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Parish Finance Council

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## ORGANIZATIONS

Holy Name Society Parish Council of Catholic Women

Knights of Columbus St. Ann's Altar Society

## BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Joe & Mary Wieser's 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary: 7/12

Ann Bechel's Birthday: 7/14

Don & Theresa Kane's 42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary: 7/15

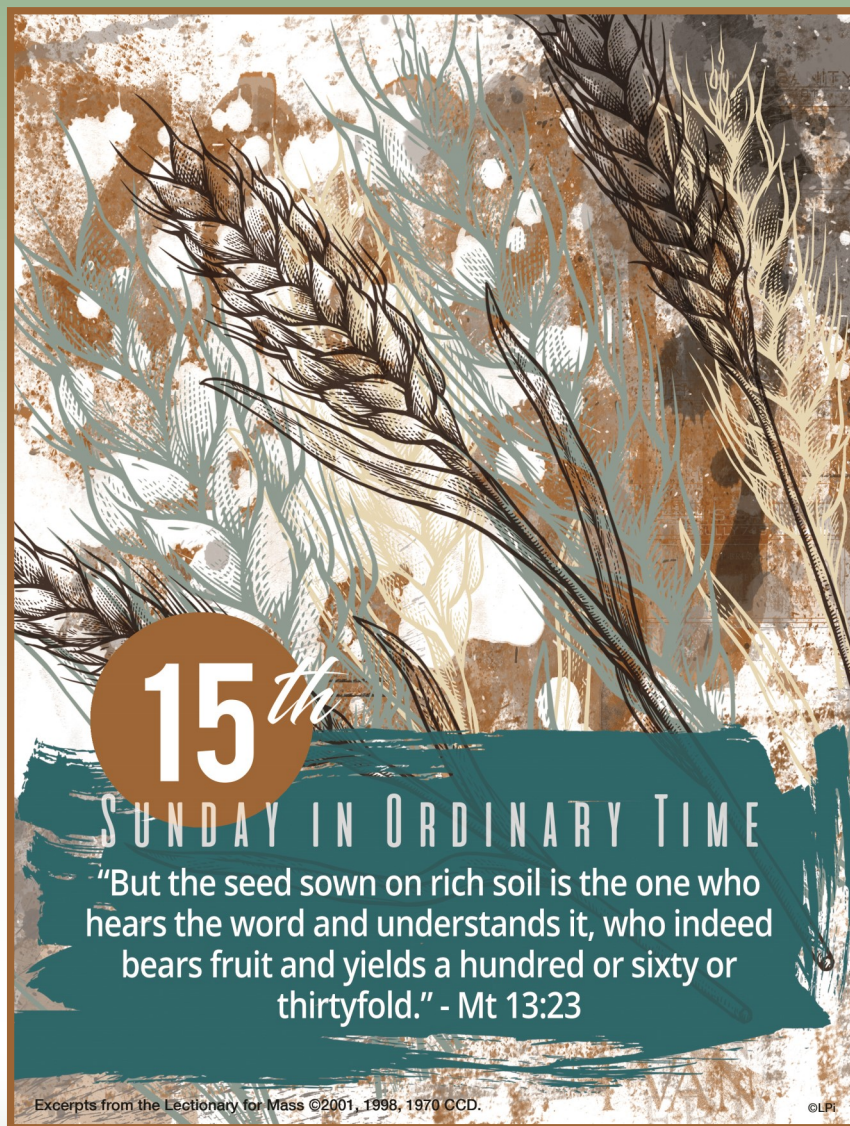
Gary Lecheler's Birthday: 7/16

Jackie Unser's Birthday: 7/16

Connie Kannel's Birthday: 7/17

**St. John the Baptist Parish, Plum City, WI**  
**St. Joseph Parish, Arkansaw, WI**

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**Bulletin Deadline: Monday Noon**

A number of years ago I remember perusing an article that discussed the importance of morals in the workplace. The author noted their employees from the Midwest embodied the most traditionally sound moral beliefs and were reliable workers. They focused predominantly on the idea children in the Midwest are raised on farms and grow up with chores; a main takeaway being children must be raised with chores in order to create an ethical person with strong work ethic. While I agree that chores are a good start in raising children, the article fell drastically short as it left the concept of faith and reliance on God out of the picture. I question if the author understood the true underpinning of the Midwest is our reliance on God.

