Saint Christina Parish of Turner County PO Box 610 Parker, South Dakota 57053

Sunday, September 5, 2021

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In addition to my ministry here at the parish, I also serve as the coordinator for Christ the King Campus Ministry in Sioux Falls. Christ the King Campus Ministry is the official Catholic college outreach for any student in the city of Sioux Falls. This is now my second year serving the college students, and I am absolutely convinced that this is an essential ministry in our diocese. College is such a vulnerable time for many students s they live away from home for the first time. It is a time of self-discovery and figuring out what will be the guiding values for the rest of one's life. Many Catholics leave the Church during college. This is why it is so vital to have meaningful Catholic contact with students during those years.

Part of why college ministry is so close to my heart is because of the importance it played in my own faith journey. After High School, I went to USD in Vermillion. During the summer before I started college, my girlfriend at the time had broken up with me. This caused me to go in to that first semester of college with some hurt, anger and confusion. Thankfully, my roommate and I decided to go and visti the Newman Center (the Catholic Church on campus), there we met the priest as well as missionaries who plugged us into bible studies. Because men and women invested in me and my Catholic faith that first year of college, I was able to receive God's love right in my hurt, anger and confusion. I realized how much god loved me and I experienced that love in the context of a Catholic community centered around prayer and the sacraments. It was within this experience of God's love that I finally said 'yes' to God to join seminary and discern whether or not God was calling me to be a priest. And here I am today!

Can I make a request to you? Could you please pray for Christ the King Campus Ministry? Could you pray for all students of Sioux Falls? Could you pray for me and for those who are helping me minister to those students? Thank you so much! Also, Bishop's Charity Hunt on September 20th and 21st helps to support college ministry in our diocese so please consider contributing to that wonderful outreach. You can learn more here: https://ccfesd.org/events/bishops-charity-hunt/. You can also follow along with Christ the King Campus Ministry. Our website is: ctkcampusministry.com, and you can follow us on:

Instagram@ctkcampusministry.

God bless,

Fr. Tyler

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St. Christina is approximately \$3000.00 short with our share of the diocese Catholic Family Sharing Appeal (CFSA). Please if you haven't sent in a Pledge could you do so very soon. This is also very important for different programs in the Diocese that are in need.

WEEKLY MASSES—— St. Christina **Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time** Sunday, September 5th: Mass 11:00AM Confessions-5 to 5:45PM-Tuesday, September 7th Holy Mass: Tuesday, August 31st –6:00PM Int: +Ron Cink Holy Mass: Thursday, September 9th—8:00AM Int: +Kay Johnson **Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time** Sunday, September 12th: Mass 11:00AM **Father Tyler is making plans** to have an Adult Bible Study at St. Christina. The Book of James is 5 chapters and this should work very well to begin a 5-week study. Father will be gone two weeks in October; so skipping those two weeks, we could begin on September 21st. The plan is to have the class following the Tuesday Evening Mass. The dates are as follows: September 21

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A Sign-up sheet is in the back. The deadline to sign is September 12th and that will give Father time to order books. The cost of each book is \$15.00. Several parishioners have requested an Adult Bible Study and now we have the opportunity.

<u>Blessings to Sheldon & Judy Jensen</u> Celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary On September 9th.

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Bud Ozar

Because the deaf man in today's gospel recognized his disability, he could seek help from Jesus. Deafness abounds in families: in our children ("Oh dad, not that again") in parents (" It is just a stage") and in spouses ("Are you listening"). Before Jesus can enter your home and heal, you must first recognize your deafness.

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St. Christina Church Support: Deposited

Monday, August 30th, 2021: 44 Env. Reg. Giving \$1660.00; 1 Env. Reg. \$80.00; Loose Giving \$49.00; Mass Stipends \$170.00. I Env. CFSA Pledge Payment \$50.00; 2 Env. Fuel \$200.00.

Thank You for your Generous Treasure.

It is necessary that each family that has registered before 2021 <u>Update a new Census Registration Form</u> as many Phone Numbers have changed. It is important that we have the correct Address and Phone Number for Father Tyler and the Diocese.

<u>Registration Forms for Religious Education</u> also need to be Updated. Both forms are on the back tables so you update them and put them in the Basket.

St. Stephen's Catholic Church, Bridgewater is Preparing and selling their Whole Hog Sausage again this year. <u>Pre-orders MUST be received by Friday, September 10th</u>. Call: 605-729-2714 or 605-214-0389

Pickup Orders: Sunday, October 3rd from 1:30 to 4:00PM. At St. Stephen's Parish Hall