



The Parable of the Wedding Feast
Frans Francken the Younger (1581-1642)

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

This week I have just a couple of housekeeping notes, especially now as the summer is winding down and folks are settling back in for another round of regular parish activities and school begins.

First, in person registration for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is scheduled for Wednesday, September 3rd at 5:30 pm. This year we are offering Level One for children ages 3 to 6. The additional levels will follow each year until we are able to offer CGS to all children ages 3 through 12. If you are a parent of a child who is 3 to 6 years of age, you must attend this registration and meeting. Regular RE for grades pre-school through 1st grade will no longer be offered as we make the transition to CGS. CGS is being made possible, largely, on account of your generosity in responding to last year's capital campaign...remember the reasons why we had the campaign? This was one of them!

As you can tell, work is being done on the roof of the parish house and it is just about completed. A project that is long overdue but was put off because the original plan was to eventually sell the house and build a new one. At the last Finance Council meeting it was thought best to remodel the existing parish house rather than build a new one and details on that project are still pending, and I should know more sometime next week. Bishop Vetter has been very clear with the priests about his expectations regarding a parish house, or rectory, and is asking that new rectories be built or existing ones be remodeled. You all lived through the 80's and 90's and saw many rectories converted into offices or torn down as priests moved into other homes or even a condo. To be clear, this was *never* a good idea and should *never* have happened. A rectory is a specific type of dwelling that has a specific use. As it stands now, many parishes are not able to accommodate a second priest or even host seminarians during their summer break. The remodel of the parish house will be done in such a way as to conform to the standards of a rectory and once approved by Bishop Vetter, the Finance Council and myself will begin talking about a start date...*maybe, hopefully* later this fall or at least the very beginning of 2026. Other such projects have already begun around the diocese or are in their planning stages.

In other news, the parish calendar has been finalized, as far as a calendar can be. You can access the calendar on our

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

31 August 2025

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

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This week's office hours:

Monday & Wednesday & Friday 9:00 am—12:00 pm

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday at 6:00 pm

Confessions are available at 5:00 pm

Rosary is prayed at 5:30 pm

Sunday at 11:00 am

Rosary is prayed at 10:30 am

Wednesday at 12:10 pm

Confessions are heard at 11:30 am and again after Mass during a period of Eucharistic Adoration.

SACRED HEART MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday at 9:00 am

Friday at 9:00 am, followed by a Holy Hour

First Saturday at 9:00 am, followed by the Rosary

Mass is offered at St. Joseph Mission in Charlo the **third Saturday** of each month at 4:00 pm.



Beginning this fall! CGS Level 1
Ages 3-6 years old



We will have an in-person registration and orientation to the Atrium on September 3rd at 5:30 pm for those who intend to enroll. This will be for the parents only. You will have the opportunity to hear more about CGS and ask whatever questions you might have.



Congratulations to our parish centenarian, Myrna Holley, who celebrated her 100th birthday last Sunday!

parish website and on the myParish app on your mobile device. On the website calendar you can click on an event and see details, times, and locations. The calendar contains all of the parish activities for the coming year, beginning in September and extending through June of 2026. We will do our best to keep the calendar updated and accurate with all of the information you may need. If you have not already done so, do download and install the myParish app. It is handy and contains nearly everything you need to stay connected to the parish...bulletins, activities, online giving, messages and some other extras. Believe it or not there are still folks out there who do not read the bulletin or engage with parish emails and communication and then want to reserve the right to be surprised (and sometimes even indignant) when something happens that they didn't know about. Stay connected.

During the third week of September, Monday the 15th through Thursday the 18th, Fr. Brooks and I will be in Butte for the Annual Presbyteral Assembly. Also, if you have not already done so, please consider attending the Bishop's Gala in Helena at Carroll College on Friday, October 10th. This annual event is a fundraiser for Legendary Lodge and there will be plenty of food, beverages, and items for auction...this year I was asked to prepare a "gentleman's basket." You might want to check that one out.

That is about all for now but at the same time it might be odd if I did not say something about the recent shooting in Minnesota, but what can be said? Children are dead and many others wounded including adults, and saying anything while this is still fresh would only diminish the pain and suffering of those affected. "Blessed are you who mourn," the Lord once said, "for you will be comforted." These are not the times to analyze the situation and the circumstances, nor to assign blame or discern causes. Let the dead be buried first and the wounded find healing, then we can have those conversations. We are all, more or less, already thinking some of the same things, but first let's turn to God because as a nation we have been away for far too long. He has been waiting so patiently for our return.

God bless,
Fr. Kevin Christofferson

**Welcome back to school,
students and teachers!**



Please watch for forthcoming announcements regarding Family Night and religious education.

Humbly asking for your prayers

Maryalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Michael Conrad, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, Bill Nash, Donna Jacobs, Derrie Edge, Heather Stocki, Betty Bjork, Jason Avison, Nash Niemeyer, Richard Call, Bud Cheff, Jr, Bill Rueth, Monte Jenkins, Chris Skinner, Ryan Johnson, Vicki Whalen, Laurel Cheff, Zane Kelly, Kathy Collicot, Rod Clairmont, David Jenkins, Bruce Simpson, Debbie Tschida, Doug Morigeau.

