of moral grey and toss up my hands, claiming I don't know what the right answer is, insisting that I can't be blamed for the ramifications of whatever decision I make.

What I need to be doing in these situations is asking God for His guidance, even if it makes me nervous. I need to be like the scholar. He was brave enough to ask, even though I think he knew he wouldn't particularly like the answer. Let's strive for that same courage.


— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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