

# Franklin Hardin County Catholics

*Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*June 13, 2021*

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**11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

# GROWTH

*"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God? It is like a mustard seed ... once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants." - Mk 4:30a, 31a, 32*

*"¿Con qué compararemos el Reino de Dios? Es como una semilla de mostaza ... una vez sembrada, crece y se convierte en el mayor de los arbustos". - Mc 4, 30s, 31a, 32*

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### **Questions?**

Contact Brenda Strayer at St. Mark.

## *Wisdom from a Saint*

*"Better to pray one psalm with devotion and compunction than a hundred with distraction."*

— *Saint Ephrem*

## A Note from Fr. Kevin

### June 13, 2021 - Why go to Church? – REASON 4

In continuing my column series of "... why do I have to go to Church, when I can just pray on my own?" *Why go to Mass?* Here is Reason 4) To ponder how to live and love better (both individually and communally).

That it's important for us to gather every week together to think and pray about how I can live better and love better! Last week I talked about the importance of us recognizing our own shortcomings, which leads into then us reflecting how we (both as individuals and a community) can live better and love better.

I found it's REALLY easy to be a good loving Christian when I never interact with anyone!

Sometimes people tell me they don't like going to Church because people there are not always the best....well it's EXACTLY in LEARNING to love them that pulls us out of ourselves, helps pull us out of our own selfishness! It's easy to love people who are kind to you and easy to love. But Jesus tells us to also love those who are HARD to love! Who are not necessarily kind to you or love you back! And gathering AS A COMMUNITY (in church) brings us face-to-face each week with that challenge. How do we learn to love each other? And it's a process! "They will know we are Christians by our love,"... and perhaps we might think some people are pretty unloving at Church...but the answer, the SOLUTION, then is for ME to be the example of Christian love. Still loving this person who is mean, unkind, petty, dramatic, etc., RATHER THAN walking away from Church!

It's far too easy for me to just NOT go to Church and NOT deal with people, and convince myself that I am pretty good and loving. It's in being with those who are difficult to love that we ACTUALLY GROW in love, that we experience the LIMITS of our love! So we need them AND God's Divine Love continuing to transform our hearts to grow in that capacity.

Sometimes, when I get pretty full of myself, thinking I've arrived at perfection in love, I do a thought experiment, asking myself a series of questions:

Would I be willing die for my family and friends? ...sure...

Would I be willing to suffer agonizing torture for them?...maybe...

What about a stranger...would I be willing to die for a stranger if it meant their good?

Would I be willing to undergo agonizing torture for a complete stranger if it meant their good?

Would I be willing to undergo agonizing torture if they DIDN'T CARE?? Or were UNGRATEFUL?

Because THAT is DIVINE LOVE! That is the Love of Jesus Christ Crucified! And I don't know about you, but I know I am NOT there yet! That is a love beyond my own human capacity...

...but it's a love I'm called to live!

AND it's God who then transforms us little by little, week after week to GROW in that Divine love, to become vessels of His Divine Love (which we cannot achieve on our own, but only by His Grace)...and He does that especially through coming to Church week after week, where we are challenged by the prayers of the Mass, the Scriptures (Especially Christ's words in the Gospel), and the people, to grow in love; and that we are transformed by receiving His Body and His Blood, in the Eucharist.

Peace,

-Fr. Kevin

PS: Next week: Reason #5 - To unite myself to the saving sacrifice of Christ on the Cross (done most perfectly through the Mass).



#### Monday, June 14

8:30 AM † Patrick Wilson St. Mary, Ackley  
5:30 PM Special Intention St. Mark, Iowa Falls

#### Tuesday, June 15

8:30 AM † Donald Workman St. Patrick, Hampton

#### Wednesday, June 16

8:30 AM † St. Mary, Ackley

#### Thursday, June 17

8:30 AM † Karen Kadolph St. Mary, Eldora  
5:30 PM † Fr. Tom Braak St. Mark, Iowa Falls

#### Friday, June 18

12:00 PM † Dave Rowen St. Mary, Eldora

#### Saturday, June 19

**Saint Romuald**

4:00 PM † Ray Murray St. Patrick, Hampton  
6:30 PM † Shelby Miller St. Mark, Iowa Falls

#### Sunday, June 20

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM † Charlene Reysack St. Mary, Ackley  
10:30 AM † Orv Gatton St. Mary, Eldora  
5:30 PM For the People St. Patrick, Hampton  
(Spanish)

## SACRAMENTAL RITES & INFORMATION

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

30 minutes prior to any weekend Mass in the linkage or by appointment.

