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PASTORAL REFLECTION

Our Sunday readings are on a three year cycle, A, B, and C. This year we are in Cycle B and our Gospel readings come from the Gospel of Mark. However, Mark's Gospel is the shortest of the four Gospels and so the Church for the next four Sundays (not counting the Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption) will be from the sixth chapter of John's Gospel known as the Bread of Life discourse. The sixth chapter begins with Jesus feeding the five thousand with five loaves and two fish, our Gospel reading for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

About 75 years ago, a middle-aged woman came upon poverty and devastation as she walked the streets in her city. Seeing all this poverty and devastation, she said to herself, "Something has to be done."

Instead of waiting for someone else to do something or even the government to step in, she took all the money she had and rented an old building with a dirt floor. The next day this woman went around the neighborhood and offered to teach the children. She used the old building as her classroom. She had no desks, no chairs, no tables. Her chalkboard was the dirt floor. She rubbed it smooth with an old rag and wrote on it with a stick. That was the way this woman fought back against the poverty and devastation around her. Limited as she was, it was the best she could do.

You may wonder whatever happened to that woman and her undertaking. Before her death in 1997, she had 80 fully equipped schools, 300 modern mobile dispensaries, 70 leprosy clinics, 30 homes for the dying, 30 homes for abandoned children, and 40,000 volunteers worldwide helping in her mission. That woman was St. Teresa of Calcutta better known to many as Mother Teresa.

What Mother Teresa did illustrates the point in today's first reading and Gospel. A man brings twenty barley loaves to the prophet Elisha and is told to feed a hundred people. A boy gives Jesus five barley loaves and two fish so he can feed 5,000 people. It seems a dauntless task but in both incidents, there were some leftovers; everyone had plenty to eat.

That is what Mother Teresa did. She gave Jesus her 'loaves and fish" and Jesus did the rest. Jesus multiplied them beyond her wildest dream.

Mother Teresa, the man in our first reading, and the boy in our Gospel all make the same point; the power and effectiveness of sharing. When sharing and not keeping everything for ourselves is the rule of life, people prosper.

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Welcome to all those who celebrate with us, whether life long parishioners, new arrivals in the area, or visitors! **If you have not registered, or if you have moved, please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office.**

Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

○ **New Parishioner** ○ **Update/Changed Info** ○ St. Mary ○ St. Aloysius ○ Holy Redeemer

This Week in the Area Faith Community

AFC MASS & RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Amplifier aids available for the hearing impaired are located at the entrances of the church at SM & SA. Please ask the ushers for assistance.

Date & Time	Location	Intention
Sun., July 25		
8:30 am	SA	+ Joan Honzay
10:00 am	SM	Sacr. of Reconciliation
10:30 am	SM	+ Donna Scheibel
10:00 am	HR	Sacr. of Reconciliation
10:30 am	HR	For the People
Mon., July 26		
5:00 pm	SM	+ Bob Hilgert
Tues., July 27		
8:30 am	SA	+ Marion Serbus
Wed., July 28		
8:30 am	SM	+ Geraldine van der Hagen
2:00 pm	SA Traditions	+ Larry Amberg Open to the Public
Thurs., July 29		
8:30 am	SA	+ Bob Bauman
8:30 am	SM	+ Shorty Suess
Fri., July 30		
8:30 am	SM	Special Intention M.E.
8:30 am	SA	+ Ken Elfering
9:05 am	SA	Rosary
Sat., July 31		
4:30 pm	SA	Sacr. of Reconciliation
4:30 pm	SA	Rosary
5:00 pm	SA	+ Joyce O'Halloran by CCW
Sun., August 1		
8:30 am	SA	+ Katy Ziesmer
10:00 am	SM	Sacr. of Reconciliation
10:30 am	SM	For the People
10:00 am	HR	Sacr. of Reconciliation
10:30 am	HR	+ Miloyd Dworshak

Daily readings can be found at www.usccb .org. Readings are also list in the free liturgy books provided at our AFC churches: *Word Among Us and The Living Faith*.

Rosary is offered at 4:30 pm on Saturday before the Mass at St Aloysius Church.