Today's readings take on a theme of seeds planted and yield harvested. As with most any community in the Midwest, we would seem to have a greater understanding of these passages than someone who grew up in New York City far removed from agriculture. We understand that first we must start with good seed, and this seed must be planted in order to grow. Often, we treat the seed with fertilizers or pesticides to give it a better chance of germination. In planting the seed, we also understand that the seed must sacrifice the energy stores it has to bring forth a shoot in the hopes of growing. Scientifically, we can understand just how this works and breed seeds to bring about a better harvest for the next season. With all this understanding we have, a wise farmer also understands the process is ultimately reliant on God's goodness. An early frost, or summer hailstorm, or strong fall winds could easily destroy the harvest. Insects and disease can also come about unannounced and by the time we notice the damage in the field, it is too late.

With this strong understanding of reliance on God's goodness, it is little wonder that the Midwest family is known for instilling strong values into their children. A father and mother want a good spouse for their son or daughter, they provide Baptism to give the child their best chance of fighting spiritual battles in life, and they come to Mass with their children knowing that each Eucharist is rain from heaven that gently waters the family's spirit. Yes, we raise our children with chores, but we also raise them with something more. We raise them with an understanding that all is reliant on God's goodness so that when there is hailstorms or strong wind, we hope our children have grown strong enough to withstand the attacks of the world.

A further point to ponder is the changes agriculture has seen and how this may be affecting the faith of those throughout the Midwest. Here I don't refer to the large-scale mega farms, but the practices which have become standard and taken for granted. Personally, I find it interesting that as we understand more and more of the science of seeds, we attempt to take more control into our own hands. Modern irrigation which was unheard of 100 years ago is now commonplace. Roundup is used rather than cultivation to control weeds. While many farms have the advantage of irrigation, for those who do not, the understanding of God's Goodness becomes paramount. With irrigation, if we lack rain, we can turn the water on and save the crop; without irrigation we are completely reliant on God's goodness. For those who use herbicides to control weeds, if a weed gains resistance to the herbicide used, often we react by trying another.

In each of these situations, if these reactions to unfortunate events were done spiritually, we would see it as attempting to grab control of the situation and push God out. While irrigation and herbicides each have their place, we must keep in mind we are completely reliant on God's goodness. In the gospel Jesus notes, "This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand." As I drive around and see an irrigation system working in the middle of a hot July day, I ponder this point of reliance on God and wonder whether or not we still understand or have forgotten our reliance on God's Goodness.

One final note, last Sunday I had the privilege of being present at a Mass with Bishop Callahan celebrating couples who have been married 50 years. Traditionally, Bishop Callahan travels our diocese offering these Masses in a few locations with a meal served afterwards; this year due to CoVid-19 the Mass will be livestreamed from the cathedral. Please keep in prayer the bishop and all who are celebrating 50+ years of marriage, that young couples may look to them for guidance and support in their trials so they may faithfully live out their vocation.

- Joseph Glatczak

#### **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 Leffring 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.**



## MASS SCHEDULE & DAILY READINGS

### Monday: July 13 - St. Henry

- **No Mass**
- Readings: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 5:10/Mt 10:34-11:1

### Tuesday: July 14 - St. Kateri Tekakwitha

- **No Mass**
- Readings: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Ps 95:8/Mt 11:20-24

### Wednesday: July 15 - St. Bonaventure

- **No Mass**
- Readings: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25/Mt 11:25-27

### Thursday: July 16 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel

- Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. John the Baptist - ☩ Clarence & Loretta Jilk
- Readings: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28/Mt 11:28-30

### Friday: July 17

- Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. John the Baptist - ☩ Clarence & Loretta Jilk
- Readings: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16/Jn 10:27/Mt 12:1-8

### Saturday: July 18 - St. Camillus de Lellis & The Blessed Virgin Mary

- Mass: 8:30 a.m., St. John the Baptist
- Mass: 4:00 p.m., St. Joseph - ☩ JoAnn Kraft
- Readings: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/2 Cor 5:19/Mt 12:14-21

### Sunday: July 19 - 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Mass: 8:00 a.m., St. John the Baptist - ☩ James Glaus
- Mass: 10:15 a.m., St. John the Baptist - St. John the Baptist & St. Joseph Parishioners
- Readings: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/Rom 8:26-27/2 Cor 5:19/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

## SACRAMENTS

### Confessions *(anytime by appointment)*

- Saturdays at 3:15 p.m.: St. Joseph, Arkansasav
- Friday after 8:30 a.m. Mass until 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.