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 September



For our relationship with all of creation: Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

Please pray for our seminarians!

Dillon Armstrong, John Cooney, Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Jamie Severson, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Lane Buus, Matt Keck, Carson Gorton, Jake Smith.

Sacred Heart Potluck

September 14th at 5:00 pm

Sacred Heart Parish Hall

On the menu: Pulled Pork & Bean Hot Dish

Last names beginning with A-L please bring dessert to share.
Last names beginning with M-Z please bring salad to share.
All are welcome!

Parish event calendar now published online!

Find that and more at:

LakeCountyRomanCatholic.org



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Liturgy Calendar & Mass Intentions

Sacred Heart & St. Joseph Mission

Sunday, August 31st Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intentions of the Sick and Shut-Ins of the Parish

Friday, September 5th First Friday

Intentions of Sheila Rosenberg

Saturday, September 6th First Saturday

Repose of the Soul of Leola Dawn Renninger

Immaculate Conception

Saturday, August 30th Vigil of 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Repose of the Soul of Craig Matelich, rb William & Colleen Green

Sunday, August 31st Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intentions of the Parish Faithful

Wednesday, September 3rd

Repose of the Soul of the Deceased Priests of Our Diocese

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon:

*Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.*

Collect:

*God of might, giver of every good gift,
put into our hearts the love of your name,
so that, by deepening our sense of reverence,
you may nurture in us what is good
and, by your watchful care,
keep safe what you have nurtured.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever*

Readings:

First Reading: Sir 3:17-18,20,28-29

Responsorial: Ps. 68:4-5,6-7,10-11;

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Second Reading: Heb 12:18-19,22-24a

Alleluia Verse: Mt 11:29ab: *Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me for I am meek and humble of heart.*

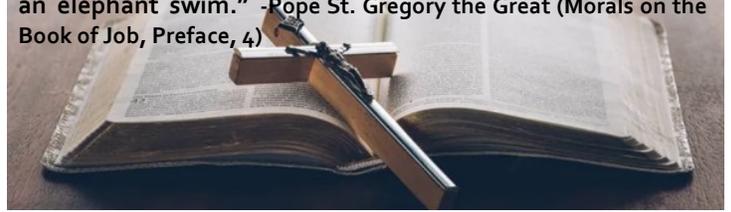
Gospel: Lk 14:1,7-14

Catechism of the Catholic Church:

Envy represents a form of sadness and therefore a refusal of charity; the baptized person should struggle against it by exercising good will. Envy often comes from pride; the baptized person should train himself to live in humility:

Would you like to see God glorified by you? Then rejoice in your brother's progress and you will immediately give glory to God. Because his servant could conquer envy by rejoicing in the merits of others, God will be praised. (CCC 2540)

"Holy Scripture, by the manner of its speech, transcends every science, because in one and the same sentence, while it describes a fact, it reveals a mystery. Thus, it adapts itself to both beginners and the advanced, to the more ignorant and the more educated. It is, so to speak, a kind of river, both shallow and deep, in which both a lamb may walk and an elephant swim." -Pope St. Gregory the Great (Morals on the Book of Job, Preface, 4)



Saint Teresa of Calcutta | Feast Day September 5

Excerpt from Mother Teresa's address at the National Prayer Breakfast (Sponsored by the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives) February 3, 1994

I was surprised in the West to see so many young boys and girls given to drugs. And I tried to find out why. Why is it like that, when those in the West have so many more things than those in the East? And the answer was: 'Because there is no one in the family to receive them.' Our children depend on us for everything — their health, their nutrition, their security, their coming to know and love God. For all of this, they look to us with trust, hope and expectation. But often father and mother are so busy they have no time for their children, or perhaps they are not even married or have given up on their marriage. So their children go to the streets and get involved in drugs or other things. We are talking of love of the child, which is where love and peace must begin. These are the things that break peace.

But I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself. And if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another? How do we persuade a woman not to have an abortion? As always, we must persuade her with love and we remind ourselves that love means to be willing to give until it hurts. Jesus gave even His life to love us. So, the mother who is thinking of abortion, should be helped to love, that is, to give until it hurts her plans, or her free time, to respect the life of her child. The father of that child, whoever he is, must also give until it hurts.

By abortion, the mother does not learn to love, but kills even her own child to solve her problems. And, by abortion, that father is told that he does not have to take any responsibility at all for the child he has brought into the world. The father is likely to put other women into the same trouble. So abortion just leads to more abortion. Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion.



Visit HopeAfterAbortion.com for more information.

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

Food Pantry Necessities—Polson

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 Food Pantry basket at the entrance of the church.

The Food Pantry also utilizes plastic grocery bags!

In **Ronan** a bin is again available for collecting food items. Please talk to Fr. Brooks for more information and how you might help with this effort.

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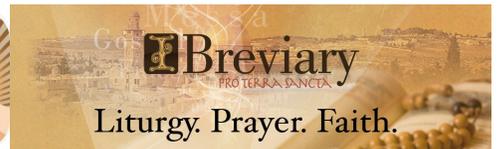
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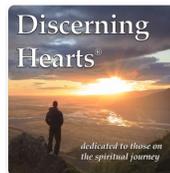
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Fiscal Year beginning July 1st

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