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July 17, 2022

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Saturday 4:00-4:40 PM Tuesday 5:00-6:00 PM or by appointment

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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is need of only one thing." - Lk 10:42

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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER DAVE

SPEND SOME SUMMER QUIET TIME WITH GOD? In glancing at the calendar the other day, I noticed that as of this weekend we are solidly entrenched in what would traditionally be viewed as the second half of the summer season. Using the academic model, summer more or less stretches through the months of June, July and August, or from Memorial Day till Labor Day. Typically for many families, those summertime months include lots more time out of doors, perhaps at the cabin or the park or the beach. For those who are sports minded, it might mean that the soccer or softball field or the golf course or pool become a sort of second home. For others summer means loading the family in the car, SUV or minivan for a trek to a new and exciting vacation destination. Whatever the theme or activity that summertime brings for you, the generally agreed upon common denominator is that of fun and relaxation – a time to kick back and enjoy, even if for a short time, a less hectic pace of life and perhaps even the beauty of nature.

Just as everyone needs a chance to slow down the pace and rest a bit on a physical level, the same thing applies to the spiritual level. Mind you, I'm not suggesting that anyone take a break from praying or going to Mass. In fact, it is now just over two years since we reopened to public Masses, and our weekend Mass attendance still only hovers around 80% of prepandemic levels—similar to what my other priest friends report. Yet, it has been known for centuries that a robust spiritual life requires a certain balance. There needs to be a "down time", so to speak, in the rhythm of spiritual activity. That "down time" could be represented by a meditative or contemplative form of prayer. That prayer style, I believe, is ideally suited to this time of the year. Let me explain.

When most of us think of prayer we may think of reciting Our Fathers and Hail Mary's or reading time-honored prayers out of a prayer book. Alternatively, some people find it most enriching to choose a passage from scripture and delve into the meaning of that passage in application to their own life. A third approach to prayer is a sort of free form conversation with God about what is going on in one's life complete with both areas of blessing and requests for help. All of these styles take a fairly "active" approach to our relationship with God.

By contrast, a contemplative form of prayer is a prayer of quiet. No agenda, not really even any words – but simply sitting in stillness in the presence of God. Quiet and stillness are becoming ever more rare commodities in our hectic daily lives. At times they can feel uncomfortable.

In fact, take a look at the tidbit I discovered years ago in *Dr. Joseph Virga's Daily Health Update Newsletter:*

A series of experiments on volunteers ages 17 to 77 has found that many individuals would rather do anything, even hurt themselves, than spend quiet time with their own thoughts. Many preferred external activities such as listening to music or using their smartphone. In fact, 67% of males and 25% of females disliked being alone so much that they self-administered mild electric shocks to distract themselves during just a 15-minute session of quiet thinking. American Society of Clinical Oncology, July 2014

We are so used to being surrounded by sound and activity that we have to force ourselves to turn it off and be still. Yet stillness provides the most conducive atmosphere to hear the voice of God trying to speak to us. A lawn chair in the yard, a blanket on the beach, even a fishing line in the water in the middle of the lake affords the perfect setting for such an encounter with God – providing that radio, TV, iPod, earbuds and all other electronic distractions are left behind. Have you tried some quiet yet this summer, to hear more clearly what God might be whispering to you? Why not give it a try?

Some may call it wasting time or idleness. Don't let them guilt you. Suppose in this quiet or stillness you simply fall asleep? That too may be a message from the Lord. Openness and receptivity are the desired stance for this summertime prayer. So turn off the troubles and worries of your life and waste some quiet time with the Lord this summer. You will experience refreshment, perhaps enlightenment, and almost assuredly a greater sense of peace.

May God bless you, in this second half of the summer!

-Fr. Dave



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

A message from Theresa Zlotkowski Faith Formation Director 651-257-2474 x58



"Our Faith is not only centered on a book, but on a history of salvation and above all on a person, Jesus Christ the word of God made flesh." (Pope Francis)

A Gift Given To Us



Yesterday as I was sorting through my emails I ran across a marvelous gift given to us by a somewhat surprising place. I don't want to say negative words about the Archdiocesan Catholic Center but I have often looked at it as the place from which I expect to receive directives or policies to put into place. Not always an easy job. But yesterday as I opened my email I learned that the Archdiocesan Center—all of the staff that work in that center have committed themselves to five core values. So when each person comes to work each day they promise to practice these values. I was awed. Here they are:

Christ Centeredness: Each person will model Christlike humility, forgiveness, joy and love. They will learn from the Gospel and prayerfully act.

