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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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**20th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

The Prince of Peace wants to set the world on fire? This Sunday's Gospel can sound more intense than what we may be accustomed to. It's a passage of contradictions. Jesus so clearly prays for unity, yet here he speaks of division. Why would our God who comes as an offering of love speak so frankly about causing relationships to be torn apart?

The sobering truth is that Jesus is divisive. We see this throughout the Gospels, as the Pharisees critique him, the Romans condemn him, and not everyone in the crowd is enthusiastic about his words. Jesus has not come for the purpose of dividing, but what he does is so radical that it upends the status quo. And it doesn't end with his preaching and miracles! "There is a baptism with which I must be baptized." Jesus isn't talking about his baptism at the Jordan River, which has already occurred, but the passing through the waters of death on the Cross and rising again to new life in the resurrection. This is divisive stuff! Christ's spiritual fire turned the "fathers" - the Jewish people and Pharisees - against the "sons" - the common people. Not everyone wants the Gospel Jesus is preaching. Not everyone wants to be set on fire with the desire to love others. Some prefer to put on a warm sweater and curl up in front of the TV.

In living and loving as Jesus did, we, too, might ruffle some feathers. In disciplining our teenage child for sneaking out, we may cause some division (temporarily, we hope!). In standing up to gossip and the spread of cruel rumors in our workplace, we might cause division. In emphasizing the dignity of both the desperate mother and the unborn child, we might cause division. Not everyone wants the Gospel Jesus is preaching. Not everyone wants the Gospel we are invited to live. But that's no excuse not to live it.

Immaculate Conception News

Journey of Faith

Dear fellow Parishioners...

Well here we find ourselves on the back side of August. Only a couple more weeks to enjoy the freedom of summer and then it is back to routines. We are also preparing ourselves for the upcoming Religious Education year and we are so very GRATEFUL for the volunteers that have said YES to coming back to help make a difference in the faith lives of our young parishioners. Our teachers are a huge blessing to our parish. As you are preparing your last minute plans for summer please take some time to register your child for Religion Classes, registration is up and ready. So take some time these last weeks of summer to make a few more lasting memories and spend some quiet time in prayer as you prepare for the upcoming school year.



Thank you, God, for the pleasures of summer, the bright sunny days and perfect moonlit evenings, the smells of mowed grass and air thick with rain. Thank you for days at the lake and evenings chasing fireflies, for vacations and festivals, picnics and cookouts, baseball and concerts, sweet corn and popsicles. Thank you for the fireworks of thunderstorms, for watermelon sweetness, for summer's pace and summer's grace, for all your beauty and power, displayed in summer.

Amen.

Many Blessings to you! Jean

Weekly Events

Tue 6:30pm Summerfest wrap up meeting

Future Events

September 3 Christian Women Meeting

September 7&8 Craft Fair parking

September 9 Religious Education Registration Deadline



Our parish extends our deepest sympathy to the family of *Jerry Post*, whose funeral was August 14. May his soul rest in peace. Please remember Jerry and his family in your prayers.

Craft Fair Parking

Thank you to Roxie & Mark Saldana, Cheryl & Marc Kelash for leading this fund raiser. Now we need your help. Sign up sheets are out in the narthex to sign up for a shift for our parking cars during the sale. The Craft Sale is on Saturday, September 7 and Sunday, September 8. Proceeds of this fundraiser goes to the Building Improvement / Maintenance Fund.



The Christian Mothers first meeting of the year is just around the corner everyone is welcome. Mark your calendar for September 3 at 7pm. We meet in the church hall. Bring a friend.

Summerfest Chair Meeting

There will be a follow up meeting regarding our festival on Tuesday, August 20th, 6:30pm at the Creamery Cafe. All Summerfest Chair people are asked to attend the meeting to offer your input. As a thank you for your leadership, dinner will be provided! See you there!



The Fall Newsletter was mailed to all parish households. Refer to it for information on:

- 2019/2020 Religious Education Registration
- Fall Bible Study Information for Monday day and evening options, beginning in October.
- New Mothers Group scheduled to begin in October. Extra copies are available in the church fellowship hall.