SAVE THE DATES

- Aug. 2-5: AFC Vacation Bible School Grades K-5 @ SA/JC
- Sept. 1: St Mary's School Back to School Blast

Calendar of Events July 26-August 1, 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Nothing scheduled	5:30 pm St Mary's School Education Mtg.	7:00 am Men's Group Meeting SA/JC	9:00 am W.I.S.E Gr 6-8 SA/JC
Thursday	**Friday**	**Saturday**	**Sunday**
Nothing scheduled	Nothing scheduled	Nothing scheduled	Nothing scheduled

PASTORAL MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that we are beginning the last week of July already! Summer heat and lack of rain has been stressful for many. Let us pray for adequate rains for our fields and gardens. Let us pray for a good economy, for our businesses, workplaces, and family needs. Let us be sensitive to our neighbors needs and concerns.

"Jesus, thank you for summer. Thank you for light and warmth. Thank you for the sun. Thank you for the gifts of nature and for the annual cycles and seasons. Today, give us that grace again, to see you as the Creator, the One who lifts us up to be with you forever, even now."

Fr. Joseph Steinbeisser

Reflections continued from page 1……..

In our society today, real sharing is done grudgingly or we are shamed into sharing. One of life's great ironies is that stingy people never seem to have enough and generous people never run out of things to share with others.

In our two readings today we have examples of the miracle of sharing and they invite us to ask ourselves, "To what extent am I giving myself, my gifts and talents, my resources as Mother Teresa did"?

For Jesus is saying to us today, I need your gifts. I need your time. I need your energy. I need your resources. I need you. For today I have only your feet to bring me into your homes and your places of work in our communities. I have only your hands to reach out to the helpless, the homeless, the hungry, and the hopeless in our society today. I have only your tongue to tell my sisters and brothers that I love them very much and that is why I suffered and died on a cross for them.

Jesus invites us, like Mother Teresa, to cooperate with him in working miracles not unlike the one he worked in his time. Whatever we share with him of our gifts, our time, our energy, our resources, and it may appear to be very insignificant in comparison to the problem we see, he will use what we give in a way that will exceed our wildest expectations.

Jesus will take what we share and will multiply it beyond anything we ever dreamt of, just ask Mother Teresa. The invitation to share is given to all of us in our readings today. God awaits our willingness and our response to share what we have with others.

Have a good week.

Fr. George Schmit

AFC PRAYER CHAIN

Do you or someone you know need prayer?

Contact Duane or Julie Remer @ 507-430-9485 or Rose Mary Kirtz @ 320-848-2167 for confidential prayers or if you are interested in serving on our prayer chain.

AFC PRAYER CORNER

In order to keep the prayer corner current, names will be kept on the prayer corner until **August 1, 2021** unless requested to come off earlier. In order for names to be on our prayers corner, the **INDIVIDUAL or a FAMILY MEMBER** must inform the parish office for your parish. Due to the Privacy Act we are unable to put names on our prayer list without their permission.

Please Pray For:

Bailey, Kim SA
Dietz, Krystle SA
Dolezal, Joann SM
Filzen, Mary Ann SA
Fink, John SM
Gartner, Jim SA
Kramer, Randy SM
Lykken, Chase SM
Rauenhorst, Tom SA
Schroepfer, Rita SA
Sullivan Family, HR
Zupke, Kelli SM
Zurn, Marie SA

SA VIGIL LIGHTS

Vigil Lights for these special intentions will burn at the SA Shrine the week of July 25

1) Don & Mary Lou Dobmeier
2) Jennifer Beecham
3) Martha Goblish
4) John Goblish
5) Sr. Margaret Goblish

Candles are $4.00 Each.

Please place your single intention and money in the collection or bring it to the parish office no later than 12:00 noon on Monday. The candles are lit on Sat. and will burn throughout the week.

Area Faith Community and School News

AFC NEWS

Blood drive will be held on Mon., Aug. 2, from 12:00-6:00 pm at the St Aloysius Catholic Church Jubilee Center. Appointments are required by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767), visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter OliviaMN to schedule an appointment or call Clare Cooper at 320-522-2716.

You are invited by the **Richard (Jake) & Ruth Jacobs family to a memorial tribute/farm party** on Tues., July 27, from 3:00-7:00 pm at Daniels farm site, 38389 890th Ave. (8 miles north of Bird Island on County Rd 5, then take a left before those sharp curves in the road to lake Lillian). The party will include food, beverages, farm tour, music, memories and more! All are welcome!