Respect: Each person will honor the God given dignity of each other. They will acknowledge the talents and listen to the voice of each other.

Integrity: Each person will responsibly perform their work, communicate honesty, courage and charity. Humbly admit mistakes and learn from them.

Service: Put the concerns of others ahead of their own. Show special care for the neglected and marginalized. Promptly respond to other's needs.

Stewardship: Maintain accountability. Be modest and creative in the consumption of resources. Use our gifts to the glory of God and the greatest common good.

As I read these core values I thought that this is what we must do as a parish team and then I heard that that is the challenge down the line.

May God's Gifts Come To Fruition





A message from Joe Kuschel Youth Minister 651-257-2474 x56

Hello to all catechists, potential catechists, former catechists maybe reconsidering, and anyone else interested in getting this train turned around. Here's the deal, over 50% of Catholic Youth decide to leave the faith by the ripe old age of 13. That's right! Over 90% of Catholics are history by the time they're 30. I tell you this, not because I have a magic bullet, but because we really have nothing to lose by trying something different. I believe our Chris Stefanik program, CHOSEN, is awesome, but I don't believe it's meeting our youth where they are at. I don't know if this will be better or not, but it's worth a try. It is through YDisciple, kind of an affiliate of NET Ministries, who we are already very involved with. It is based more on the facilitation of small group discussion as opposed to traditional classroom teaching, and the info is for both us and the students. There are still some videos involved, but there is more flexibility during discussion time.

There is an adult leader training library along with the different series. The beauty here is, with our individual groups, we would all start out with the 4-part-series, The Invitation. After that, depending on the age and make-up of your group, you could choose your own direction, with the input of the class if you would like, you know, that ownership thing, and decide which one of several series to continue with. I ask you to take some time over the next 6 weeks or so to check it out and give me some feedback. We will have a meeting or two in Sept. for questions and discussion, etc. Thanks so much, Joe P.S. If you have any trouble getting in, or seeing all of the content, please notify me. Thanks, again

O.K., what just happened there? That was a letter that I sent to my catechists last week to inform them that we are going with a new format this fall when approaching 6-8th grade faith formation. It was a little choppy because I cut out some website and password information. With what I have learned over the course of the last couple of years, with faith formation, and between mission trips, retreats, faith camp and the synod meetings, I am hoping to figure out a way to give our youth a better opportunity to stay in the faith. Will it work? Only time will tell, but hey, I'm only 66, I've got lots of time right? For the best odds of making this program work, the smaller the ratio of students to facilitator will make the program more successful. We hear that all the time when it comes to the school system, and I believe it's even more important when it comes to faith and small group discussions, because the key word is SMALI.

So this column has all of a sudden turned into a big ask. I need some concerned Catholics to help set the course for future Catholics. I won't sugarcoat it. Wednesday evenings will no longer be yours, and the VIRTUS training you'll need is slightly less invasive than a dental appointment, but this I can promise you, when you see that light, that great bright Jesus light get turned on in one of your kid's heads, you will know the reason why you said "yes" to being a catechist on Wednesday nights.

PARISH CALENDARS

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Tuesday			0; Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 12:46-		9:00 AM Daily Mass				
•	3:00 PM—6:00 PM Lindstrom Farmers' Market				PL				
Wednesday Memorial of Saint Apollinaris				Thursday, July 21st, 2022					
	13:1-9	Jer 1:1, 4-10; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 & 17; Mt 13:1-9			9:00 AM Daily Mass				
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Lawrence of Brindisi			9:30 AM—12:30 PM Baby Blanket OPEN				ВВ	
		Jer 2:1-3,7-8,12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11; Mt			10:00 AM Parmly Communion				
Friday	13:10-17 Feast of S	aint Mary Magdal	ary Magdalene		5:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting				
Friday Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene Sgs 3:1-4b; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18				5:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting CR Friday, July 22nd, 2022					
Saturday Memorial of Saint Bridget of Sweden, Religious				9:00 AM Daily Mass CH					
Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a & 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30 Sunday Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time				Saturday, July 23rd, 2022					
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<u>www.stbridgetofsweden.org/pastoralcare.</u> Please pray for these individuals that they may be comforted and healed through the				10:00 AM Mass				СН	
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Col	llection					10 AM	† Jack & Vivian Kleinb	erg	
Actual Weekly Collection \$11,543.56				If you would like a Mass to be said for you or a loved one, please contact the parish office at 651-257-2474 x22					
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	If you know of someone in need of healing prayers or someone who is homebound and would like to receive								
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PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

PARISH OFFICE HELP



BRIDGET FEAST DAY



St. Bridget's will need extra help in the parish office this summer for staff leave. If you are willing to help us take care of the parish office duties during the week, please visit

www.stbridgetofsweden.org/volunteer_to sign up to volunteer. If you are interested in helping out, but are new to

this volunteer position, please call the parish office for a training. Thank you!