### Marriages

Contact Fr. Kevin a minimum of six months prior to the desired date of marriage. The couple will need to meet with Fr. Kevin before either Church or other parish facilities are reserved in the Parish Calendars. This includes those couples who wish to have a visiting Priest as their Celebrant.

### Funerals

Please contact Fr. Kevin before setting the time and arrangements for the Vigil and Mass with the funeral director.

Please contact the Parish Offices for:

- ◆ Anointing of the Sick
- ◆ Communion Calls
- ◆ Initiation Sacraments for Adults & Youth
- ◆ Baptisms: Parents are required to complete a Preparation Program prior to their child's Baptism.

This weekend (June 12), Roxanne Petersen will be here to briefly share about the **ATLAS** program at the end of 6:30pm Mass at St. Mark. ATLAS is the ministry directly supporting the Barnabas House (accompanies families in the house, helping them connect to resources, transition to next steps. Thus supporting ATLAS supports the Barnabas House.

Those who would like more information or wanting to ask questions, are invited to join us in the parish hall for a more detailed presentation after Mass.



## MASS DISPENSATION HAS ENDED

### Welcome Back!!

The dispensation has ended and we have resumed our obligation to return to the Eucharist with a deep longing to receive Him and to be with Him.

As always, if you are ill or under a doctor's care or are caring for those who are infirmed, you should stay home.



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ACCORDING

TO THE

DIVINE TRUTH.

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 Parish Life.....David Keninger  
 Altar Society ..... Linda Sudtelgte  
 Building & Grounds .....Jeff Frazier  
 Music.....Pam Griffel/Julie Wojick

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**Sunday, June 20—8:00 a.m.**

Presider: Father Frantz  
 Lectors: Kaitlyn Porter, Rosie Lindaman  
 Ushers: Mark and Jodi Uthe, Duane and Linda Sudtelgte  
 Offertory Counters - Mike O'Brien and Scott O'Brien  
 Cleaning : Pam Griffel, Marcia Nuss, Richard Bloom  
 Sacristan: Linda Sudtelgte  
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*Honor the Bride*

We will be honoring the bride Kim Ventura the bride elect of Dalton Schipper. Kim is the daughter of Fausto and Diana Ventura. The couple will be married at St. Mary on June 12. We invited you to congratulate the couple with a gift—you may leave your gift in the box at the back of church. This will take the place of the traditional shower.



**Funeral Mass for Leo Keninger**

**June 26 at 10:30 a.m.**

U.S. Navy Fireman First Class Leo Keninger was on the U.S.S. Oklahoma when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, he lost his life during the raid. With the recent efforts to identify the bodies of the lost servicemen, part of Leo's remains were identified through DNA testing. The United States Navy will be bringing those remains to St. Mary for a funeral Mass and burial on June 26.

The family would like to invite everyone to attend.

**Book Club**

Our next meeting will be on  
 June 14 at 6:30 PM

We meet in the parish hall The book for this month is

**“The Nightingale”** By Kristin Hannah  
 Everyone is welcome to join us!



**BIBLE SCHOOL**

Thank you to everyone who brought supplies for Bible School. Your continued support is amazing!  
 It was a great week!

**Great Job**

The cemetery looked amazing for Memorial Day! Thank you to the ones that put the flags up and to Dave Lupkes for always making sure our cemetery is mowed and trimmed beautifully! Thank you to the Legion, Band and Father Kevin for doing the service at our cemetery!

