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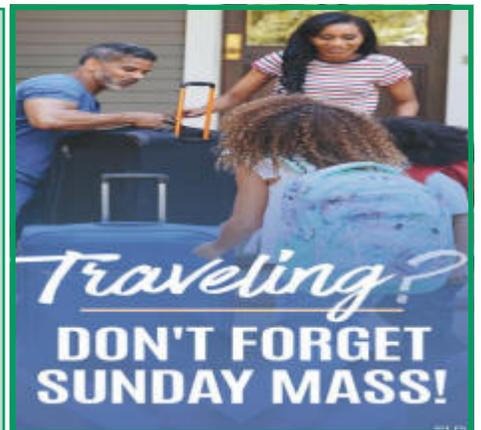
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**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, July 12th**  
7:00 am Ann Eagan Foley  
by Monty Foley

**TUESDAY, July 13th**  
9:00 am **No Mass**

**WEDNESDAY, July 14th**  
7:00 am **No Mass**

**THURSDAY, July 15th**  
7:00 pm **No Mass**

**FRIDAY, July 16th**  
7:00 am Beth Maygor  
by Parish Council

**SATURDAY, July 17th**  
4:30 pm Fr. Edward Litavec  
by Frank & Anne Krupa

**SUNDAY, July 18th**  
8:15 am For the Living & Deceased  
Members of  
Holy Redeemer & St. Anthony

11:00 am Dave Maze by Jerry Nuhfer

**Sanctuary Light**

The Sanctuary Light is lit in memory of the  
**Paul McCluskey**  
this week.

**Prayer Line**

Please call Mona Champion at 968-3232, Barb Ciprich at 723-1894 Linda Goldthwaite at 730-1194 or Kim Wynn at 706-6995 with your prayer requests.

**Happening This Week and Beyond**

**July 13th** Search 7:00 pm  
**July 17th-18th** Second Collection National Needs  
**July 20th** Blood Bank 12:30-5pm  
July 27th St. Joseph Soup Kitchen  
**August 2nd-6th** Rock Railway Vacation Bible  
School

Celebrating a milestone anniversary this year? Couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup> or more wedding anniversaries are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies on Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception in Clarion and Sunday, August 8, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Jude in Erie. Both liturgies will begin at 2:00 p.m. To register for either event or to receive a scroll by mail, please visit <https://www.eriercd.org/>

**A Family Perspective**

Jesus sent out His apostles without a lot of “things” because THINGS distract. We collect, argue about and protect our “things.” We even ignore each other because we have “things” to do. What “things” are separating you from your family?

**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- Know the Warning Signs of a Predator:**

Those who abuse children look like everyone else. They don't look like scary people that we should know to avoid. Rather, most abusers are known to the child, such as the parent, sibling, parent's paramour, parent's spouse, other relative or babysitter. One of the most important ways to ensure the safety of children in our environments is to know the warning signs of adults who present a risk of harm to children. Among these signs are when the person (1) always wants to be alone with children in areas where no one can monitor the interactions, (2) allows children to do things their parents would not permit, (3) is always more excited to be with children than with adults, and (4) discourages others from participating in activities involving kids. For more information and resources visit <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/>.

## FROM OUR PASTOR'S DESK

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July 11, 2021

**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

To My Spiritual Family of Holy Redeemer and St. Anthony,

I often muse that I would have been more at home in the 1700s than I am in today's world. Some of you probably feel the same way. Now it's true that Celeron could not make use of the Tim Horton's drive-thru when he was claiming the Conewango for France back in 1749, and that must have been a painful deprivation, but really, you and I would have done just fine in those days. I certainly could have scribed these bulletin blurbs with a quill pen rather than with a computer keyboard. And you would have done well steering your horse through the forests rather than driving your F-150 down the roads.

Each epoch has its particular concerns. And for the disciple of Christ, there have always been challenges aplenty. Christianity was illegal in the Roman Empire for the first 300 years of our faith (until Constantine finally permitted its lawful practice in the year 313). During the centuries that followed, churches and monasteries were often under threat of invading pagan bands and armies. In the early middle ages, various heresies and disputes continued to erode the very unity of the Church. The enlightenment brought a false hope that human problems could be solved without God's help. And the 20<sup>th</sup> century gave us more Christian martyrs than at any other time in the Church's history. It's a difficult errand to judge the past through the lens of the present, and being alive in the 21<sup>st</sup> century does not somehow give us an advantage over our "less advanced" predecessors. Every age has its joys and its sorrows, its anxieties and its triumphs.

But what seems new – and troubling – today, is a concerted effort by some to redefine the very meaning of what it means to be a human person. While Genesis tells us in its very first chapter that "*God created man in his image, in the divine image he created him, male and female he created them,*" there is now an increasingly accepted belief that we can redefine personhood, gender, and the essence of the human being based on our own whims. I was reminded of this concern when I saw that Wisconsin has recently offered parents the option of receiving a "gender-neutral" birth certificate for their newborn child (and if you are currently pausing to take in the disturbing scope of that – good!). But we really should not be surprised. After all, university students are told to choose their pronouns. Children's media and educational efforts now feature transgender animal characters and human drag queens. Medical professionals are providing (sometimes without parental consent) pre-pubescent kids with hormone therapy and gender transition surgery. And middle and high schools are opening up restrooms and locker rooms to more than just boys alone or girls alone. Clearly, the God-given meaning of the human person is being distorted and disregarded. Something is very wrong in our culture.

