

# SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

## TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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**ST. JOSEPH BULLETIN ONLINE:** Log on [www.StJosephEarling.parishesonline.com](http://www.StJosephEarling.parishesonline.com) Click on St. Joseph Church Earling  
 Bulletin items need to be to the office by Wednesday afternoon for both St. Joseph and St. Peter's & St. Michael's

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday, Sept. 26th**—4:00 PM—Mass at St. Peter's -In Memory of Janette Dotzler  
**Sunday, Sept. 27th**— 9:30 AM—In Memory of Anthony Schiltz, Sr. Kathleen Kenkel, & Larry Dresen & Nathan Klein  
 8:00 AM—In Memory of Gerald Gross  
**Tuesday, Sept. 29th**—8:30 AM—Mass at St. Peter's in Defiance— In Memory of St. Peter's Parishioners  
**Wednesday Sept. 30th**—8:00 AM—In Memory of Al & Marie Mueller Family & Tom & Catherine McTaggart Family  
**Thursday Oct. 1st**— 8:30 AM—Mass at St. Peter's in Defiance— In Memory of Terry Goeres  
**Friday, Oct. 2nd**— 8:00 AM—In Memory of Richard Wilwerding & Leona Babel  
**Saturday, Oct. 3rd**— 1st Saturday Mass—Rosary & Litany @ 8:00 AM—Mass @ 8:30 followed by reconciliation  
 4:00 PM—Mass at St. Peter's -In Memory of Peter & Ruth McGinn  
**Sunday, Oct. 4th**— 9:30 AM—For Tom & Maggie Bissen, In Memory of Rusty Buckley, & Bernie & Helen Leinen  
 8:00 AM—In Memory of Jack, Mary, & Bob Smith

**Pastor Fr. Dan Gehler—Associate Pastor Fr. Clement Owusu**  
 Confessions will be heard by Fr. Dan or Fr. Clement by appointment

### LITURGY PARTICIPANTS

	<u>SUNDAY SEPT. 27 9:30 AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY OCT. 4 9:30 AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY OCT. 11 9:30 AM</u>
LECTOR/PETITIONS.....	Stef Kramer	Joanne Erlbacher	Susie Wilwerding
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	Gayla Gross	Shelli Schaben	Kimberly Graeve
MUSIC MINISTERS	Katie	Karen & Ted	Katie

**REMEMBER THE SICK & RECOVERING IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Ralph Wingert, Alf Wingert, Ted Bissen, Tyler Bruck (Husband of Allison (Gross) Bruck, Leslie Evans (Cousin of Kimberly Graeve), Kaitlin Taylor (friend of Shiela Sonderman), Dave Weis, Jerry Finken, Al Graeve, Leo Hahn, Jerry Bruck, Vernon Bruck, Marv Enger (Brother of Elaine Kramer), Gay Burgod, Madonna Kramer, Sharon Gross, Jim Finken (Son of Edna Schafer), Faye Patten, Kathryn Stessman, Gail Schmitz, Angela Turner, Brian Olerich, Mary Tepe, Patty Kucera (Mary Carroll's daughter), Charlotte Fountain (Niece of Steve & Betty Klein), Jerry Michels, and Jeannine Wingert. Please contact the Parish Office at 747-2091 to add or remove a name.

**We will still be livestreaming our masses, including weekday masses until further notice for those who do not want to attend mass in person at this time. Thanks to Brian Dotzler, FMCTC and Fr. Dan for making this possible.**

**Due to harvest season** a Mass at 8:00 A.M. on Sunday mornings will be offered at St. Peters. This temporary schedule will start September 20th and end with the November 22nd Mass. Everyone is welcome and the use of a face mask and social distancing will remain as Covid protocol.

**Due to some mischief in the church, the Church will not be open on the weekends except when there is mass. We are sorry for any inconvenience this causes. There will be bulletins inside the back door (East Door) of the RE Building.**

**Shelby County Catholic School is seeking an aide** to assist in the classroom and with various other duties for this school year. This is a part-time position requiring approximately 20 - 22 hours per week. Applications are available on the SCCS Website and can be emailed to [aanderse@shelcocath.com](mailto:aanderse@shelcocath.com) or mailed to 2005 College Place, Harlan, IA 51537. Please contact the school at 712-755-5634 for any questions.

**St. Michael's Mass is televised on cable TV** HMU Channel 15 at 4:00 pm on Sunday and Wednesday, on Mediacom Channel 18 at 4:00 pm on Monday, and on FMCTC Channel 48 at 4:00 pm on Sunday. Mass is also available on demand by accessing the Harlan Knights of Columbus channel on YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/y4ax6z3g>.

**Due to the Priest Fall Workshop** there will be **NO** daily Masses on **Oct. 5-7** at St. Joseph's or St. Peter's.

**Please try to remember to bring your masks from home as we are having trouble getting more. Thank you.**

**St. Joseph's**  
 Weekday Mass @ 8 AM  
 Wednesday & Friday  
**No Saturday Mass**  
**Sunday Mass @ 9:30 AM**

**St. Peter's**  
 Weekday Mass @ 8:30 AM  
 Tuesday & Thursday  
 Saturday @ 4:00 PM  
 No Sunday Mass

**St. Michael's**  
 Weekday Mass @8:15 AM  
 Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday  
 12:00 PM on Thursday  
 Saturday @5:00 PM  
 Sunday @ 9:30 AM

**RE NEWS: K-6 Grades:** Start date for classes will be October 7. A letter will be sent to parents with more details when the date gets closer  
**CCD parents grades 7,8,11,12 only:** CCD classes for Defiance and Earling have been cancelled for this semester due to COVID. Unfortunately, we do not have enough space at the Religious Education Center in Earling to properly social distance.

