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Nadine Kannel's Birthday: 8/11

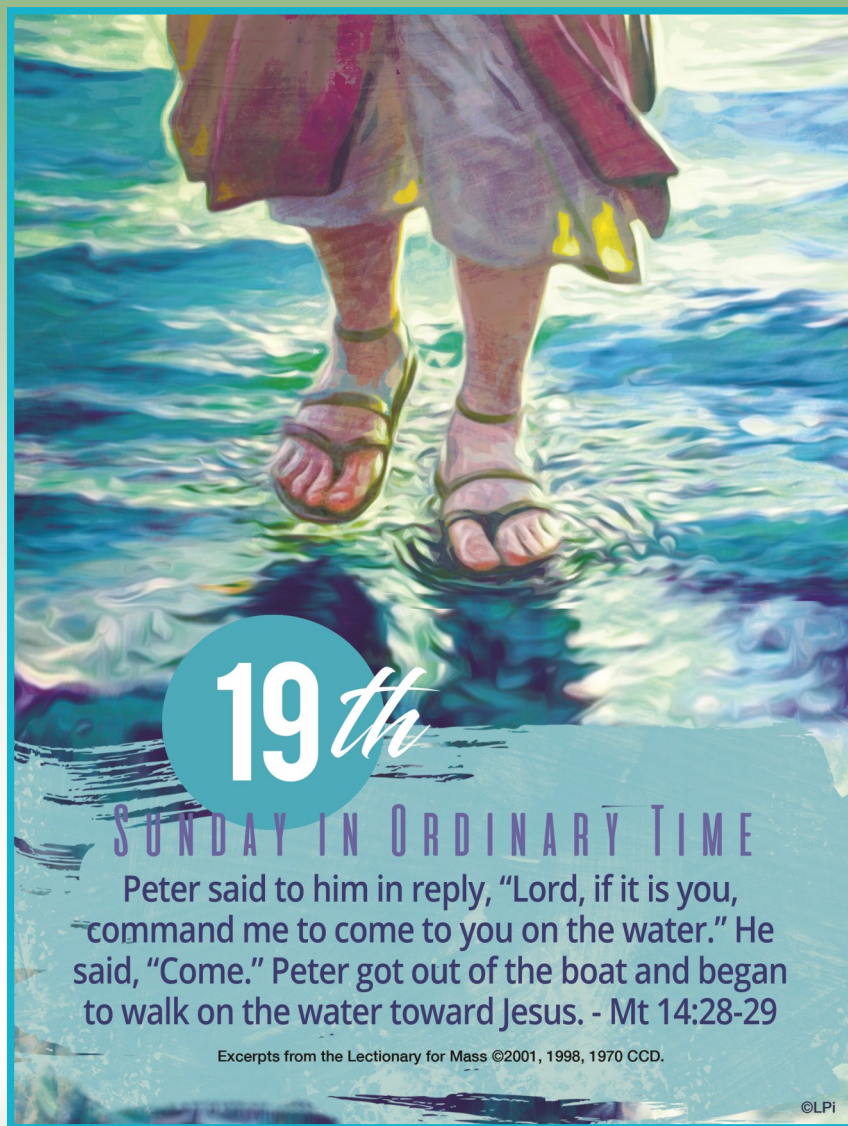
Chad Steele's Birthday: 8/14

Ruth Hartung's Birthday: 8/15



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"Who am I called to be?" or more specifically, "Who does God mean for me to be?" This question is one that seems easy enough to consider, at least at face value, but is also one that many people ask themselves throughout their life. This question also touches on the fundamental question many young people shy away from, "What is your vocation?" My articles both this week and next week will focus on vocations in the Church.

Everyone has a vocation in life. There are multiple vocations within the Church, each one serving a distinct and fundamentally important role in the Church. While God calls each of us to a particular vocation, He does not force it upon us; rather, as with any invitation he initiates the call, but we must choose to accept it and pursue it. Fundamentally, God loves us so much that the one thing he never denies us is our free-will. A call to vocation is not as simple as deciding to study to be an electrician or plumber, rather it is God's means of offering intimacy to us through the state of life he has called each of us to. This is why, as a parish community, we constantly encourage our children to pray and ask the Lord to show each of us the vocation he has in mind for us.

The vocation most men and women are called to is marriage. In marriage, a man and woman are called to walk with each other in holiness, to lead each other to heaven. A marriage is a covenant, an unbreakable bond, far stronger than a simple promise. Jesus tells us, "...the two shall become one flesh." ... Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate" (Mark 10:8-9). This union of the flesh is made visibly manifest in a child, but manifest equally in a couple's willingness to children as well.

