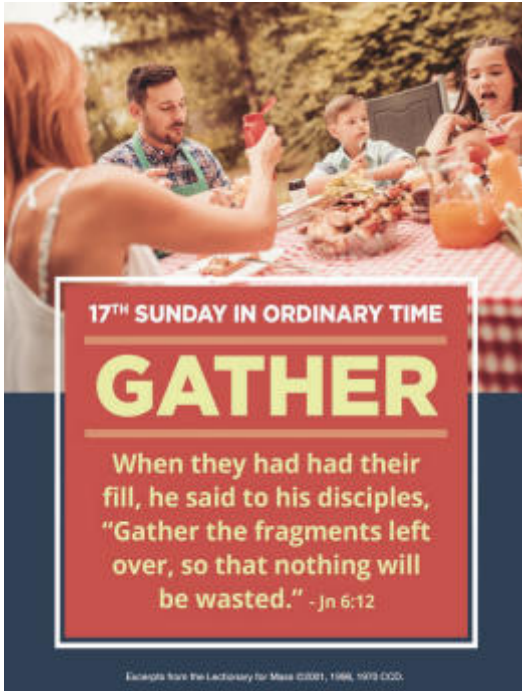


July 25, 2021

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Times



• *ST. PIUS X*
(*SOLON SPRINGS*)

• *ST. ANTHONY*
(*GORDON*)

• *ST. MARY*
(*MINONG*)

Jesus said, "Have the people recline." Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." — Jn 6:10, 12

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Mass Schedule

In-person masses:

Saturday:

St. Anthony—4 pm
St. Mary—5:30 pm

Sunday:

St. Pius - 8:30 am
St. Mary - 10:30 am

Live-streamed:

Tuesday—Friday

9:30 am

Sunday:

12:30 pm

New Parishioners

Call the office (378-4431) to register full or part-time.

Visitation of the Sick

We are most eager to help anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us because of illness, handicap or age. If you wish to receive the sacrament please call the rectory. Please notify us of any hospitalizations so that we may be of assistance.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Due to the Covid-19 virus the Sacrament of Reconciliation (only through a screen- 6 feet away) by appointment and parishioners must call Fr. Kinney directly to arrange for a time that is convenient.

Mass Intentions Week of 07/20/21—7/25/21

- John Cosgrove Jr from Mary Ann Walt
- Amos Hewitt—Paul & Ann LaLiberte
- Archibald & Ellen Stigney from Greg Smith

The second collection this weekend is for the Building Fund

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Good Shepherds do not shout at sinners – or scatter their flock
Terrance Klein
July 14, 2021

A Reflection for the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Jeremiah 23:1-6 Ephesians 2:13-18 Mark 6:30-34

In calling himself “the Good Shepherd,” Christ likened us to his sheep, but every simile has a limit. Our Lord did not herd livestock, and we are not animals. Indeed, the challenge in Christ’s analogy lies in a fundamental difference between us and sheep. Sheep do not have any trouble trusting the shepherd. We do.

Christ wants us to trust him, to follow him through the narrow gate and into life itself. If this were easy to do, he would not need to identify himself as the Good Shepherd. If we were real sheep, we would simply follow, but we suffer fears that the animals are spared. We do not simply fear what we see; we are terrified by what we can only imagine.

Faith casts out fear but only in the measure that it grows toward perfection. In our own time, when the church and culture are so riven by division, fear, even among people of faith, is understandable. It comes from the very real dangers we perceive, the values we see as threatened. But we cannot allow anxiety to lead to anger. Asperity betrays an absence of faith. Worse than a priest proclaiming that he knows who is going to hell is the delight that so many find in his approach. It is wolves, not shepherds, who snarl.

Some say this is the price of knowing right from wrong. Yes, the church and the United States have lost the way, but when was this ever not the case, save in our own delusions? We have always been those who wander from the way, who need a shepherd.

