



**Madonna and Child Enthroned with Saints**  
Raphael (1483-1520)

#### A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

This morning I was somewhat contemplating what the reaction in the parish would be if I started using our parish media (bulletin, website, and Flocknote...the pulpit) to continually call into question Bishop Vetter's governance of the diocese and cast doubt on his loyalty to the Christ and His Church and the orthodoxy of his faith. If I fed you with a steady diet of such bitterness and diatribe what would the effect on the parish be? What if I included frequent swipes at my brother priests?

I think I know what the result would be. Yet, and yep, here I go again, why do we tolerate such nonsense when it is directed toward the Holy Father and bishops that are not our own?

I was considering these things because we can get so caught up in the unreal of the media we that we fail to see what God is actually doing on the ground, where our feet should be. Things that are actually real.

On Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, Kyle Tannehill was ordained a priest. Just consider that for one moment. Here we are living in this insane clown world, and yet, in a cathedral without one empty seat, a young man of great potential, forsaking the vanities of this world and its empty promises, chose to kneel before our bishop and receive the laying on of hands and made a promise of obedience. A new Catholic priest was born on that day.

We were all witnesses on that day. What we witnessed was Jesus Christ continuing His redemptive work and the building up of His Body by the power of the Holy Spirit to configure a man to Himself in His Priesthood. What we witnessed was the faith of a young man who believes that Jesus Christ is truly risen from the dead and that on the night before He died He took bread and declared it to be His Body, otherwise if these things were not true, what would be the point? But then again, the cathedral was full of people who believe that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and that He gave us His Body to be our food, otherwise what were we all doing there?

The Lord once spoke of a mustard seed, something so small as to be nearly imperceptible, yet once it has reached its full potential is something large, something grand. This is the work of the Lord and if we are distracted

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## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 July 2023

Sacred Heart, Ronan  
Immaculate Conception, Polson  
St. Joseph Mission, Charlo

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*This week's office hours:*

Friday 10 am-12 pm; CLOSED M-Th

#### MASS SCHEDULE

##### Saturday

Immaculate Conception at 6:00 pm

Confessions are available at 5:00 pm

##### Sunday

Sacred Heart at 9:00 am

Immaculate Conception at 11:00 am

**No weekday Masses this week**



*Our Ring doorbell for the parish office is fully functional again! Thank you for your patience as we sorted out the technical difficulties!*

#### Save the Date

Bishop Vetter's Annual Pastoral Visit

- ◆ Visitation of St. Joseph Mission in Charlo, Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm
- ◆ Followed by Mass at Sacred Heart in Ronan at 3:00 pm.
- ◆ Mass at Immaculate Conception in Polson, Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am, followed by a luncheon.

#### ROSARY GROUP

St. Joseph Hospital  
Chapel

Monday at 6:00 pm  
Friday at 9:00 am

#### DIVINE MERCY RADIO

90.7 FM

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All homilies are available on YouTube and can be found by searching the full name Fr. Kevin Christofferson.

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then we will completely miss what is being revealed before our very eyes.

The Church is perfect because She is the indefectible Bride of Christ and is united to Him in a bond even more intimate and enduring than that of Holy Matrimony. However, even having said that, the Church is filled with sinners who are all being redeemed and are groaning and in labor under the burden of human weakness until we who are members of the Body come to full stature in Christ.

Each day we need to preoccupy ourselves with what is real and what is really taking place, the redemptive grace of God at work in our souls and in our lives and in the lives of those we know and love (and the Church in general). And to do so we need to awaken ourselves to the little things, the mustard seeds that God is planting, to see the world and all its wonders with the eyes of faith and not get caught up in the desolation of the world of the unreal. The Church (and Christ really for that matter) needs witnesses and not accusers who divide, folks who will persevere in bearing witness to all that is true, good and beautiful in this world. God is far from finished with the good work that He has begun, and He will bring it to completion.

Peace, Fr. Kevin Christofferson

PS. Have a blessed and safe holiday!



#### Parish Offertory Progress Report

*Fiscal Year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>*

##### Immaculate Conception

\$185,113 of \$175,000 (106%)

##### Sacred Heart/St. Joseph

\$37,699 of \$44,500 (85%)

##### I.C. Building Fund Progress:

\$4,755 of \$20,000 (24%)



***Thank you for your generosity!***

If you wish to donate to the Building Fund, please write "Building Fund" in the memo line of your check, or place the cash or check in a clearly marked envelope. Thank you!

#### ***Humbly asking for your prayers***

Maryalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Michael Conrad, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, Kate Shrider Olsen, Bill Nash, Donna Jacobs, Derrie Edge, Madge Vert, Heather Stocki, Betty Bjork, Vicki Weiss, Jason Avison, Floyd Smith, Nash Niemeyer, Richard Call, Bud Cheff, Jr, Donna Radtke, Bill Rueth, Frank Delgado, Jan Irwin, Monte Jenkins.

*Please help to keep the list current by contacting the Parish Office. Also, out of respect for a person's privacy, please make sure that all individuals wish to be publicly identified.*

***Grace be to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for you all; Making a remembrance of you in our prayers without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 1:2***

#### **The Holy Father's prayer intention for July**

**For a Eucharistic life:** We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

#### ***Please pray for our seminarians!***

Dillon Armstrong, Shae Bills, Lane Buus, John Cooney, Riley Helgoe, Alex Olmes, Brett Rotz, Jamie Severson, Carter Anderson, Matt Keck, Anthony Olmes, Jack Peed, James Semling, and Kaleb Mitchell.

#### **Needed:**

**A couple more substitute volunteers for the flower watering team!**

**If you can help, please contact Marilyn at: 406-696-9293**



#### **13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

##### Readings:

FIRST READING: 2 Kgs 4:8-11,14-16a

RESPONSORIAL: Ps. 89:2-3,16-17,18-19;

*R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*

SECOND READING: Romans 6:3-4,8-11

ALLELUIA: *You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.* - 1 Pt 2:9

GOSPEL: Mt 10:37-42

##### Catechism of the Catholic Church:

*The way of perfection passes by way of the Cross. There is no holiness without renunciation and spiritual battle.68  
Spiritual progress entails the asceticism and mortification that gradually lead to living in the peace and joy of the Beatitudes: He who climbs never stops going from beginning to beginning, through beginnings that have no end. He never stops desiring what he already knows. (CCC 2015)*

#### **Liturgy Calendar & Mass Intentions**

##### **Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>**

*Vigil of the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Repose of the Soul of Elaine Severson

##### **Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

*13th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Repose of the Soul of Marcella Bishop/

Intentions of the Parish Faithful

#### **Food Pantry Necessities**

Peanut butter and cereal are a constant need; as well as oats, flour and rice. Clients tend to prefer healthy options for food that are not so loaded with sugar. The Food Pantry will also accept money donations as well. Charitable donations may be left in the basket at the entrance of the church.