During the marriage ceremony specific vows are made by the couple. As a vocation must be accepted freely, the first question asked of the couple is whether they have come "without coercion, freely and wholeheartedly" to accept this vocation? Second, they are asked if they understand that they are being called to lead their spouse to heaven, "to love and honor each other for as long as you both shall live." And third, the couple is asked whether they are to be open to God's role in their union together; promising to be open to children, when asked, "Are you prepared to accept children lovingly from God and to bring them up according to the law of Christ and his Church?" These are three of the key elements of forming a proper marriage bond and therefore couples being married in the Church do not deviate from the prescribed vows. If any one of the three conditions are missing from the union between the man and the woman, then the bond is not truly valid. (On a side note, an annulment asserts that the union was missing one of these key elements and therefore no such union or bond could be made.)

A second vocation can be that of a single lay person. Often it seems this vocation was not embraced nor understood in the past, possibly even today. As a Church we see this state of life much less frequently than the call to married or religious life, but in parishes throughout the world you will find dedicated members who have never married or felt a call to enter religious life. For example, I can recall one woman in my home parish that was dedicated to the Church in all she did; as a lay person she worked at an insurance company yet allowed God to direct her life, caring dearly for her neighbors as Christ would. She was also the go-to person in the parish, making sure every event went forward in the best way it could.

In recent years, we have also seen a resurgence of women becoming consecrated virgins. A consecrated virgin is consecrated to God by the diocesan Bishop and lives her life individually under the direction of the diocesan Bishop. As lay women, they live out their call to God by working and living in society yet is betrothed mystically to Christ and dedicated to the service of the Church. There is no formal commitment to pray the liturgy of the hours, as a priest or religious sister, but many do. The consecrated virgin is a witness of the love of Christ in a subtle way by their modesty in dress, simplicity of lifestyle in living the evangelical counsels of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience.

The last vocation in the Church I will cover this week is a unique one, that of the eremitic life (hermit). In addition to institutes of consecrated life, the Church recognizes the eremitic or anchoritic life by which the Christian faithful devote their life to the praise of God and the salvation of the world through a stricter withdrawal from the world, the silence of solitude, and tireless prayer and penance. A hermit is recognized as one dedicated to God in consecrated life professed in the hands of the diocesan bishop the three evangelical counsels of poverty, celibacy, and obedience. Here a hermit could be called to religious orders (priesthood) or not, but they feel called to dedicate themselves to prayer and solitude.

Next weekend is also my last weekend in the parish. I will cover consecrated religious life and the priesthood in my last article. One last point to ponder on vocation this week is found in today's first reading. We hear about the prophet Elijah who is a prime example of vocation. Elijah is a man who is called by God to a special task. He has learned to hear God's voice clearly in his heart, something done through years of prayer, and knows where to recognize God and how to ignore deceptions, a challenging feat in its own accord. We hear, "but the LORD was not in the wind. ... not in the earthquake. ... not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave." For God was about to pass by. Discerning one's vocation can be a confusing experience with distractions, fire, wind, earthquakes, and twists n' turns in the path, but each of these is worth it.

- Joseph Glatczak

MASS SCHEDULE & DAILY READINGS

Monday: August 10 - St. Lawrence

- **No Mass**
- Readings: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 8:12/Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: August 11 - St. Clare

- Mass: 8:30 a.m., ☩ Clarence & Loretta Jilk
- Readings: Ez 2:8-3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 11:29/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: August 12 - St. Jane Frances de Chantal

- Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. John the Baptist - ☩ Michael Pittman
- Readings: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/2 Cor 5:19/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: August 13 - Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus

- Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. John the Baptist - ☩ Marie T. Glaus
- Readings: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Ps 119:135/Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: August 14 - St. Maximilian Kolbe

- Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. John the Baptist - ☩ Deacon Hansen
- Readings: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/See 1 Thes 2:13/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: August 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. John the Baptist
- Mass: 4:00 p.m., St. Joseph - Bernard & Darlene Milliren
- Readings: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Sunday: August 16 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Mass: 8:00 a.m., St. John the Baptist - ☩ James & Marie Glaus
- Mass: 10:15 a.m., St. John the Baptist - St. John the Baptist & St. Joseph Parishioners
- Readings: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 4:23/Mt 15:21-28

SACRAMENTS

Confessions *(anytime by appointment)*

- Saturdays at 3:15 p.m.: St. Joseph, Arkansasaw
- Friday after 8:30 a.m. Mass to 10:00 a.m.: St. John the Baptist, Plum City
- Sunday at 7:15 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.: St. John the Baptist, Plum City

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Parish Office when needed.

Rite for the Blessing of a Child in the Womb

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like this special blessing.

Baptism

Please call the Parish Office for an appointment at least one month in advance.

Marriage

Please call the Parish Office for arrangements at least six months prior to the intended date.

Hospitalized / Homebound

Holy Communion to the sick and homebound is on Thursdays & Saturday evenings and Sundays after Masses. Please contact the Parish Office for arrangements to be made.