**Stewardship - Treasure**

**Date: Sunday, May 30**

Budget Envelopes ..... \$895  
 Offertory..... \$101  
 TOTAL ..... \$996

**Date: Sunday, June 6**

Budget Envelopes ..... \$695  
 Offertory..... \$40  
 TOTAL ..... \$735  
 EFTs for May.....\$1590.00

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 Building & Grounds.....Dennis Stickney  
 Seton Circle.....Diana Stickney



**Deacon Rob Writes...**

Matthew 18:2-4 Jesus reminds us that *Unless you turn and become like one of these children, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven*". A few weeks ago our 4 year old granddaughter Libby spent the weekend with us. She loves books and being read to, and on that particular day we were reading a book about all the different types of careers, and how some of those could be dangerous like a fireman or a policeman. She was very focused on the whole aspect of 'dangerous'; a discussion about 'dangerous' followed. At one point I told her that God has given each of us a Guardian Angel to protect us. She was fascinated. "What is my Guardian Angels name?, she asked. After some thought, I replied, "Mary". She thought for a second, then asked, "What is Delaney's Guardian Angels name?", to which I answered, "Martha". (Delaney is our two year old granddaughter). I credited myself with handling that pretty well. Or so I thought. As Catholics we are called to study and learn more about our faith throughout our lives. So imagine my surprise when I googled 'naming your Guardian Angel' the next day, to learn that the Catholic Church has a very clear stance on naming Guardian Angels. In a word, **Don't!** In the *Directory on popular piety*, the Church proclaims, "The practice of assigning names to the Holy Angels should be discouraged, except in the cases of Gabriel, Raphael and Michael, whose names are contained in Holy Scripture". Thus, the Church discourages us from naming our Guardian Angels because it may not be **divinely inspired**. It could be influenced by the devil. (At this point I was tempted to douse myself in Holy Water and say 100 Hail Marys). The article went on to clarify that naming Angels is a dangerous path in that inadvertently we could open ourselves to an angel in disguise, A demon. Doing everything to lure us away from God. Gulp!! I must have missed the day in Deacon school when that was discussed. Consequently I have asked some of my deacon friends if they were aware of that, and none of them were. In this life God affords each of us with a myriad of ways every day to learn more about Him, which can only bring us all the more closer to Him. I'm good with that. And I think Gabriel, Raphael and Michael would be too.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**Sunday, June 20 10:30 am**

Presider: Fr. Frantz Augustin  
 Lector: Tony Pieper  
 Ushers: Dan Kadolph, Ken Schoborg  
 Offering counters: Clark & Beth Lawler, Brian Krause

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**Totus Tuus** will be held at St. Mark, Iowa Falls this coming August. August 1-6. As in previous years the kids in K-6 will meet during the day and the older kids, Grades 7-12 will meet during the evenings. The necessary forms to fill out are available on the Franklin-Hardin linkage website, please print off a copy and give it to Deacon Rob. There will also be registration forms available here at St. Mary. We hope to have many of our youth participate.

**Grow in Faith All Week Long**

- Sunday** 33 Day Consecration to St. Joseph Book Study 9:00 am
- Sunday** Weekend Mass @ 10:30 am
- Tuesday** Tuesday @ 2 Rosary (2:00 pm)
- Thursday** Daily Mass @ 8:30 am
- Friday** Daily Mass @ noon



We thank everyone who has opened their hearts and shared their treasure for the HVAC project and the St. Mary Cemetery Fund during the last month. It is not too late to contribute to either fund if you wish to do so.

**Stewardship - Treasure**

<b>Date</b>	
Budget.....	\$1260.00
Offertory.....	\$160.00
TOTAL .....	\$1420.00
EFTs for May.....	\$3140.00
Online Giving for May.....	\$1265.06

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 Liturgy ..... Susan Swart  
 Social Justice..... Rose Atkinson  
 Parish Life..... Cindy Stalzer  
 Women’s Group ..... Sherry Martin  
 Building & Grounds..... Kevin Archer  
 Knights of Columbus..... Kevin Bredthauer  
 Music..... Lisa Barnett

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**Saturday, June 19 – 6:30pm**

President: Fr. Frantz Augustin  
 Lector: Doug Aldinger  
 Hospitality: Mark Keninger, Duane Swart  
 Offertory Counters: Doug & Joanne Aldinger,  
 Kevin & Sandra Bredthauer  
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Join us Saturday morning (**June 19**) as we join others from around the archdiocese in praying on the 19's. We will be live, on our **Facebook page at 8:30am** to pray the **Litany of St. Joseph**. If you are unable to join us live, check the page later and pray when you can.

**St. Mark Social Justice Committee**

Every quarter, the Social Justice committee allocates a percentage of our parish stewardship to organizations that promote justice, charity, and our faith. Here’s an excerpt from a recent thank you we’ve received.