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

Marion Open: The 14th annual Marion Open took place on Sat., July 10, at the Olivia Golf Course. There were 79 golfers (up 3 from last year) that participated in this tournament.

A special word of thanks to the committee members who organized and ran this fund raising event for St. Mary's School: Brad & Liz Braulick, co-chair along with Tom & Alicia Osthus, Dan & Chelsey Elfering. Greg & Rachel Haubrich, Pat & Laura Posl, and Sandy Zuhlsdorf.

We also want to express our thanks to all the sponsors for the Marion Open. A total of $6,600.00 was given for this tournament. Sponsors at the Platinum level ($500 and above) were: Henslin's, RC Thomas Company, S.J. Jacobs and Sons, Finish Line Seed, Sheehan Gas Company, AO Financial, FM Bank, Rural Computer Consultants, and an anonymous sponsor. Sponsors at the Gold level ($250-$499) were: Country Wide Lumber, Chuck Weis Family, Saunders, Mertens, and Schmitz, and Brad & Mary Jo Schmoll, Bird Island Soil Service, and George Paur Agency. Sponsors at the Silver level ($150-$249) were: Island Market, Peterson Farms, and Kubesh Farms. At the Bronze level (any other donations) were Renville/Sibley Coop and an Anonymous Sponsor. Special thanks to B & D Market for sponsoring the lunch for all the golfers.

Thanks also to Greg Snow and the Olivia Golf Course, to all the golfers, to those who came just for the dinner, and to Max's Grill for serving the dinner. By the sound of laughter and all the conversations going on, it sounded like everyone had a great time.

Last of all our congratulations to the winners of the Marion Open. There was a tie for first place with a score of 59. On the second score card playoff hole the team of Judy Dirks, Jack Gomarko, Nancy Aaseth, and Jerry Neubauer were the champions. Coming in second place were: Tom & Sheila Jacobs, James Kuemper, Paul Kahman. There was also a tie for third place with a score of 65. On the third score card playoff hole the team of Skylar Bauer, Marcus, Tanner, and Connor Weirshem were the winners.

Again thank you to all who supported and helped to make the Marion Open a great success for the St. Mary's School. Plan now to be part of the 15th annual Marion Open in 2022

ST. ALOYSIUS NEWS

Summer Collection: As of July 18, we have collected $7,485.00. If you are still wanting to give to this fund, please use the envelope provided in your monthly packet or a specially marked envelope "Summer Collection". You may drop off your offering in the weekend collection, at the parish office, or mail to 302 South 10th Street, Olivia.

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ST. MARY'S CASH CALENDAR WINNERS

7/11/2021	Tami Thein	$50.00
7/12/2021	Pam Larson	$25.00
7/13/2021	Kelsey Beckler	$25.00
7/14/2021	Ronalie Solz	$25.00
7/15/2021	Bernie Schmoll	$25.00
7/16/2021	Emily van der Hagen	$25.00
7/17/2021	Barb Kirtz	$25.00

AFC Ministry Schedules

Ministry Schedules for the weekend of July 31/August 1, 2021

5:00 pm Sat., July 31 @ St. Aloysius
Ministers of the Word: Jim Boersma
Plate: Father & Jane Boersma
Altar Servers: Jacob O'Halloran
Sacristan: Sharon Chandler
Music: Michelle & Dianne
Ushers: Keith Herdina & Paul O'Halloran
Depositor: Jim Boersma
Rosary Leader: Greg Peppel

8:30 am Sun., August 1 @ St Aloysius
Minister of the Word: Joe Hennen
Plate: Father & Betty Rau
Altar Servers: Anthony Peppel
Sacristan: Sharon Chandler
Music: Ally & Dianne
Ushers: Juan Ramirez II & Juan Ramirez
Depositor: Mike Filzen

10:30 am Sun., August 1 @ St. Mary's
Minister of the Word: Sue Ebbers
Plate: Father & Becky Thole
Altar Servers: Harper Thole
Music: Amy Hollan & Judy Schindler
Ushers: Adam Thole, ***Need 1 more***