Pop Can Tab Drive

Once again this year the Knights of Columbus are collecting pop can top tabs for the five Ronald McDonald houses in Minnesota. For the past 3 years the Rice Council finished first in the state for the amount collected. Let's make it 4 years in a row!! Tabs will be collected from now until May 2020. There is a drop off container in the coat room at Immaculate Conception Church. *Thank You, Rice KC's*



Stewardship Blessings

Adult Sunday	\$2,579.00
Visitors	\$153.00
Other Income	\$5.06
Building Improvement/Maintenance	\$102.00
Rice Food Shelf	\$50.00
Summerfest Silent Auction	\$30.00
Assumption.....	\$40.00
Total Income Last week	\$2,959.06
Year to Date Income	\$54,299.93
Year to Date Expenses.....	\$39,855.10

Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget \$5,029.77

"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No I tell you but rather division."

Luke 12:51

Living a stewardship lifestyle means stepping out of our comfort zone when needed. Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves, stay in the middle of the road. In today's world we are called to be informed and take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

Annunciation News

Cancer Prayer Service All are invited to a cancer prayer service at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 28, at the Church of St. Anthony, 2405 1st St N, St. Cloud. The prayer service will include a Mass, Anointing of the Sick for those struggling with cancer or other illnesses/chronic conditions, along with a special blessing for health care workers. This is an opportunity to bring families, friends and neighbors together in prayer, hope and gratitude for the gift of life. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Center after Mass.

Sauk Rapids Parish

Festival on Sunday, August 25th. An indoor Polka Mass is scheduled for 10am with the Waltzateers. Exciting activities and stands including food and beverage will be open after the 8am Mass. We will also have games for the kids. Indoor bingo will start at 11:30am. The Grand Raffle, with a top prize of \$5,000 cash will be at 5pm. Everyone Welcome.



August 18 ♦ The Rural Life Celebration –

This year's event, "Care for God's Creation: A Legacy of Faith," will be held at the Randy and Amanda Hartung farm in St. Anthony (40607 County Road 153, Freeport 56331), beginning with Mass with Bishop Kettler at 10:30 a.m., followed by special guest speaker Joe Gill and the presentation of the **Catholic Century Farm Awards!** Thirty-five families from throughout the diocese will be honored this year for their legacy of farming. The event also includes a meal, entertainment and fun for the whole family. The event is free, though a second collection will be taken up to support the Rural Life Fund for the diocese.

Stewardship Blessings

Adult.....	\$2,625.00
Visitors.....	\$99.00
Youth.....	\$2.00
Votive Candles.....	\$2.00
Fall Festival.....	\$200.00
Funeral Lunch.....	\$20.00
Building Fund.....	\$45.00
Initial Offering.....	\$3.00
Sunday Visitor.....	\$20.00
Easter.....	\$35.00
Assumption.....	\$45.00
All Saints.....	\$20.00
Beer Donations.....	\$75.00
Silent Auction.....	\$1,657.75
Bake Sale.....	\$244.95
Picnic Lunch Donations.....	\$516.75
Total Income.....	\$5,610.45
Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget 3,037.00	

Weekly Events



Deepest Sympathy our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Gerald Popp who's funeral was here on Sat. August 10th. Eternal rest grant onto him Oh Lord and may perpetual light shine upon him.

First Graders/New Students

Anyone with First Graders or new students to our Religious Education program please call Shirley as soon as possible to get registered in this years Religious Ed program. Call Shirley at 320-259-4941. Thank you.

Welcome to Father Joseph Denny who is here from India where he works with the Rogationist Fathers doing missionary works with the children of India. We offer him a warm welcome and hope everyone can be generous with their gifts to his mission.

Thank You to everyone who donated their time, talent and treasures for our annual Parish Picnic. Mass was beautiful, the meal was delicious, the community was phenomenal, and the weather cooperated. Thank you so much for everyone's help. It couldn't happen without all of you. Thank you.

Aging Dementia Caregiving September 16 at Sacred Heart Church, Sauk Rapids from 6:30–8pm. Join us for a journey that will give you some understanding of the aging process, some "why" behind what dementia brings to the table, and some Caregiver clarity that will sustain even the most burnout Caregivers. Refreshments served.