♦ **Mid-Iowa Community Action:** *Thank you for your donation to MICA Cares! The need in our communities is great and it’s only with your help that we can provide vital services to so many struggling families. Please know that the children, families, and seniors who will benefit from your generous gift are sincerely grateful. We truly appreciate your partnership in helping people, changing lives, and building communities!*

**Thank You**

The NCYC participants are extremely grateful to the parishioner that made the anonymous donation to our fundraising campaign. It went a long way to helping us reach our goal. Thank you very much!!



**YOUTH**

**TOTUS TUUS -**

\* Please register your youth ASAP so we can continue to prepare. **If interested in ordering a shirt do so by June 21.**

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION -**

\* A few of our youth are preparing to receive their 1st reconciliation next weekend. Keep *Bennet Bridgewater, Kamden Hansen, and Kael Williams* in your prayers.  
 \* If you **have a child** that you would like to baptize, please contact Brenda Strayer for more information.

**YOUTH MINISTRY -**

\* **NCYC** - Many fundraisers are currently being underway. Keep watching for more details.

**ADULTS**

**JOINING THE CHURCH** - Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or considering joining the Catholic Church? Contact Brenda Strayer.

**TOTUS TUUS**

**Totus Tuus is back at St. Mark again this summer (August 1-6)!**

Check out the display case in the entrance of the church, or on our website and social media pages to find ways to be involved.

It will take many hands to make this a success, but it is worth it all to see how much our young people learn and grow in their faith during the week.

*Any questions, contact Brenda Strayer.*



**St. Mark Cemetery**

Unfortunately our cemetery mower has worn out. Engine repairs are not available and a replacement engine is not available. A durable replacement mower going forward will average about \$10,000. If any parishioners would like to donate to a replacement fund please send donations to "St. Mark Mower Replacement Donation Fund" in care of Mary Quinlin at the St. Mark Business Office. Please help us continue to maintain an attractive cemetery.

**Stewardship - Treasure**

**June 6**

Budget.....	\$1260.00
Offertory.....	\$8.00
TOTAL .....	\$1268.00
EFTs for May.....	\$6465.00
Online Giving for May.....	\$1860.00

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 Social Justice..... Donna Devereux  
 Parish Life..... Sue Garrett  
 Building & Grounds..... Dick Nelson  
 Knights of Columbus..... Greg Cavazos  
 Music..... Leon Kuehner

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**June 19—4 p.m.**

Presider: Fr. Kevin  
 Lectors: Mary Ann Patton  
 Offertory Counters: Elvira Cavazos. Sue Basye  
 Altar Servers:  
 Ushers: Sue Basye  
 Sacristan: April Markwardt  
 Linen: Sue Garrett

**June 20—5:30 p.m.**

Presider:  
 Lectores: Margarita Rincon, Soiree Lara  
 Contadores de Dinero: Gabby Garcia, Rafael Garcia  
 Monagullios:  
 Sacristan: Esther Garcia

**It is your responsibility to find a sub if you will not be present for your scheduled Mass. Es su responsabilidad encontrar un submarino si no estará presente para su misa programada.**

 **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Monday, June 14**

6:00 PM Parish Council Mtg.

**Tuesday, June 15**

8:30 AM - Mass  
 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Mtg.  
 7:00 PM - AA/Al-Anon (RE Center)

**Wednesday, June 16**

10:00 AM - Food Pantry (Social Hall)

**Thursday, June 17**

6:00 PM - Eucharistic Adoration

**Friday, June 18**

5 PM- Wedding Rehearsal

**Saturday, June 19**

2:00 PM WMass edding  
 4:00 PM -  
 Altar Server Training

**Sunday, June 20**

5:30 PM - Mass (Spanish)-Baptism



What are SCRIP cards? Just another way of getting money to support our parish! We buy gift cards from various retailers at a discount. You buy gift cards at the full dollar value. You buy products at full dollar value. We mark your parish donations in the discounted dollar amount. Thank you for your support, Dick Nelson, for the Scrip Committee. ¿Qué son las tarjetas SCRIP? ¡Solo Compramos tarjetas de regalo de varios minoristas con descuento. otra forma de apoyar a tu parroquia con dinero! Usted compra tarjetas de regalo y productos a su precio total en dólares. Marcamos sus donaciones parroquiales en la cantidad de dólares con descuento. Gracias por su apoyo, Dick Nelson, por el Comité de tarjetas Scrip.