10:30 am Sun., August 1 @ Holy Redeemer
Minister of the Word: Erin Lippert
Plate: Father, Emily Filzen
Altar Servers: Hayden Lippert
Music: TBD
Ushers: Bill Schafer & Gene Frank

AFC Money Counters: Monday, July 26: parish office Staff

Stay connected at college this Fall!
Here is a link that allows students to connect, instantly, to their Catholic campus ministry through the Newman Connect App! **Download the Newman Connect App for Students:** https://landing.newmanministry.com/app

Below is the link where your students can sign up to get connected to their Catholic campus ministry this Fall, the traditional way, with the campus minister reaching out to them this fall.
Student Sign-Up Form: http://signup.newmanconnection.com

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Apple user: Text "ParishApp1: to 800-950-9952 & Android Users: Text "ParishApp2" to 800-950-9952

Heart of Jesus AFC Youth Faith Formation News

VBS starts soon!! Have you signed your child up yet? Come celebrate the gift of LIFE at this unforgettable Birthday Blast August 2-5, 5:30-7:30 pm! We will learn to discover, respect, protect, serve, and celebrate life. Children will have fun learning what it means to be a child of GOD. This is for grades K-5. Volunteers are needed and if you are interested in helping please contact Michelle at 320-523-2030.

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Stewardship July 17/18, 2021

	Holy Redeemer	St. Aloysius	St. Mary
Adult	**$ 1,368.00**	$ 2,836.17	$ 3,820.00
Plate	**$ 56.00**	$ 174.00	$ 62.00
Total	**$ 1,424.00**	**$ 3,010.17**	**$ 3,882.00**
Weekly Budget	**$ 1,739.00**	**$ 4,091.88**	**$ 5,342.02**
Difference	**$ (315.00)**	**$ (1,081.71)**	**$ (1,460.02)**
YTD Collection	**$ 3,880.00**	**$ 9,102.17**	**$ 11,344.00**
YTD Budget	**$ 5,217.00**	**$ 12,275.64**	**$ 16,026.06**
YTD Difference	**$ (1,337.00)**	**$ (3,173.47)**	**$ (4,682.06)**
DMA Goal *	**$ 5,912.53**	**$ 17,215.89**	**$ 23,476.22**
Cash received	**$ 9,210.00**	**$ 13,680.00**	**$ 20,475.00**
Cash pledged	**$ 9,285.00**	**$ 13,785.00**	**$ 20,810.00**

*Diocesan Ministry Appeal: Remember that 20% of our donations come back to each parish.

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Sunday Offering Considerations

During these uncertain times, we need to ask all of our parishioners, if you are able, please continue your financial support of your parish to help us make up for our loss of Sunday offering. Your Adult Sunday Offerings are vital to the core ministries of our parishes. During this time, please consider one of these options one for your stewardship of treasure:

- online at **www.heartofjesusafc.org.com,** to make a recurring or one time donation. You will have complete control over your contribution amount and frequency of payments.
- an electronic contribution through ACH (Automatic Clearing House) for an amount to be transferred from your checking or savings account on the 1st and/or the 15th of every month. The ACH form can be found on the Area Faith Community website at **www.heartofjesusafc.org.com,**
- special collections are available with online donations at **www.heartofjesusafc.org.com,** or ACH donations with the form found on the website.
- mail your donation to your parish office.

And as always, thank you for your investment and continued support of our parishes. We need your support to continue to do God's work.

FORMED is a great source! Be sure to register and use this resource!

To log in and use FORMED: Go to: **heartofjesusafc.formed.org** Click register and enter your name, email address, and desired password You're all ready to access the inspiring and engaging content on FORMED! Enjoy and share with others in our local community!

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK July 25, 2021

FORMED NOW! DOES FAITH TAKE A VACATION?

As many of us embark on sunny vacations, it's important to make sure our faith remains front and center in our lives. Since it's easy for us to be distracted by the excitement of the summer rhythm, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Scott Hefelfinger discuss what we can do to make sure we don't let the spiritual life take a back seat.

To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

Diocesan News & Area Community News

Olivia Lion's Fly-In Breakfast & Classic Car Show will be held today, Sun., July 25. Serving breakfast from 8:00 am –12:00 noon. Prairie Meats sausage, pancakes, scrambles eggs will be served. Adults $10, children age 6-12 $5 and 5 and under are free. All are welcome!