**CCD parents grades 9 and 10 only:** Freshmen and Sophomore students from St. Joseph and St. Peter Parishes will be attending preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Michael Parish in Harlan beginning on Wednesday, September 16 from 6:30-8:00. Course meeting dates are one Wednesday each month on the following dates this semester: September 16; October 21; November 18; December 16. If you have any questions please contact Fr. Dan or Susie Fah. Thank you!

**Please add to your prayers** the students of St. Peter's and St. Joseph's that are preparing for their First Reconciliation in the weeks ahead. Brody Dotzler, Makayla Gross, and Ben Sonderman

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**THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:**      *Tithes: \$770.00*      *Plate: \$90.00*      *Non-Picnic Picnic Collection To Date: \$60,012.00*

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**During the pandemic, there will be** a daily Mass when there is a funeral. This way our daily Mass parishioners can still attend daily Mass without having to attend the funeral since we are limiting capacity.

**We would like to thank everyone for the cards,** memorials, phone calls, and the kind expressions of sympathy. Losing Randy so suddenly was really a shock. Keep Kevin, Rick and their families in your prayers. We are very blessed to live in this wonderful community. Don & Lorraine Graeve and the entire Graeve family.

**Bloodmobile in Defiance October 1st from 12PM to 6PM.** At St Peter's Hall. Contact Betty Keane at 748-3271 or visit [ReCrossBlood.org](http://ReCrossBlood.org) and enter: Defiance IA to schedule an appointment. They are still doing Covid testing.

**Our Sister Parish, San Pedro Apostol in Nicaragua** is facing hunger during this pandemic. Our Sister Parish coordinator has been working with Food for the Poor and another donor so food can get to San Pedro. If you choose to participate, this is how your donation will be used. If you donate \$25, it will be matched with an additional \$25. These funds will be used to purchase food for San Pedro. To donate, go to <http://www.foodforthe poor.org/PTPA-LA>. This website provides information on how to give and how to select your twin parish. It also includes name and contact information for representatives for Food for the Poor who can answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your help!

**\*\*October is RESPECT LIFE MONTH.** The Theme chosen by the Catholic Bishops for 2020-21 is "*Live the Gospel of Life*". "*Watching the news and reading the headlines, we may feel helpless seeing the heartbreaking lack of respect for human life. How do we respond when our efforts seem small in the face of the culture of death?*" What can we do to witness a Respect for Life?

1. Take part in **40 Days for Life** from Sept. 23 to Nov. 1 by praying at home for an end to abortion in our country and our world. Sign up to pray at Planned Parenthood in Council Bluffs across from Gabriel's Corner. *78% of women who have had an abortion say that if only one person had encouraged them to have their baby they would have walked away from the abortion.*
2. Read and study the material provided by the US Council of Catholic Bishops at [usccb.org/prolife](http://usccb.org/prolife).
3. Attend our up-coming Life Chain to be held Sunday, October 4, 2020 in Harlan.
4. Develop a personal pro-life heart, "*The essence of our identity and worth, the source of our dignity, is that we are loved by God: "We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his Son."* Remember that each and every person is created and loved by God, therefore deserving of our respect and protection.

**August 26, 2020 BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING** was held on August 26, 7:00 P.M. in the bank conference room. **1.** Call Meeting to order and opening prayer by Fr. Dan Present: Steve Kenkel, Fr. Dan, Marcy Muenchrath, Dave Kramer, Cristie Kenkel, Ron Tremel, Mike Evers, Mike Tremel Members Absent: Todd Langenfeld, Chris representing Finance Council **2.** Approve Agenda: Steve made a motion to approve the agenda, Ron seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously **3.** Old Business • Update on parapet walls – Steve updated - Warren at Andrews Tuckpointing has ordered the block and will start after he finishes his current job. It will take 2 to 3 weeks. He will also coordinate with the contractors from Elevate to check out the leak when he removes the brick, they both will assess the damage for us. • Gutter above west church door – Dave removed leaves that were blocking, now we need to keep an eye on it to see if that was the problem. We will have Elevate assess this also when they are here. • Power wash the hall siding and front retaining wall – Dean has completed the hall siding, it looks great and we are still looking on how to get water and power washer to the front wall. Ron may have some spray that may work. **4.** New Business • Stairs – back door of office needs some work – we will look into ideas on how to revamp them. • Wifi in the church – this is a need to continue to have Live Streaming Masses. Ron will see if he can get some conduit bored under the sidewalk. Brian Dotzler will help get this completed. He has been helping with the weekly masses. • Bell update – The church bells were not working. Dean coordinated everything to have the company come out and get them working for us. Both bells now ring at noon and 5:30 P.M. If you haven't notice, please listen as they sound really nice now. Interesting Note: The original people that donated the money for the bells all have their names engraved on the bells. In turn the parish gave each donor a free plot in the cemetery. • Insurance claim on church – Catholic Mutual was out and inspected the structural soundness of the church. The findings stated there where no damages due to the explosion in town. Fr. Dan has been in communication with the insurance company and will continue to work with them on this. • West windows over balcony – The lead is coming loose from the windows and these will need replaced. We have received to bids on the replacement. One bid \$11,650 and the other bid \$43,000. Quite a big difference in price. In some point in time, all the leading will need replaced. There will be further discussion on this topic. Cristie will check with Woodbine to see who replaced their windows and if they have been pleased with the work. **5.** Next Meeting will be determined after we find out how extensive the damage is in the church. **6.** Final Prayer lead by Fr. Dan. With no further business meeting adjourned at 8:00