Altar Server Training June 19 after 4:00 PM Mass.

Please attend refresher sessions.

Entrenamiento de Monagullios de Junio 19 despues de la misa de las 4:00 PM. Por favor, de estas sesiones



**Próximos Eventos**

**Lunes, Junio 14**

6:00 PM -Consejo Parroquial Mtg

**Martes , Junio 15**

8:30 AM - Misa  
 7:00 PM Caballeros de Colón Mtg  
 7:00 PM - AA/Al-Anon (RE Center)

**Miércoles, Junio 16**

10:00 AM - Mediodía Despensa de Alimentos

**Jueves , Junio 17**

6:00 PM - Adoración

**Viernes, Junio 18**

4:00 PM Boda Ensayo

**Sábado, Junio 19**

2:00 PM Boda  
 4:00 PM Misa-Ingles  
 Monagullios entrenándose

**Domingo , Junio 20**

5:30 PM - Misa (en Español)-Bautismo

*LifeServe Blood Drive coming to St. Patrick June 28th. 12:30 pm-6:00 pm. Call 800-287-4903, Text LIFESERVE to 999-77 or Visit: [lifeservebloodcentr.org](http://lifeservebloodcentr.org) for appointments.*

**Stewardship - Treasure**

**June 6**

Budget .....\$2010.00  
 Offertory ..... \$63.00  
 Social Justice ..... \$75.00  
 TOTAL ..... \$2143.00  
 EFTs for May..... \$4026.00  
 Online Giving for May ..... \$580.00

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## 13 de junio, 2021 – ¿Por qué ir a Misa? – Razón 4

Continuando con mi serie de columnas "... ¿Por qué tengo que ir a la Iglesia si puedo rezar por mi cuenta?" *¿Por qué ir a Misa?*

Acá, la **Razón 4) Para reflexionar cómo vivir y amar mejor (tanto individual como comunitariamente)**

Que es importante para nosotros cada semana reunirnos para ¡pensar y orar sobre cómo puedo vivir mejor y amar mejor! La semana pasada hablé sobre la importancia de reconocer nuestras propias deficiencias, lo que nos lleva a reflexionar sobre cómo nosotros (tanto como individuos como comunidad) podemos vivir y amar mejor.

Creo que es REALMENTE fácil ser un buen Cristiano cuando ¡no interactúo con nadie! 😊

A veces, las personas me dicen que no les gusta ir a Misa porque la gente allí no siempre es la mejor ... bueno, APRENDER a amarlos es EXACTAMENTE lo que nos saca de nosotros mismos, ¡nos ayuda a sacarnos de nuestro egoísmo! Es fácil amar a las personas que son buenas contigo y fáciles de amar. Pero Jesús nos dice que debemos amar a aquellos que son ¡DIFÍCILES de amar! A aquellos que nos son necesariamente gentiles contigo o ¡que no te aman de vuelta! Y al reunirse COMO COMUNIDAD (en la iglesia), nos enfrentamos a ese desafío cada semana. A aprender a amarnos los unos a los otros. Y ¡es un proceso! "Sabrán que somos Cristianos por su amor," ... y quizá creamos que algunas personas en la iglesia no son nada cariñosas ... pero la respuesta, la SOLUCIÓN es entonces que YO sea el ejemplo de amor Cristiano. Aún amando a esta persona que es cruel, poco amable, mezquina, dramática, etc., ¡EN VEZ DE arrancarte de la Iglesia!

Es mucho más fácil para mí sólo NO ir a Misa y NO tener que lidiar con personas y convencerme a mí mismo que soy bastante bueno y cariñoso. Es al estar con aquellos que son difíciles de amar que EN REALIDAD CRECEMOS en el amor, cuando experimentamos los ¡LÍMITES de nuestro amor!

Así que los necesitamos Y al Amor Divino de Dios que continúe transformando nuestros corazones para crecer en esa calidad. A veces, cuando me vuelvo soberbio pensando que alcancé la perfección en el amor, hago un difícil experimento, haciéndome una serie de preguntas:

¿Estaría dispuesto a morir por mi familia y amigos? ....seguro...