Funerals

Please contact the Parish Office before making arrangements.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISHIONERS

Email List

To enhance our communication with parishioners, we continue to request email addresses. Please feel free to email: 11stjohn@centurylink.net, drop a note in the collection basket or the rectory office, call Marie Berger (715-495-0399) or Denise Pelzel (715-495-4883). Thank you.

What about our pictorial directory?

The first draft was returned to LifeTouch approximately March 15th. LifeTouch offices were closed due to COVID-19 until June 30th when a very limited staff returned to work. Shortly thereafter, another draft was received and has been approved! We will inform parishioners as soon as we have more information. Thank you for your patience.

LITURGICAL ROLES: ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Money Counting

Wednesday, August 12, 9:00 a.m.
Betsy Fetzer, Carol Bechel,
& Teresa Fedie

Announcements & Lector

Sunday, August 16, 8:00 a.m.
Nadine Kannel
Sunday, August 16, 10:15 a.m.
Jeff Bergmann

Extraordinary Minister

Sunday, August 16, 8:00 a.m.
Dianne Lecheler
Sunday, August 16, 10:15 a.m.
Peggy Gilles

Music

Sunday, August 16, 8:00 a.m.
Arleen Ebensperger &
Gwen Glaus

Sunday, August 16, 10:15 a.m.
Beth Pattison & Steve Carlson

Usher

Sunday, August 16, 8:00 a.m.
Gary Lecheler & Pete
Helmuelter
Sunday, August 16, 10:15 a.m.
Tom Pullen & Dan Wieser

FRUITS OF YOUR GENEROSITY - ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST July 16th through July 29th, 2020

Adult Envelopes (51).....	\$	3,173.00
Offertory.....	\$	269.00
Building Repair (3).....	\$	135.00
Total Income.....	\$	3,577.00

LITURGICAL ROLES: ST. JOSEPH

Announcements & Lector

Saturday, August 15, 4:00 p.m.
Don Peterson

Extraordinary Minister

Saturday, August 15, 4:00 p.m.
Jeff Brunner

Music

Saturday, August 15, 4:00 p.m.
Beth Pattison & Rose Brunner



FRUITS OF YOUR GENEROSITY - ST. JOSEPH July 16th through July 29th, 2020

Adult Envelopes (20).....	\$	1,420.00
Offertory.....	\$	74.00
Votives.....	\$	96.40
Total Income.....	\$	1,590.40

SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

While we are starting to be able to join together again in the eucharist on Sundays, we understand that not everyone in our community will be able to attend Mass in person. During this time parishioners and guests can join us for Sunday Mass at the new St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Facebook Page. (www.facebook.com/pg/StJohnPlumCity). Please go to this page to like and follow our parish. By doing this it will be easier to access the Livestream.

To view Mass on Sunday you will need to complete the following two easy steps:

1. Go to the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Facebook Page or go to our Live video page directly at www.facebook.com/StJohnPlumCity/live to find all of our live videos in one place.
2. Once there, select the Livestream you want to watch.

Along with the Livestream you will also be able to view previous Mass recordings.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Kyle Gettelman at kylekevingettelman@gmail.com

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST KARNIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS

The Karnival Committee is pleased to announce that all of the raffle tickets have been sold! The drawing will be held on Sunday, August 23rd after the 10:15 a.m. Mass in the St. John the Baptist parking lot. Thank you for supporting our Parish Raffle.



POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY INTENTION

August: The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDING MASS

- Obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains dispensed until further notice.
- If you are experiencing a fever or any flu-like symptoms, please stay at home and use television and social media to participate.
- Parishioners at high risk are encouraged to continue participating in the Masses transmitted on the television and social media. We are looking into live streaming our Masses.
- Each Mass attendance will be limited to 25% occupancy to keep with social distancing guidelines.
- We will have the sign up for Mass process each week until we can open up fully. For St. John the Baptist, please call Denise at 715-495-4883 or Peggy at 715-495-3199. For St. Joseph, please call Linda Leiffring at (715) 285-5265 or Vickie Hartung at (715) 285-5219.
- If you would like to have a permanent spot at a certain Mass each week, please communicate this when you call, as this would eliminate your need to call each week.
- Please arrive 15 minutes early to be seated by the ushers.



Last Sunday, Father Joe was presented with a spiritual bouquet from St. John the Baptist's PCCW to celebrate his 24th Ordination Anniversary. Congratulations Father Joe! You are a blessing to us all!

Join Pro-Life Wisconsin in the spiritual battle to end abortion in our great State! We have joined forces with the Ave Maris Stella Group to encourage the Catholic Bishops of Wisconsin to consecrate Wisconsin to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

www.ConsecrateWI.org

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A SINGLE
ACT OF LOVE
MAKES THE SOUL
RETURN TO LIFE.

—St. Maximilian Kolbe