Our Lady of Hope Parish

June 13, 2021 11TH Sunday in Ordinary Time

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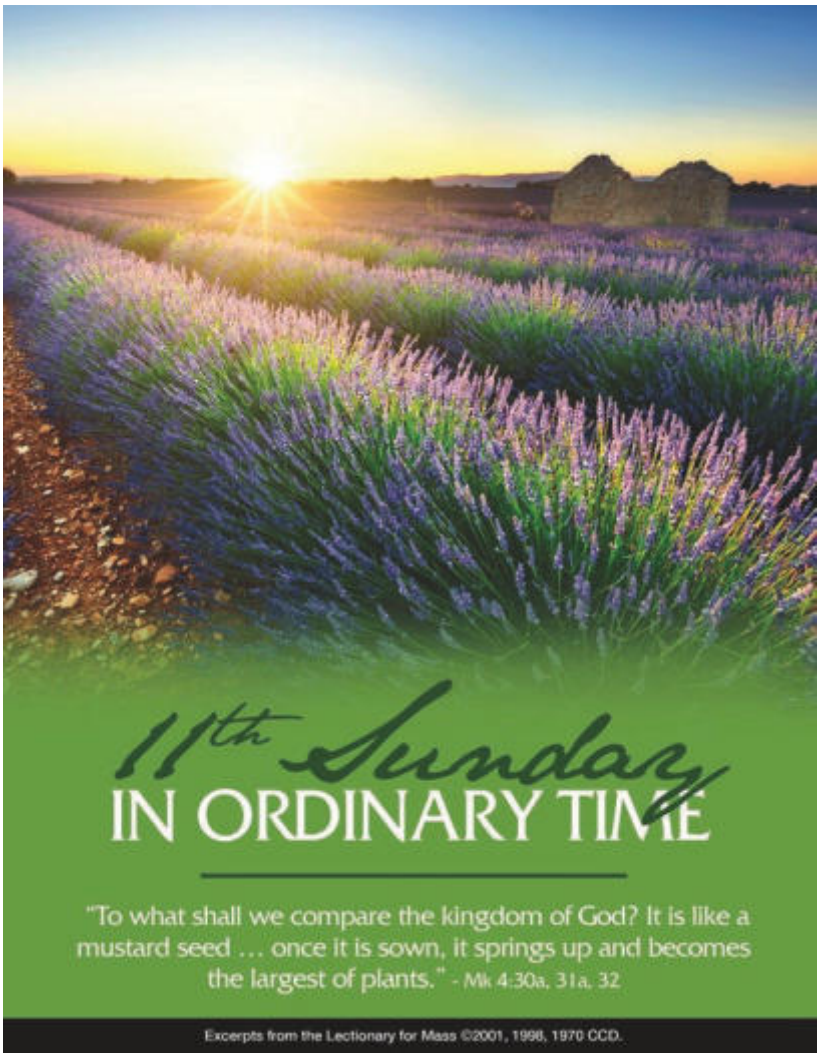

Events & Happenings

Mass Intentions June 14-June 20

Monday, June 14 5:30 p.m. Aurora
†Rudy Kosteliz
By Rosa Kosteliz

Tuesday, June 15 9:00 a.m. Hoyt Lakes
†Lori & Steve Holter
By Linda & Don Lucachick

Wednesday, June 16 9:00 a.m. Biwabik
†Ed Dorman
By The Dorman Family

Saturday, June 19 4:30 p.m. Hoyt Lakes
Confession 4:00 p.m.
Mary & Jerry Matteson
50th Wedding Anniversary

Confession 8:00 a.m.
Sunday, June 20 8:30 a.m. Biwabik
For The People

Confession 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, June 20 10:30: a.m. Aurora
†Anne & Tony Orazem
By the Children of Anne Orazem

We will have a coffee'an after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 13. This is to honor our graduating seniors.

Please continue to use the drop boxes for your contributions. or you may continue to mail them to the office.

Water Carnival sign-up sheets are located in the front of each Church, Please sign up as soon as possible.

Thank you for the generous donation of money from an anonymous source.

Ministry Schedule
June 19—June 20

Saturday, June 19 4:30 p.m. Hoyt Lakes
EMHC:
Lector: Sharon Alholm

Sunday June 20 8:30 a.m. Biwabik
EMHC: Bruce Behrens
Lector: Bruce Behrens

Sunday, June 20 10:30 a.m. Aurora
EMHC: Jean Stark
Lector: Rose Antilla

Looking Ahead

Adult Faith Formation. Need some Spiritual Nourishing? How about some friendly time with your community in a relaxed, informal setting? We're having a discussion and question/answer session about Catholicism and YOU are invited. Our own Jim Keopke will lead the session. Jim has been featured on WCCO Radio as the Catholic "go-to" guy in discussion of all things Catholic. These sessions will take place on July 13, July 20, July 29 and August 4 from 6 -7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Hope Parish in Hoyt Lakes.

Save the date For Father Peter's Retirement Party on July 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Hoyt Lakes Community Building Picnic Shelter. Please return your RSVP information back to us by June 28 or call the Parish Office at 229-3210 to register.

Congratulations to Mary and Jerry Matteson in the celebration of fifty years of marriage. Many blessings to you..

Letter from Fr. Peter

Body and Blood of Christ 2021

When I was a teenager, I was confronted by some evangelical Christian friends about having a relationship with Jesus Christ. Salvation was a free gift, they told me. All I had to do was repent from my sins, believe in Jesus as the son of God, and accept him as my personal Lord and Savior. I was immediately struck by the inconsistency of their proclamation. If salvation was a free gift from God, why did I have to do anything? They claimed I didn't have to do anything. It was a free gift. Then why, I asked, did I have to believe, repent and accept?

If we study the Old Testament covenant between God and Israel, we find a transactional covenant: if the people obey the Law, God will bless and protect them. It is a scrupulous following of the letter of the Law, along with many manipulations of the Law, that we find among the Pharisees and Sadducees in the four Gospels.

The New Covenant given to us by Jesus is a unilateral covenant. There is no way we can ever earn salvation; no way we can be "worthy". Salvation is the response of a God who is incredibly in love with his Creation. He has walked among us. He understands us. And he forgives us in ways and to a degree that we could never imagine. He asks us to do the same, to whatever degree we can manage.

Too often we don't get it. We go on judging ourselves as unworthy or we judge others as unworthy. We deny ourselves the pure joy of absolute freedom and choose, instead, the misery of guilt and shame. We do it to each other.

It's not hard to understand why. The Sacred Scriptures themselves seem contradictory. On one hand we have St. Paul telling us about the free gift of salvation and then Jesus hits us with the corporal works of mercy as necessary for salvation. And that's only two of many examples.

Our own Church struggles with this problem. We have bishops, priests and lay people presuming to deny communion to people they presume to judge while Church law states that, at the point of reception, communion is an act of conscience between the individual and God. Even the idea of a closed communion flies in the face of the God given free gift of salvation.

I think we need to place a little less emphasis on the Ten Commandments in the Old Testament and more attention to the Beatitudes and the New Covenant proclaimed in Matthew, chapters 5 – 7. The former builds a wall of demands so difficult that no one can conquer it. The latter is a way of life lived in joy and gratitude for the salvation received. In that context, incidentally, the corporal works of mercy are not expectations. They are the natural attributes of those who are already saved. They are faith actualized.

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