Sexual Abuse Victim Notice: Anyone who has suffered sexual abuse by a priest or another person involved in Church ministry is encouraged to immediately report such abuse to local law enforcement, regardless of when it occurred, if it has not yet been reported. A listing of all county law enforcement and child protection agencies within the 15 counties of the Diocese of New Ulm is posted on the diocesan Web site at https://www.dnu.org/report-abuse.

Victims and survivors of abuse by clergy are also encouraged to contact the diocesan victim assistance coordinator or the bishop's delegate in matters pertaining to sexual misconduct at 1421 6th Street North, New Ulm, MN 56073, or by phone at 507-233-5313, for counseling or other assistance in healing.

Toda persona que haya sido víctima de abuso sexual por parte de un miembro del clero u otra persona en el ministerio de la Iglesia debe reportar dicha mala conducta a las autoridades policiales inmediatamente, independientemente de cuando haya sucedido, si aún no ha sido reportado. Un listado de todas las entidades policiales y los servicios de protección al menor dentro de los quince condados de la Diócesis de New Ulm se encuentra en nuestra página de internet, https://www.dnu.org/report-abuse.

También se exhorta a las víctimas y sobrevivientes de abuso por parte del clero ponerse en contacto con el Coordinador de asistencia para víctimas o el delegado del Obispo en cuestiones sobre el mal comportamiento sexual 1421 6th Street North, New Ulm, MN 56073, o al 507-233-5313 para consejería u otra ayuda de sanación.

LOVED THE WEDDING. INVITE ME TO THE MARRIAGE. LOVE, GOD A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend can help you do that! Marriage Encounter is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones — and focus just on each other. The next weekends are Oct. 15-17, in Owatonna, MN and Nov. 19-21, in Windom, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: southmnwwme.org or contact Miki at *applications@southmnwwme.org* or 507-227-8229.

Awesome marriages don't just happen ~ couples create them! Plan to attend the August 21-22 **Marriage Encounter** and you will begin creating the marriage of your dreams. Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit www.marriages.org for additional information or call 651-454-3238.

New **VIRTUS training session's** have been added for:

- Wed., July 28, 6:00-9:00 pm at the Church of St. Peter in St Peter
- Wed., July 28, 6:30-9:30 pm at the Church of St. Edward in Minneota

Individuals needing a new account or having a pending VIRTUS account are to register online at the DNU Website https://www.dnu.org/safeenvironment/ by clicking on the large red button (left side) of the Safe Environment Web page

East Ridge Court Income Eligible Senior Housing is located on the Renville Health Services Campus. We currently have openings for a person 62 years of age or older and meeting a certain Income guideline. Income limits have increased. Beautiful 1 bedroom apartments with full kitchen, large bathroom with walk in shower, open kitchen, dining area and living room. One meal a day and emergency call at an additional charge. Contact Jane @ 320-329-3901.

Come & join the fun at **St Andrew's FUN FEST** Aug. 22 in Fairfax. Polka Mass at 10 am by St A's Polkateers. Picnic style (served outside from 11am-1pm) deep fried chicken dinner, potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw, cucumber salad, & dessert. Adults- $11, children ages 5-10 $5 and under 5– free. Music, raffle, kids games, beer wagon, pull tabs, country store, bingo, food stand with burgers & hotdogs, also featuring Authentic Mexican Tacos from 11am-3pm on the church ground. Every is welcome!!

Bulletin Notice Deadline: All items for the bulletin must be submitted to the parish office by **Thursday, 10 days prior, by 12:00pm**.

Registration: We welcome you to one of our communities in our Area Faith Community and invite you to register in one of our parishes. Stop by or call the parish office.

Baptism: Please contact the parish office to schedule baptism preparation class and baptism.

Matrimony: All Catholics need to call the pastoral leader at the parish office at least 6 months before getting married, even if the wedding is going to be in a non-Catholic church.

Anointing of the Sick: Call the parish office if you or someone you know is in the hospital, is ill, or faces serious surgery and wishes to be anointed.

Quinceañera (15th Birthday) Celebrations: Contact the parish office at least 6 months before desired date to complete application, attend Sunday Mass regularly, be part of a Faith Formation program, and attend a required retreat.

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