Shepherds, Jeremiah tells us, do not scatter. Christ is the true shepherd. Truth and love are essential qualities of God. Jesus does not disdain the ignorant and the sinful. No, he sees, he pities and he engages.

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd,
his heart was moved with pity for them,
for they were like sheep without a shepherd;
and he began to teach them many things (Mk 6:34).

The Good Lord knows that we are afraid. He calls us to himself and asks us to gather others, not scatter them. Those who stay close to the heart of the shepherd do not need to shout. Finding therein both truth and love, they comport themselves with compassion and gentleness. If we love the shepherd, if we seek his heart, we will be like him. That is the way of love.

Terrance Klein

The Rev. Terrance W. Klein is a priest of the Diocese of Dodge City and author of *Vanity Faith*.

7/11/21	Solon	Gordon	Minong
Envelopes	8809.00	285.00	800.00
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Building Fund	195.00	89.00	
Haiti		10.00	
Catholic Herald	18.00		
Total	\$9156.00	\$602.00	\$1523.86
CSA Goals	\$10,609	\$6,603	\$14,693
CSA Results (6/30/21)	7,055	6,835	6,535
% of Goal	66%	104%	44%
Electronic Donations (Monthly)	755.00	335.00	1404.14

Parish Bookkeeper/Secretary Position

Unfortunately the candidate that was selected for the Bookkeeper/Secretary position has decided that she will not be joining us after all. So, once again we are searching for another candidate. The position is a full time, 4-day per week position. The tri-parish offers a **competitive salary and benefits package** in an excellent working environment. If you are interested, or know anybody who might be qualified please contact the parish office: 715-378-4431 ext. 2.

**LIVE THE LITURGY -
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

God shows up in unexpected ways! Just when we think we have God's agenda figured out, another surprise comes. Expecting to find God only in some places hinders us from finding Him everywhere. Who would have thought that a young boy's few loaves and fishes would feed thousands of people? The disciples were probably just as amazed as everyone else when this feast appeared before them. Sometimes, we find it difficult to believe that God can do amazing things with something small and simple. Yet, grasping this truth is really at the heart of understanding the power of the Eucharist. Having the Body and Blood of Christ made present for us is one amazing wonder. Actually being fed and nourished by that gift is another. Now being able to become what we have eaten, God can do tremendous things with the simple, humble gifts of our lives. All we have to do is realize that God dwells within us. When we do, then everyone we encounter and everything we do has the power to become a sacramental moment. When done with great love even the smallest gesture can be multiplied exponentially. Now, that's amazing!

Pray For our friends and neighbors who are ill or homebound. If you know someone who should be put on or removed from this list, please call the office.

Dawn DenHartog	Joseph Treb
LaVerne Treb	John Poole
Virginia Bartelt	Cami Marie DenHartog

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

Kids Corner

Hey Kids!

Some calendars have listed today as "**Parents' Day.**" What can you do to show how grateful you are for your parents and all the things they do for you. But you know what? Tomorrow is also a great day for celebrating **Parents** and **Grandparents** because it is the feast of Saint Joachim and Saint Ann--- and since they were the parents of Jesus' Mother Mary, you might think of them as Jesus' grandparents! Do you think Saint Ann made cookies for Jesus and Saint Joachim took Jesus fishing? Say a prayer for **YOUR** parents and grandparents today--- and maybe you could also make a homemade "surprise hello" card for them or give them a "surprise hello" on your phone. God gave you grandparents and parents to love and care for you. **"Thank you, God!"**



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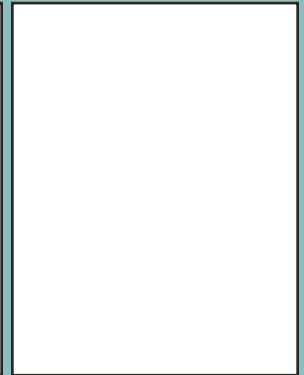
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