



St. Mary's
CATHOLIC CHURCH
1510 HIGHLAND AVE., RED OAK, IOWA 51566



July 17-18, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

16° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Quando Jesús desembarcó, vio una numerosa multitud que lo estaba esperando y se compadeció de ellos, porque andaban como ovejas sin pastor, y se puso a enseñarles muchas cosas. - Mc 6, 34

ST. MARY'S MISSION STATEMENT

"Our vision is to see Christ in others and to treat others as Christ, because this is what we believe." As a Catholic community, we gather and celebrate the presence of Christ in sacrifice and sacrament. "Our mission is to support our community by meeting the spiritual, faith formation and other needs of our parishioners."

Welcome! It is our hope that you feel at home and among friends here. If you are a visitor for the day, we pray God's blessings on your journey. If you are looking for a parish community, we would be delighted to welcome you into our parish family. Please join us at the beginning of each mass before the opening song to pray three "Hail Mary's" and a "Glory Be" to end abortion in our country.

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Closed

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Please call the office or Fr. Lazarus prior to visiting the staff so we may assist you best.

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Musings From The Pastor.

Jesus tells us, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile." (Mk 6:31) At first glance it sounds like he is saying, "Stop being such a workaholic. Take a break. Get a vacation." And maybe he is. But he cannot be

referring to any form of relaxation whatever. Like the Good Shepherd in today's psalm, he wants to lead us to restful waters and refresh our souls. You can't do that on just any beach.

Even to take time apart may be hard for us because of a society which places primary value on work. We can feel guilty if we take leisure time. What really matters is getting things accomplished. A person sometimes measures his worth by ability to produce - and get paid for it. Some of our young moms feel inferior to "working women." After all, they only spend twenty four hours a day caring for a child while the others earn *money* by doing such productive things as staring at a computer screen.

A famous American entrepreneur made a statement which illustrates the "total work" mentality and how it undercuts the life of faith:

"Just in terms of allocation of time resources, religion is not very efficient. There's a lot more I could be doing on a Sunday morning."

I would like to show you what's wrong with that statement. But first let me point out that defining ones value in terms of production and efficiency is not only contrary to the Gospel, it guts humanity.

Let's begin on a natural level. What really distinguishes us is not our ability to make things. Birds construct nests; beavers build dams. What constitutes us as human is our capacity to wonder. Socrates tried to evoke that from his fellow Athenians. He asked question after question to break through their smug assurance, but not to make them doubt everything (like some post-modernist) but so they would return to the first step of philosophy: wonder.

Philosophy starts with wonder. The great philosophers could pose disarming, childlike questions. Leibniz asked, "Why is there anything at all and not nothing?" A practical man might brush off the question as a waste of time. A reflective human being, however, cannot help think it worth much pondering.

Jesus invites us to spend some time wondering. He wants us to have true leisure - not the kind of enervating distractions Pascal calls diversions, but moments of actual tranquility and awe. "Come away...and rest a while." He's not talking about getting on a plane to Tibet or even driving up to Branson or Okoboji to relax by the lake. Taking a vacation to those places is great and rejuvenating but here Jesus means going away with him. In that case you will probably have better luck in your own room or before the Blessed Sacrament.

The greatest instance of coming away with Jesus is what we are doing now - Sunday Mass. Even though there may be some distractions from within our minds or without, it is our most complete moment of intimacy with Jesus. It's the only thing we can take with us.

The man who said he could use his time more efficiently by not going to church on Sunday is a multi-millionaire. He made that statement - I assume fairly offhandedly-sometimes several years ago. That time has gone by in a flash; I imagine even more quickly for such an important person. Almost as rapidly he, like you and me, will have some serious illness and his enormous wealth will not buy his health back. Soon after he dies, all he has produced will be so much dust. What will endure is his relationship - or lack of relationship - with God. What appears inefficient now will be incalculably practical.

The great irony is that what seems most unproductive turns out to be the most practical - not just for eternity, but for this present life. Jesus taught his disciples to spend hours, even whole nights in prayer because he knew they would face tremendous apostolic stress - people coming and going in great numbers and they had no opportunity to eat. Without having prayed intensely no one can adequately respond to such demands. I have noticed that when I neglect prayer, my ministry goes bad, but if I make a holy hour things fall into place.