¿Estaría dispuesto a sufrir una tortura agonizante por ellos?...quizá...

¿Qué tal un extraño? ... ¿Estaría dispuesto a morir por un desconocido si eso significa su bien?

¿Estaría dispuesto a someterme a una tortura agonizante por un completo desconocido si eso significa su bien?

¿Estaría dispuesto a sufrir una tortura agonizante ¿si NO LE IMPORTARA? O si fuese un MALAGRADECIDO?

Porque ¡ESO es AMOR DIVINO! Ese es el ¡Amor de Jesucristo Crucificado! Y no sé tú, pero yo sé ¡que NO estoy ahí todavía! Ese es un amor más allá de mi propia capacidad humana...

...pero ¡ese es el amor que estoy llamado a vivir!

Y es Dios quien, entonces, nos transforma poco a poco, semana tras semana a CRECER en aquel amor Divino, para convertirnos en recipientes de Su Amor Divino (el que no podemos alcanzar por nosotros mismos, pero sólo por Su Gracia) ... y Él lo hace especialmente por medio de ir a la iglesia semana tras semana, donde nos desafía por medio de las oraciones de la Misa, las Escrituras (especialmente las palabras de Cristo en el Evangelio), y de las personas, para crecer en el amor; y que nos transformemos al recibir Su Cuerpo y Su Sangre, en la Eucaristía.

Paz,

– Padre Kevin

PD: La próxima semana: Razón número 5 – Para unirte al sacrificio salvador de Cristo en la Cruz (hecho de la más perfecta manera a través de la Misa)

*Por favor busque la página de St. Patrick-Hampton para más información.*



Las clases de Bautismo comienzan el 27 de junio a las 3pm y las celebraciones de Bautismo se llevarán a cabo **el primer fin de semana del mes, cada dos meses.**

# Readings of the Week CLP

## Readings for the week of June 13, 2021

- Sun:** Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16/  
2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34
- Mon:** 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/Mt 5:38-42
- Tues:** 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/Mt 5:43-48
- Wed:** 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thurs:** 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15
- Fri:** 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 6:19-23
- Sat:** 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 6:24-34
- Next Sun:** Jb 38:1, 8-11  
Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31  
2 Cor 5:14-17  
Mk 4:35-41

### Please Pray for Our Sick:

- |                       |                   |                       |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| - Chuck Baltés        | - Virginia Hurd   | - Mary (Ed) Pieper    |
| - Ray Baltés          | - Kraig Kasischke | - Tom Pieper          |
| - Gary Cashatt        | - Emma Kramer     | - Melissa Smith       |
| - Anna Marie Conroy   | - Cathy Kuper     | - Dena Sudtelgte      |
| - Mary Ellen Doughty  | - Babs Miller     | - Adam Weig           |
| - Leon Doughty        | - Dave Miller     | - Anne Wiesner        |
| - Marjorie Friederich | - John Miller     | - Bonnie Whalen       |
| - Thomas Friend Sr.   | - Ron Miller      | - Darwin (Diz) Wikert |
| - Kathy Hanzek        | - Bruce Pieper    | - Arlene Willms       |
| - Dianne Henrich      |                   |                       |

### Please make use of your parish's prayer line:

- St. Mary, Ackley: Jolene Harms at [stmary.stpatrick@yahoo.com](mailto:stmary.stpatrick@yahoo.com).
- St. Mary, Eldora: Julie Gray at (515) 351-7063.
- St. Patrick, Hampton: MaryAnn Patton at [thepattons4@gmail.com](mailto:thepattons4@gmail.com).
- St. Mark, Iowa Falls: Brenda Strayer at (641) 430-0204.

## St. Anthony Can Find Anything — Even You

“Tony, Tony, come around!  
Something is lost and it must be found.”

Did you learn this one when you were a kid? In my experience there are even a lot of lapsed Catholics — or people who were never Catholic at all — who know that when you lose something, St. Anthony becomes your best friend. Missing keys? Pray to St. Anthony. Can't find your favorite sweater? St. Anthony. Forget where you parked your car in the mall lot? St. Anth— okay, you get the idea.

