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Saturday: 5 pm @ St. Isidore

Sunday: 8:30 am @ St. John

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As stated in the weekly bulletin

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:

8 am - 5 pm

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7 am - 3:30 pm

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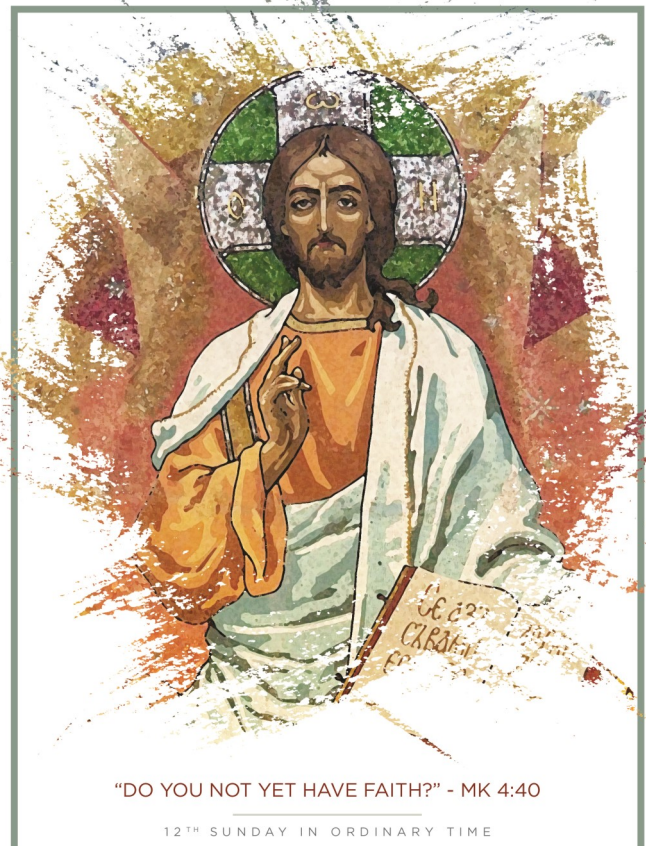
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*Working Together To
Build the Kingdom of God*



Year of Seeking and Healing through Prayer and Kindness

High School Students, you asked important questions during last year's faith formation. You revealed your compassion and desire for all people to be treated with dignity and respect. Join us this year for faith formation to discover, that what the Catholic Church believes, professes, and teaches, is what God has given to us in all his wisdom. Come and know the theology behind what God and the Catholic Church want for you. What the theology is for the sensitive topics you are wanting the answers to, such as: What is love? Who deserves dignity and respect? What about same sex attraction? How far is too far? What about gender identity? What about contraception and abortion? Celibacy, really?

This coming year's program, *YOU, Life, Love and Theology of the Body* will provide you the answers to these important life topics. God wants you to love yourself and others. God wants you to have rich, trusting, and loving relationships. God created you for a specific purpose: to love and be in communion with him.

Prayer: John 10: 10b, 15:11 – "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly...These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be full."

"Jesus, you have created us for love, and we will not be at peace until we rest in you. Help us to let go of the things that keep us from being open to you and from receiving all that you want to give us. Amen. (Prayer taken from: *YOU, Life, Love and Theology of the Body Leader's Guide*, page: 28)

Liturgical Minister for June 27th

Sacristan: Jim Kendall

Greeters: Larry & Judy Poduska
John & Amanda Rhomberg family
David & Natalie Klostermann

Lectors: Youth of the Parish

EM: Ann Thuerlauf Fr. Andrew
Lisa Thuerlauf Charlene Vig
Sarah Rhomberg

Servers: Libby Dix Landon Stolte

Faith Formation Information by Linda Hansmeier

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. Plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11

Registration for Totus Tuus ended on June 15 to help us with asking for supplies, however if you have had last minute changes or plans, you can still register. Go to the web site at stjohnmv.org and click on the Totus Tuus emblem, pick up a form in the gathering space or send Linda an email at l.hansmeier@dbqarch.org.

Totus Tuus joins the Church in her proclamation of the Gospel to arouse faith in the youth of this archdiocese with "an explanation...for the reason for your hope" (1Peter 3:15), Totus Tuus missionaries expound upon the reason for their beliefs and share their personal testimonies with the young people. Saint Pope Paul VI wrote, "Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses" (*Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 41.) With this in mind, Totus Tuus team members are immersed in a life of prayer and give witness to the fruits of that experience of Christian living to the youth.

Additionally, the daily schedule of the Totus Tuus missionary revolves around Holy Mass, the Sacraments, and prayer. A summer given entirely to God and to the young people of this archdiocese would not be possible otherwise. Your children and youth come away with a deeper understanding of the Marian devotion. The missionaries will lead the young people to Jesus for a week; however, Mary will lead them to Jesus for a lifetime. Praying with her and to her, we hear her say to us, "Do whatever He tells you" (John 2:5). Join us from Monday, June 28 to Friday, July 2 for 1st through 6th grade from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Sunday evening, June 27 through Thursday evening, July 1 from 7:00 p.m. through 9:15 p.m. for grades 7-12.

RCIA begins September 12. If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Catholic Church or completing their adult (18+) sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, please contact

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Linda at l.hansmeier@dbqarch.org.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Waking God

A show of hands, ladies and gentlemen. Have any of you been given the silent treatment and had absolutely no idea why?

On the flipside, have any of you have sworn you're not going to demean yourself by explaining, for the thousandth time, that you need extra help with the kids before soccer practice, or that you feel ignored when your spouse doesn't ask how your day went?

But sadly, love doesn't give you the ability to read minds. And in the end, we learn the lesson again and again, we have to verbalize our feelings, our needs, our wants. Expecting your partner to anticipate your needs is guaranteed to end badly.

It's the same with God, even though, oddly enough, He *does* have the ability to read minds. But He still desires us to explain ourselves to Him, doesn't He? "I'm feeling scared of this." "I'm really worried about that." "God, I think I need x, y and z. Help me. Please."

Jesus slept on that boat, as it was tossed and turned by the waves, until his disciples woke him. "Why were you sleeping?" they ask. Well, geniuses, he was sleeping because they hadn't woken him up yet. They had wasted time cowering in fear, waiting for him to act. They gave him the silent treatment and they didn't even know it.

God doesn't desire us to verbalize our needs as a way of keeping us submissive. He's not that petty. What He desires is the communication — that's what really counts. That act of opening yourself up, of becoming vulnerable, of relying on Him, trusting Him. If it feels like God is asleep in your life, ask yourself this, have you tried waking Him up?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Readings for the week of June 20, 2021

Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41
Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22 [12]/Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mt 7:6, 12-14
Weds; Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 7:15-20
Thursday: *Vigil:* Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17 [6b]/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/Acts 13: 22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [4]/Mt 8:1-4
Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55 [cf. 54b]/Mt 8:5-17
Next Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Wednesday, June 23rd

8:30 am - Ray Yonkovic

Friday, June 25th

8:30 am - Janet Patten

Sunday, June 27th

8:30 am - Pat Gray



12th Sunday of Ordinary Time
June 20, 2021