I write of these things not to be provocative or divisive. Rather, I want to sound an alarm. I want you to be very aware of our cultural milieu. I want you to be able to confidently push back against distorted presentations of what it means to be a human being. Yes, we are fallen creatures who often struggle with questions regarding our own personhood and what our life is meant to be. And, yes, the Church has a solemn responsibility to welcome and embrace those who struggle with gender dysphoria and a multitude of other contemporary concerns. Please be assured that defending God's plan of creation does not make us haters. To shine a light on the truth of God is an act of pure love. We simply cannot or should not pretend that all is well when it is not. Christ came to save sinners, not to let us remain in our sin. And though sometimes we hear it argued that because God is love, Jesus would certainly embrace everything and anything that people choose to do, this is a distortion of authentic love. As the late Francis Cardinal George, Archbishop of Chicago, once said: "*Yes, all are welcome in the Church, but on Christ's terms, not on their own.*" We absolutely must stand for Christ and his Church, and against the culture when it denies the truth of God and the truth of the human person. Gender ideology does exactly that. Be aware.

To give witness to the truth – and to do so with love – that is our challenge. That is our responsibility as committed, intentional disciples of Christ. The world needs us. True, people may reject and revile us for standing against the cultural tide, but that's okay. Christ promised that this would happen (Matt 10:22). But do not be afraid. Christ also promised the grace to persevere. And the power of the Holy Spirit is limitless and readily available. So stand firm. Give witness joyfully. Let's "*bear our share of hardship for the gospel (2 Tim 2:3).*" And please be assured of my support and my prayers as you live out your faith in our contemporary world. God bless you all!

*Mary, Mother of the Redeemer – Pray for us!*

*St. Anthony – Pray for us!*

*St. Joseph – Pray for us!*

Fr. Steve

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 11, 2021

- Sunday:** Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/  
Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13
- Monday:** Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 10:34—11:1
- Tuesday:** Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/Mt 11:20-24
- Wednesday:** Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Mt 11:25-27
- Thursday:** Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 [8a]/Mt 11:28-30
- Friday:** Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 [13]/  
Mt 12:1-8
- Saturday:** Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21
- Next Sunday:** Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 11, 2021

- Sunday:** 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday:** St. Henry
- Wednesday:** St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
- Thursday:** St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Friday:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- Saturday:** BVM
- Next Sunday:** 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

God calls us to bring His Word to all corners of the earth. What does that mean for you and me? We are just simple and humble folks trying to find our way through the Gospel and our world. After all, we are not professional preachers but gentle servants. Jesus summons us to take his message on the road and bring it from the pew to the pavement. We cannot keep the joy of the Gospel to ourselves but must bring it into every aspect of our lives: our families, our schools, our work, our corporations, our politics, our social circles, and our philosophies. We cannot just accept the wisdom of the world as true and conduct our lives as if the Good News is a separate matter. They are one. Jesus never asked his friends to go and construct buildings where people could come to hear the truth. He asked them to go to their homes and meet them one on one, face to face. When the rubber meets the road and the message is challenging, rejection is quite possible. That's the litmus test for whether we're really doing what we have been asked.



ST. KATERI  
TEKAKWITHA

JULY 14

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Hear, O  
Lord, have  
mercy on me;  
Lord be  
my helper.

— PSALM 30:11 —

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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### WEEKEND

Saturday Evening 4:30 PM (Holy Redeemer)

Sunday 8:15 AM (Holy Redeemer)

11:00 AM (St. Anthony)

#### WEEKDAY

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7:00 (Holy Redeemer)

Tuesday 9:00AM (St. Anthony)

Thursday 7:00PM (Holy Redeemer)

#### HOLY DAY

Evening Before Holy Day 5:00 PM (St. Anthony)

Evening Before Holy Day 7:00 PM (Holy Redeemer)

Holy Day 7:00 AM (Holy Redeemer)

Holy Day 12:05 & 5:30 PM (St. Joseph)

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 11:00AM-NOON (Holy Redeemer)

Thursday 5:30PM-6:30PM (Holy Redeemer)

*Or on request.*

**BAPTISMS:** Upon request: Pre-baptismal instruction is provided.

**MARRIAGES:** Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

**VISITS/SACRAMENTS TO THE SICK:** Notify us if anyone is in the hospital, ill at home or unable to attend church.

**Bulletin Items.** Must be to the office by the end of business two Friday's prior to publication.

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#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday

8:30AM–12:30PM & 1:30–4:00PM

Friday 8:30AM–12:30PM

#### MARRIAGE MOMENT

"...take nothing for the journey." (Mark 6:8) What? During summer when many people take trips isn't this foolish? Perhaps the lesson for those at home is *hospitality*. How can we as a couple provide needs and comfort for those who have nothing or who are

#### Celebrate NFP Awareness Week

Looking for family planning that respects your faith, your marriage, your body *and* that is effective? Couples from around the diocese are learning about a way of life that helps them work with God to grow their families or space children. Find studies verifying Natural Family Planning's (NFP) effectiveness and class schedules at [www.eriercd.org/chastity.htm](http://www.eriercd.org/chastity.htm) or contact the Diocesan Natural Family Planning Coordinator at 814-512-0818.

*Natural Family Planning: Supporting God's Gifts of Love and Life in Marriage* is this year's theme for National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week. Join other families in celebrating God's vision for married love on Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 am Mass at St. Jude Parish with Bishop Persico. Following Mass, all are invited to a picnic luncheon at the Pine Tree Pavilion by Beach 9 at Presque Isle.

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*Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

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