Whatever it is, large or small, important or trivial, Tony has a reputation for finding the lost things. It's a devotion that can seem a little like superstition — witchcraft, even? — if you don't really understand it. Mumble an incantation to a dead guy and you're guaranteed to find your sunglasses. But as with most traditions that are old, beloved and effective, looking a little closer reveals the truth of the matter.

When we lose something really important, what do we do? We make the whole household stop what they're doing to join the search. Having St. Anthony as a friend means you ask him to stop what he's doing to help, too. And how he helps is by taking the matter exactly where all matters need to go — straight to the feet of Christ.

Here's the real genius of St Anthony: he takes the most mundane, commonplace occurrence — misplacing socks — into an encounter with the divine and truly all things great and small are gifts from God. He grabs our hand and points to the cross. “That's what you're looking for,” he tells us.

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## Waking God

A show of hands, ladies and gentlemen. Have any of you been given the silent treatment and had absolutely no idea why?

On the flipside, have any of you have sworn you're not going to demean yourself by explaining, for the thousandth time, that you need extra help with the kids before soccer practice, or that you feel ignored when your spouse doesn't ask how your day went?

But sadly, love doesn't give you the ability to read minds. And in the end, we learn the lesson again and again, we have to verbalize our feelings, our needs, our wants. Expecting your partner to anticipate your needs is guaranteed to end badly.

It's the same with God, even though, oddly enough, He does have the ability to read minds. But He still desires us to explain ourselves to Him, doesn't He? "I'm feeling scared of this." "I'm really worried about that." "God, I think I need x, y and z. Help me. Please."

Jesus slept on that boat, as it was tossed and turned by the waves, until his disciples woke him. "Why were you sleeping?" they ask. Well, geniuses, he was sleeping because they hadn't woken him up yet. They had wasted time cowering in fear, waiting for him to act. They gave him the silent treatment and they didn't even know it.

God doesn't desire us to verbalize our needs as a way of keeping us submissive. He's not that petty. What He desires is the communication — that's what really counts. That act of opening yourself up, of becoming vulnerable, of relying on Him, trusting Him. If it feels like God is asleep in your life, ask yourself this, have you tried waking Him up?

## *Have you begun your spring cleaning? Thinking of getting different furniture or downsizing?*

The **Annual Rummage Sale at St. Mark** is fast approaching. We will again be participating during city-wide sales on **July 3**. So this is a great time to go through your house and start collecting your items.

\*Proceeds from sales go to help those attending NCYC this fall.

**Please contact** Brenda Strayer to set up a drop off time or to have items picked up.



## **Have cans or bottles starting to pile up?**

If you would like to get rid of them, consider donating them to our youth. Donations will go towards those hoping to attend NCYC next fall.

Cans may be dropped off at *Cash For Cans* in Iowa Falls (tell them it's for St. Mark youth and they will take care of the rest) or contact Brenda Strayer to arrange for pick-up.



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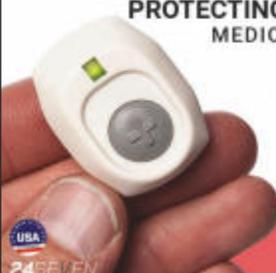
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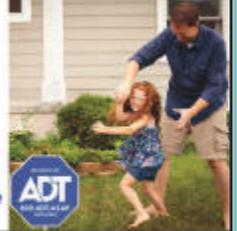
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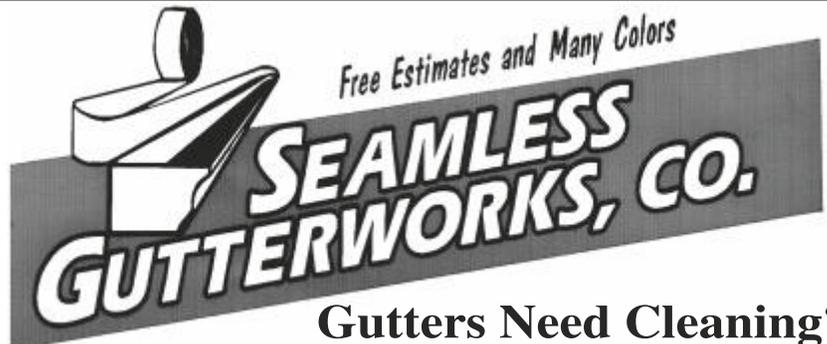
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