Diocesan Ministry Day Sept. 30 at St. John's University. Join Bishop Kettler and parish ministers from around the diocese. Keynoter and local author Laura Kelly Fanucci will share her message on "Our Baptismal Call to be Priest, Prophet and King." The day begins at 8:30 a.m. with Mass and includes learning sessions and lunchtime conversations on a wide variety of ministry topics. Closing prayer and remarks are at 3:15. For more information and to register, visit www.stcdio.org/dmd2019.

Fall Festival at St. Francis of Assisi Church located north of Albany on Sun. Aug. 25th. Celebrate Mass at 10am with music by LaVerne and the Starlites. Homemade chicken and ham dinner with All the fixins. Live auction at 2:30 by Schultz Auctioneers, plus kids games, a food stand and a grand raffle. Everyone Welcome.

Happy Birthday: Adelyn Britz, Gretchen Ceck, Marissa Schlichting, Isaac Voigt, Sheila Burski, Michael Notsch, Jennifer Novak, Jacquelyn Popp, Todd Puhalla, Jacob Schlichting, Brittney Thell, Chuck Ackerman, Raelee Lyon, Molly Martinson, Andrea Mescall, Tyler Thene, Hurley Hommerding, Emma Melby, Tom Nordlund.



Mass Schedule

Tues 8:30 am (ML) †Audrey Posch
Wed 8:00 am (R) †Clara & Henry Wallace-J.&R.V.
Thur 8:30 am (ML) †Marlys Schlichting
Fri 8:00 am (R) †Richard Ratke-K.K.
Sat 5:00 pm (R) †George, Marvin & Veronica Popp
Sun 8:00 am (R) †Marcel Kelash-M.&C.K.
10:00 am (ML) People of the Parishes

Week of August 19-25

Rice Ministry Schedule

Daily Mass Lector: Lora Knafla

Cantor

Sat 5:00 pm Caleb Larson
Sun 8:00 am Marc Kelash

Lector

Sat 5:00 pm Deacon Carl Nord
Sun 8:00 am Lori Mader

Servers

Sat 5:00 pm Eli Van Heel
Sun 8:00 am Ethan & Evan Mader

Greeters

Sat 5:00 pm Lucy Hovland
Sun 8:00 am Catherin Held, Michelle Keller

Ushers

Sat 5:00 pm Joe Voigt, Allen Popp
Sun 8:00 am Mark & Roxanne Saldana,
John Wollak, Bob Kerestes

Body of Christ

Sat 5:00 pm Mary Lepinski
Sun 8:00 am Colleen Burton

Blood of Christ

Sat 5:00 pm Pat Popp, Phyllis Skroch,
Pat & Bill Rauch
Sun 8:00 am Cassandra Beierman, Janice Martin,
Roxanne Saldana, Linda Westby

Communion at Home: John Gottwalt

*Call Deacon Carl Nord if you want communion at home 223-3724

Mayhew Lake Ministry Schedule

10:00 AM MASS

Lectors:

Sun. Gene Poser and Maggie Stamm

Eucharist:

Sun. Anita Montag

Ushers:

Sun. Peter Ackerman, Jenny Zwilling,
Chuck Wocken & Randy Miller

Servers:

Sun. Jasmine Brenny & Allyson Carstensen Boe

Greeters:

Sun. Volunteers

News for Both Parishes

Baptism Class

Classes for both parishes will resume on a monthly basis beginning on Wednesday, August 28th, 7:00pm at Mayhew Lake. All parents are expected to attend before their baby is baptized if you haven't attended a class here in the past. It is a good experience to grow in your faith and deepen your understanding of the Sacrament of Baptism. Call one of the parish offices to register for the class.



St. Benedict's Senior Community is seeking people to assist with Catholic ministries. The primary need of the community at this time is Eucharistic ministers. We will provide training & commissioning. Ministers arrive at 8:30am. Current needs are for Thursday mornings and/or one Sunday a month. If you are unable to make a weekly commitment, any amount of time would be a welcome. If interested in another ministry or have any questions call Rebecca Calderone at 252-0010 ext. 30276.



Daily Scripture Readings for August 18-25

Sunday:	Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
Monday:	Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	St. Bernard (Memorial) Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	St. Pius X (Memorial) Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial) Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	St. Bartholomew (Feast) Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
Next Sunday:	Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2, [Mk 16:15]/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

Inspiration of the Week

"Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe."

- St. Augustine

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