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MASS TIMES

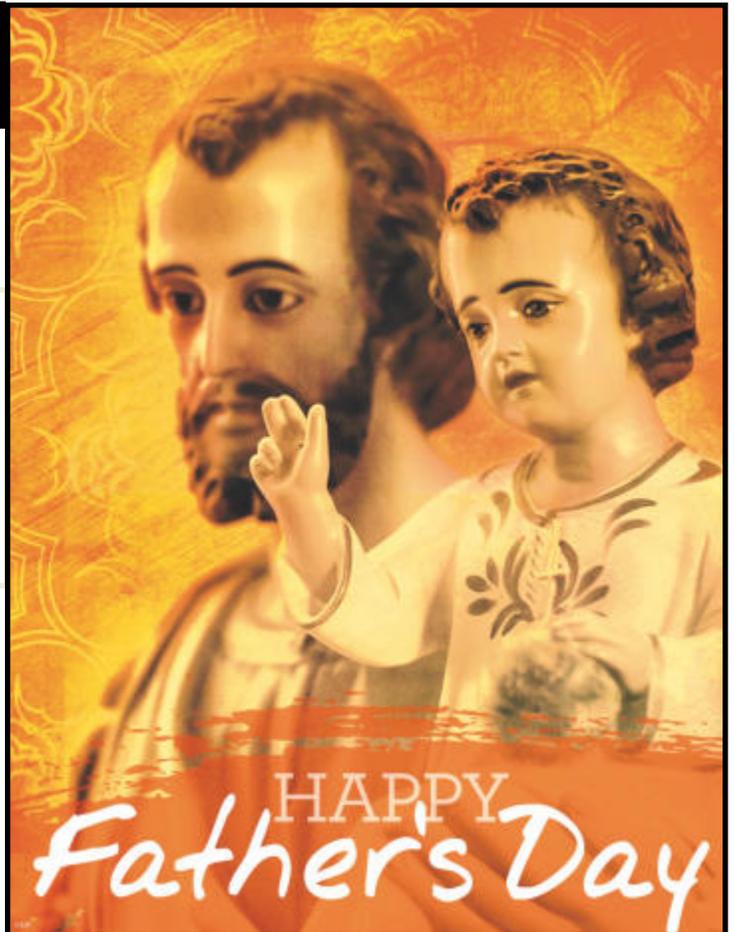
Saturday: 5:00pm Ramona
Sunday: 8:30am Epiphany
10:30am Howard
Daily Mass: See Inside
Holy Day Mass times: TBA

CONFESSIONS

Saturday
2:00-3:00pm Howard
Before Mass in Epiphany.
Before Mass in Ramona.
Also, by appointment.

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Bulletin Deadline: Monday at 3pm



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Do we trust that God will take care of us and has things under control? When life gets difficult, shaky or painful, we may find ourselves wondering what we may have done to deserve this fate. Often, we go to great lengths to explain suffering away, as if it has no purpose and ought not to exist. In an attempt to get God on our side in our battle against suffering, our prayer can mirror a question asked by the disciples: do you not care that we are perishing? As we are asking that question of God, God is asking of us: do you not yet have faith? It is for certain that God does not intentionally inflict pain upon us. God has no sinister plot to test our faith or trip us up. Rather, the unconditional, restorative and rejuvenating power of God's love can bring light out of the greatest darkness and gives hope in the midst of deep despair. We have to be patient and ride out the storm. It is our task to deepen our faith that God will calm the wind and draw meaning out of that which seems senseless. ©LPi

SACRAMENTS

Engaged?

Call at least six months before the wedding date regarding marriage instructions.

New parents or expecting?

Call for pre-baptism class and to schedule a baptism.

Going in for surgery or for a procedure?

Call so I can give you the Sacrament of the Sick.

Cemetery Questions?

In Howard, contact Tim or Karla Neises at 772-4832.
In Epiphany contact Joe Zens at 523-2644.
In Ramona contact Tammy Lembcke at 482-8652.



Fr. Murtha's Musings:

Since, in the U.S., our nation observes today, June 20, as "Father's Day" I thought I'd look up "Fatherhood" in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The Catechism has five paragraphs directly dealing with that term. Of the five, I think

two of them are especially helpful regarding a reflection on "Fatherhood" from our human perspective.

The first of the two paragraphs I would like to consider is #239 which states:

By calling God "Father," the language of faith indicates two main things: that God is the first origin of everything and transcendent authority; and that he is at the same time goodness and loving care for all his children. God's parental tenderness can also be expressed by the image of motherhood, which emphasizes God's immanence, the intimacy between Creator and creature. The language of faith thus draws on the human experience of parents, who are in a way the first representatives of God for man. But this experience also tells us that human parents are fallible and can disfigure the face of fatherhood and motherhood. We ought therefore to recall that God transcends the human distinction between the sexes. He is neither man nor woman: he is God. He also transcends fatherhood and motherhood, although he is **their origin and standard**: no one is father as God is Father.

The second of the two paragraphs I want to take into account is #270 which states:

God is the *Father* Almighty, whose fatherhood and power shed light on one another: God reveals his fatherly omnipotence by the way he takes care of our needs; by the filial adoption that he gives us ("I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." 2 Cor. 6:18; cf. Mt. 6:32): finally by his infinite mercy, for he displays his power at its height by freely forgiving sins.

A simple understanding of the generation of human life should recognize the role of a male and a female in the process. The female receives what the male gives. Right away the beauty of the nurturing role of motherhood is seen in the development of human life in the womb of the mother. At the same time, as the Catechism texts indicate, fatherhood is displayed by the "goodness and loving care" given to the child. A real father certainly tries to meet the *needs* of his child and sometimes, using prudential judgment, even the *wants* of his child. Fatherhood demonstrated through love and concern for a child demands respect and obedience from the child. And fatherhood, as the second text suggests, is especially manifested in the way a father may discipline his child – having the right and authority to exercise discipline as he sees fit the greatness of fatherhood is revealed in compassionate forgiveness.