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



The third concert in our Summer Concert Series is a night of gospel classics on Thursday, August 4th at 7:00pm. Admission is a free-will offering and light refreshments will be served following the one-hour concert. Come enjoy an uplifting night of gospel music with friends and family! Find more information at

www.stbridgetofsweden.org/musicministry.

ADORER NEEDED



You're invited to come spend quiet, intentional time with Jesus in Adoration! We

intentional time with Jesus in Adoration! We need a new Adorer to commit to the 1:00pm Tuesday time slot now until the end of September. We also still need Adorers at 2:00pm, as well as, the 8:00pm Adoration hours. We currently only have one Adorer at these times and having two offers more flexibility week to week. If interested in committing to a Holy Hour or would like to be on the substitute list, please call, text or email the Adoration coordinators: coordinators:

Barb Langdon: 651-329-3994, barbara.langdon@yahoo.com Mary Berning: 651-442-7172, ms.berning@frontier.com

NEW PATHWAYS



St. Bridget's is Hosting New Pathways homeless families "off site" August 21st-28th. We are collecting donations to cover food and lodging for the 5 families in the program. If you can help us with Hosting Week, please send a check to St. Bridget's with "Homeless

Families" in the memo line. This is the last time we will be collecting funds to host off site. In October New Pathways will return to hosting families in person in our area churches. Our parish has been incredibly responsive to help meet the needs of these families during a difficult time. You have heard the cry of the poor and responded with overflowing generosity. The heart of Jesus is beating here at St. Bridget's. Thank you!

FAITH FORMATION HELP



We are planning ahead for upcoming volunteer needs while staff members are on leave. The volunteer positions we are currently organizing are volunteers in the parish office during Faith Formation Wednesday nights, Faith Formation bus duty volunteers, and drivers for those bus

duty volunteers. If you are interested in helping administratively during the Faith Formation year, please contact Aubrey in the parish office at agieske@stbridgetofsweden.org or call 651-257-2474 x22 for more information. Thank you for your consideration to help our 2022-2023 Faith Formation year run smoothly!

BULLETIN ANNOUCEMENTS



If you have an event or information to share with the parish community in the near future, you may email the announcement to lschaad@stbridgetofsweden.org.
Utilizing the bulletin is a great way to keep our community informed about all that's offered here at St.

Bridget's and in the greater Archdiocese!

Next Weekend!



St. Bridget of Sweden Celebration

All are invited to our St. Bridget of Sweden Feast Day Celebration on Saturday, July 23rd at 6:00pm in the Social Hall.

Join us as we enjoy a picnic dinner compliments of the parish, and celebrate our patroness, St. Bridget, on her feast day! We hope to see you there!

TREAT DONATIONS



We are looking for donations of cookies or bars for the social after the last two Summer Concert Series concerts. If you are willing to make a treat to share with a crowd for either concert, please contact Tim Lackas at 612-719-2533 as soon as possible. The next concert is on August 4th and the last concert is on September 22nd. Thank you!

AWARENESS WEEK



July 24th - 30th is Natural Family Planning Awareness Week! Natural Family Planning (NFP) is the general title for the scientific,

natural, and moral methods of family planning that can help married couples either achieve or postpone pregnancy. NFP methods are based on the observation of the naturally occurring signs and symptoms of the fertile and infertile phases of a woman's menstrual cycle. Since the methods of NFP respect the lovegiving (unitive) and life-giving (procreative) nature of the conjugal act, they support God's design for married love! Visit www.stbridgetofsweden.org/events-1 to learn more about NFP Awareness Week.

Please pray for the family and friends of Richard Koons and Ben Prince, who have recently passed away. May our belief in the Resurrection support their families at this time and may they rest in peace.





We welcome Henrietta Grace Arnold

into the Catholic faith by her baptism. Congratulations and God bless you, Henrietta!



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