## LITURGICAL ROLES: ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

### Announcements & Lector

Sunday, July 19, 8:00 a.m.  
Dianne Lecheler  
Sunday, July 19, 10:15 a.m.  
Ramona Schneider

### Music

Sunday, July 19, 8:00 a.m.  
Arleen Ebensperger  
Sunday, July 19, 10:15 a.m.  
Steve Carlson

### Extraordinary Minister

Sunday, July 19, 8:00 a.m.  
Peggy Gilles  
Sunday, July 19, 10:15 a.m.  
Denise Pelzel

### Usher

Sunday, July 19, 8:00 a.m.  
Pete Helmueller & Chad Steele  
Sunday, July 19, 10:15 a.m.  
Tom Pullen & Terry Pelzel

## FRUITS OF YOUR GENEROSITY - ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST June 23<sup>rd</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Adult Envelopes (39).....	\$	3117.00
Offertory.....	\$	157.00
Stained Glass Window (1).....	\$	1500.00
<b>Total Income.....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4774.00</b>

## LITURGICAL ROLES: ST. JOSEPH

### Announcements & Lector

Saturday, July 18, 4:00 p.m.  
Jeff Brunner

### Music

Saturday, July 18, 4:00 p.m.  
Beth Pattison

### Extraordinary Minister

Saturday, July 18, 4:00 p.m.  
Jeff Brunner



## FRUITS OF YOUR GENEROSITY - ST. JOSEPH June 7<sup>th</sup> through June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Adult Envelopes (17).....	\$	1940.00
Building Repair (1).....	\$	25.00
<b>Total Income.....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1965.00</b>

## ST. JOSEPH'S ANNUAL BAZAAR - CANCELED

St. Joseph's Parish has cancelled their annual Bazaar, which is usually held in August.

## THAT MAN IS YOU

"That Man Is You" program meets again on this Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:00 a.m. on the first floor of the St. John the Baptist School Building in Plum City. The topic for week thirteen is Amici Di Giuseppe. Please wear a mask. All men are welcome to join. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Wieser at (715) 279-2152 or Tom Pullen at (607) 244-3010. Thanks!



## PRAYER WARRIORS

If you would like to offer prayers for those who are in need or are aware of someone who needs prayers please contact the Parish Office or send an email to [prayer.warrior.st.john@gmail.com](mailto:prayer.warrior.st.john@gmail.com).

## 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](http://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](http://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 [kylekevingetzelman@gmail.com](mailto:kylekevingetzelman@gmail.com)

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST KARNIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS Now on Sale!!

The biggest part of our Karnival proceeds is the Main Raffle. Even though we are not able to have the Karnival this year, we are proceeding with holding the raffle. All of the proceeds will be going towards the renovation of St. John the Baptist Church. The drawing will be at a date to be determined.

We only have 350 tickets at \$50.00 each. You can purchase tickets from:

Ann Bechel 715-279-1237	Sarah Hinrichs 715-495-3123
Paul & Char Fetzner 715-495-3315	Jeff & Margaret Hartung 715-495-8901
Pete & Jackie Unser 715-495-6291	Suzie Brunner 715-495-2699
Linda & Larry Chilson 715-647-4733	Peggy Gilles 715-495-3199
Nadine Kannel 715-495-9161	Pete & Irene Helmueller 715-781-4466
Joyce Berger 715-647-3150	Gary & Dianne Lecheler 715-279-4444

We will also be selling them after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Masses on Sundays. The prizes are:

1<sup>st</sup> Place \$1000.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$800.00  
3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Place \$500.00  
6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Place \$250.00  
8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> Place \$200.00  
12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> Place \$150.00  
14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Place \$100.00

**Please support our renovation project with the purchase of one or two Karnival Raffle Tickets.**

Thank you, St. John the Baptist's Karnival Committee

## POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY INTENTION

### July: Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

# Support Local Business.

## Shop our Bulletin Advertisers Today!



It is time to renew advertisements for our Parish Bulletin. We would, therefore, like to thank all individuals and local businesses who patronize it.

Last year, some of the parishioners at St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph came together to publish the Pro-Life advertisement. This year, we would like to maintain this advertisement through the support of the parishioners from our twin Parishes. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Pelzel at (715) 495-4883 or the Parish Office at (715) 647-2901. Please place your donation in a separate envelope and put it in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office. Please make checks payable to LPI.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The Knights of Columbus would like to warmly welcome Steve Carlson from Plum City who joined the Knights of Columbus on June 30<sup>th</sup> through an online exemption ceremony of the first three degrees: Charity (Admission), Unity (Formation), and Fraternity (Knighthood). Steve is a member of St John the Baptist Parish and is joining the Plum City/Arkansas Council. By Steve joining prior to July 1<sup>st</sup>, the local food pantry will receive \$100.00 and the "Leave No Neighbor Behind" program will receive \$60.00. With Steve's membership, the Council reaches a membership goal. Please congratulate Steve when you see him!

### Silver Rose

The Knights of Columbus is hosting the Silver Rose on Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's in Lima at 6:00 p.m.. Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners, and community members to pray for respect for life, for spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