Have a Blessed Week, Fr. Lazarus Kirigia.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Ongoing commitments to the Annual Diocesan Appeal work in quiet, unheralded ways to sustain the Catholic Church in south-west Iowa. We empower others to encounter Christ; we help parish leaders to shepherd the faithful, support local communities of faith, and help people in need as one diocesan family committed to serve and protect one another and bring each other to Christ.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2021

Parish ADA Goal	\$ 26,573.00
Amount Paid	\$ 15,510.00
Outstanding pledges (\$1,717.00)	
Balance	\$ 8,665.00

SPIRIT CATHOLIC RADIO PRESENTS

Dr. Scott Hahn Coming to Omaha on July 24! The Saint Paul Center for Biblical Theology and Spirit Catholic Radio present Dr. Scott Hahn—The Riches of Our Catholic Faith—on Saturday, July 24 at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, 11802 Pacific, Omaha. Be inspired and study Scripture from the heart of the Church with one of today's most respected scholars. Dr. Scott Hahn is a best-selling author, speaker, theologian, convert from Presbyterianism and professor at the Franciscan University of Steubenville. Please join us on Saturday, July 24, from 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. to hear Dr. Hahn's talk. Visit spiritcatholicradio.com/Hahn to purchase your \$20 tickets.

SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC MIRROR

We encourage you to take a subscription to our diocesan newspaper, The Catholic Mirror. Our newspaper was critically important in reaching all of our households during the pandemic. Whether you receive it digitally or through the Post Office, The Catholic Mirror brings to us a monthly message from Bishop William Joensen, news and inspirational stories of faith. You can give online at: www.dmdiocese.org/giving/special-collection-giving.

MARK AUGUST 15TH ON YOUR CALENDAR

We are planning a Parish wide picnic following the 10:30 a.m. mass August 15th. Watch for details!!! Fun will be had by all!!





**FAITH FORMATION
2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**

Thank you to the Confirmation students for the help in the garden and the grounds. We will continue working thru the summer to furnish produce to the food pantry. If anyone else is interested in helping, please call Alan. This is a great service project for those needing service hours. Many hands make light work.

Please continue through the summer to enjoy the videos that are available at www.formed.org. Join us at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/stmarysfaith> if you have not done so for any updates or information that may be of interest to you.

The 2021-2022 Faith Formation schedule has tentatively been set. It will kick off with the Parish Picnic Sunday, August 15, following the 10:30 a.m. Mass.



There will be a Catechist Meeting for grades k-6 August 25th. There will be an Ice Cream Social Kickoff on September 1. Following the Ice Cream Social YDisciple, grades 7-12 leaders will having a meeting from 7-8:15 p.m. Please see the schedules in the back of the church for both YDisciple and Faith Formation.

Blessings to all! Alan Vonnahme, St. Mary's Catholic Church Director of Religious Education; stmarysrodre@gmail.com

MINNA DIOCESE MISSION PRIEST IS COMING

Next Weekend, we will host at all the Masses a missionary to speak about their work in bringing the saving mission of Christ to the poor and marginalized people of God in Minna Diocese, Nigeria. Fr. Kizito Okhuoya comes from Nigeria, a country that has been on the news these days due to the kidnapping of over 200 children by the Boko Haram terrorist group. The Diocese of Minna is located in a predominantly muslim population. Minna Diocese provides ministry to both Christians and Muslims through her non-profit schools, Primary Health Care Clinics and other social justice programs. Don't miss the opportunity of this faith and cultural exchange. You will learn about the joys and challenges of your brothers and sisters and share in the missionary work of the Church with your prayers and financial support. Feel free to visit with the missionary, ask questions on the difference your donation is going to make in Minna Diocese. God bless you.

TUITION ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Tuition Assistance Available for our Catholic School families. Applications are being accepted with a deadline of July 31 for help with tuition assistance. The application and 2020 tax returns must be submitted by July 31 for consideration. Families qualify based on their total income and household size. There is a chart on the bulletin board with guidelines.

FLOCKNOTE

Please remember to sign up for flocknote so that you may stay informed of all the changes in our masses, our meetings, and any pertinent information we need to pass along at this time. This has been a busy winter already, and we pray all of you and your families stay safe. If you need any help please call the office.

Readings for the week of July 18, 2021

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34; St. Camillus de Lellis
Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc,-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Mt 12:38-42; St. Mary MacKillop
Tuesday: Ex 14:21—15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/Mt 12:46-50; St. Apollinaris
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9; St. Lawrence of Brindisi
Thursday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18; St. Mary Magdalene
Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [cf. Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23; St. Bridget of Sweden
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 13:24-30; St. Sharbel Makhlof
Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



LIFE LINE SCREENING IS AT ST. MARY'S AUGUST 18th

Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at St. Mary's Catholic Church of Red Oak on Wednesday, August 18, 2021.

A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

- Carotid artery ultrasound to identify plaque buildup in the carotid arteries, a major risk factor for stroke
- Abdominal aortic aneurysm ultrasound to identify presence of an enlargement in the largest blood vessel in the body
- An EKG to identify the presence of atrial fibrillation, which increases the risk for stroke
- Ultrasound of the lower legs to look for plaque buildup known as peripheral artery disease
- Ultrasound of the shin bone to identify risk for osteoporosis

These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a \$10 discount.

Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441 or text the word "circle" to 797979. See the pink fliers on the table at the back of the church. And share with your friends.

RACIAL JUSTICE

As part of the Diocese of Des Moines' engagement on issues related to racial justice a webpage has been created with multiple resources that can be used by families or on one's own to develop knowledge, aid in conversion of heart, and inspire action to address systemic and interpersonal racisms. Go to our website at dmdioocese.org/racism to learn more.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Saturday-July 24-No Mass

Sunday-July 25

Lector: Bruce Swanson

Altar Servers: Liah Wemhoff / Elly McDonald

Min. of Communion: Cindee Hays

Homebound: Jim & Kim Laughlin

Greeter/Usher: Ken Podliska / Tim Schmid / Richard & Connie Sampers

Musician/Singers: Kimberly Vonnahme / Alan Vonnahme

Sacristan: Kevin Naser

Money Counters: Pat Jensen / Pat Lydon

**We are now streaming Mass from St. Mary's on Facebook.
You do NOT need to have an account to watch.**

CAREERS: JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES TEAM

Catholic Charities has an array of job openings! Executive assistant, refugee case manager, therapist and more in Des Moines. In Council Bluffs: Program manager, shelter and housing coordinator, Domestic Violence coordinator and more. Several part-time openings are available as well. Visit <https://catholiccharitiesdm.bamboohr.com/jobs/> and apply today!

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Dan Bruning

Josh Watson

Homebound Parishioners

Patricia Menendez

Len & Fran Ross

Teresa Navarro Bueno

Arlene Lao

Teresa Williams

Ken Steffen

Maggie Abbuhl

Easton Koelker

Hugh Rossell

Carlos Palafox Hernandez Lorenzo Hernandez Garcia

If you or someone you know would like to be on the prayer list, please call the office so that we may add their name in the bulletin

RESOURCES FOR HISPANIC COMMUNITY

If you have families that have lost their employment and their source of income and they need some assistance, they can call the 211 hotline, text your zip code to 898211, or visit www.211iowa.org

IOWA LEGAL AID'S FARMWORKER POLICY

There is Free Legal Services for Eligible Individuals/Servicios Legales Gratuitos Para Personas Elegibles. Call 1-800-532-1275 if interested.

HISPANIC MINISTRY-IOWA PBS

Get health and safety news in Spanish during the COVID-19 crisis through [Iowa PBS](#). Iowa PBS to offer Spanish language safety information amidst COVID-19 pandemic.



BAPTISM: Please call the office to schedule the Baptism. A class is required for first-time parents.

RCIA: Each Fall the parish forms a group of adults who are interested in becoming Catholic, or in leaning about the faith. Contact the Parish Office or Fr. Lazarus.

CARE OF THE SICK: Please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Lazarus to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, or if you would like a visit while in the hospital or Communion brought to your home.

MARRIAGE: Couples planning a wedding at St. Mary's should contact Fr. Lazarus at least 6 months prior to the

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday-July 17

- 5:00 p.m. Mass in Red Oak-Members of the Parish

Sunday-July 18

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Imogene
- 10:30 a.m. Bilingual Mass in Red Oak-Paul Lydon+
Carlos Palafox Hernandez+

Monday, July 19-Office Closed

- 7:00 p.m. Holy Grounds-Church Hall

Tuesday, July 20-Office Closed

- 8:30 a.m. NO Mass in Imogene

Wednesday, July 21-Office Closed

- 8:30 a.m. NO Mass in Red Oak

Thursday-July 22

- 6:00 a.m. Adoration Begins
- 5:15 p.m. Rosary
- 6:00 p.m. NO Mass in Imogene
- 8:00 p.m. Spanish Rosary

Friday-July 23-Office Closed

- 6:00 a.m. Adoration Ends
- 8:30 a.m. NO Mass in Red Oak

Saturday-July 24

- 5:00 p.m. Mass in Imogene

Sunday-July 25-Fr. Kizito Okhuoya from Nigeria

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Imogene
- 10:30 a.m. Mass in Red Oak-Members of the Parish

I will be away on vacation from Monday, July 19th. through Friday, July 30th. There will be no weekday mass while I am gone. The weekend of July 24/25 a visiting priest Fr. Kizito Okhuoya will be doing masses and doing a Mission Appeal for the Diocese of Minna Nigeria. Fr. Lazarus



A big thank you to the Confirmation kids helping with the sprucing up of our church grounds and helping with the garden. Above is Brie Ross, Nolan Grebin, Jonah Wemhoff and Sam Fields.

THANK YOU!

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