Did you notice how the first text subtly recognizes how irresponsibility on the part of a father (or mother) leads to a breakdown in family life and the intention of God for a healthy family structure which promises happiness for all in the home?

God bless you fathers who have assumed the role of fatherhood in a godly manner! Children, give thanks to God for fathers who love you and do what they can to care for you! May you all have a **Happy Father's Day!**



St. Wilfrid Parish, in Woonsocket, will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary with Bishop DeGroot on June 20th. Mass is at 10:30 with a meal following. Shredded Beef Sandwiches * Beans * Potato Salad * Cake and Ice Cream * All are welcome to attend!

Director of Campus Ministry: Dakota State University, Madison SD- The Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls is seeking a qualified individual to serve in the full-time position (40 hours/wk) of Director of Campus Ministry for Dakota State University and St Thomas Aquinas Parish in Madison, South Dakota. The Director of Campus Ministry will work with the Director of Adult Discipleship and Evangelization for the Diocese of Sioux Falls to create, maintain and evangelize the Catholic community on the campus of Dakota State University. In addition, the successful candidate will work with the Pastor and Director of Religious Education at St Thomas Parish to help coordinate and plan events for high school students as well as coordinate the confirmation program. To obtain a job description or further information, please contact Twila Roman, HR Director, at troman@sfcatholic.org. Resume and cover letters may be emailed to her or sent to her at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 523 N Duluth Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Gather as a church family for food and fellowship Sunday, June 27th after mass for a potluck style meal. We are looking for at least 20 people to bring dishes for the potluck. Please contact Tracy Pardy at 605-270-0603 if you are willing.



Blessing of Fathers

God and Father of all creation, we come before you today with humble hearts. You are our model of a loving father. When we fail and fall short of your expectations, you are always there at the end of the day with open arms, ready to heal the cuts and scrapes of the day and to encourage us to try again and not to give up.

We hold up these men in our midst who act in the world as fathers to their children or models of fathers for others. Bless them in their moments of doubt and frustration with their children.

Give them warm and open hearts to forgive failures. Provide them with the words needed for encouragement and perseverance.

We ask all this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Ministry Schedule- June 26 & 27

5:00pm—Ramona
 Lector: Donna Rensch
 EM: Sue Pederson
 Server: Volunteer
 Offertory: Rod & Donna Jatón
 Usher: Jim Rensch & Craig Lembcke

8:30am—Epiphany
 Lector: Erica Endorf
 EM: Kelli Endorf
 Servers: Erica & Kendra Endorf
 Offertory: Jerry Haas Family
 Usher: Bob Wingen, John & Joe Zens, Cory Eich
 Rosary: Denis & Evie Wingen
 Music: Pat Koepsell & Pat Zens

10:30am—Howard
 Lector: Deb Eggert & Kim Eggert
 EM: Darrel Spader & Mary K. Schlim
 Servers: Karsyn & Trent Feldhaus, Zachary Connor
 Greeters/Off./Bulletins: C. & A. Neises Family
 Rosary: D. & MK. Schlim
 Music: Emma & Angie Neises

Mass Intentions for June 21-27

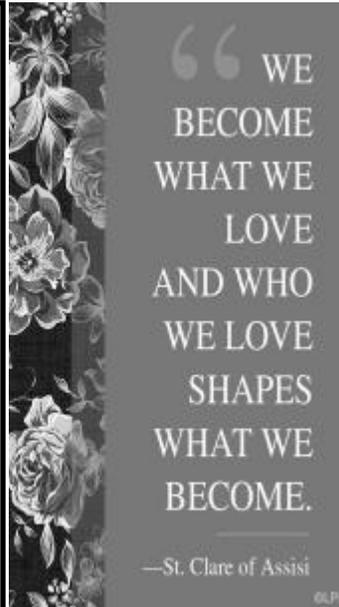
Mon. 6/21 No Mass
 Tues. 6/22 5:30pm Special Intention
 Wed. 6/23 10am HNH dJohn Weidler
 Thurs. 6/24 8am H dLeon Calmus
 10am E dGerald Kaufmann, Jr.
 Fri. 6/25 10am WW For Rain
 Sat. 6/26 5pm R dIrene Casanova
 Sun. 6/27 8:30am E For Parishioners
 10:30am H dRalph Grode

Weekend Support for
 June 12 & 13

5:00pm Ramona
 Reg: \$490
 Loose: \$45
 Total: \$535

8:30am Epiphany
 Reg: \$420
 Loose: \$35
 Total: \$455

10:30am Howard
 Reg: \$3,350
 Loose: \$45
 Total: \$3,395



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Purchase your tickets and plan now to attend the 2021 *Taste the Goodness* event scheduled for Saturday, August 14 from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. Held outdoors in downtown Sioux Falls, attendees can plan on a great evening of fun and fellowship while tasting a wide array of foods, craft beers, wines, and other beverages. Music will be provided, along with a great mobile bidding silent auction, exciting games and activities. This is a come and go event, so if you are unable to attend the entire evening, you are encouraged to join us when you can.

Did you know that in 2020 the **Bishop Dudley Hospitality House** provided services to 1,549 different individuals, 44 families, including 78 children, served 29,248 lunches and provided 15,758 showers? All these individuals were provided meals, housing, programs, and above all – LOVE! For on-going event updates or to purchase your ticket to *Taste the Goodness*, visit our website www.ccfesd.org or call 605-988-3765. Now more than ever, the mission of the Dudley House needs our support.

Matthew 25:40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

ON THAT DAY	EVENING	LET US
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