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Saturday: 5 pm @ St. Isidore

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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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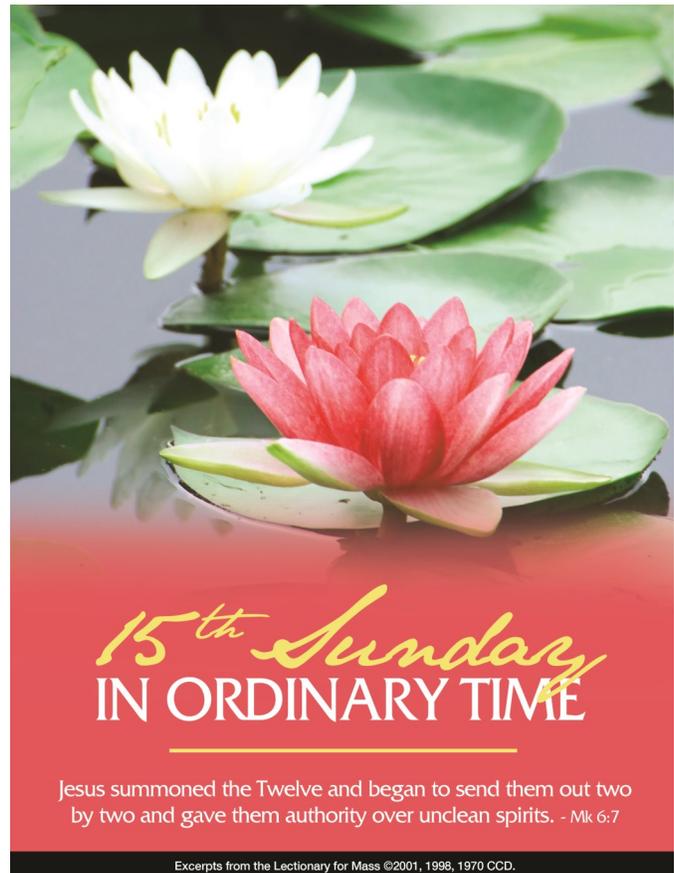
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Build the Kingdom of God*



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**Year of Seeking and Healing through Prayer and Kindness**

## Faith Formation Information by Linda Hansmeier

“And he called together his twelve disciples and gave them power authority over all demons, and to cure all diseases.”  
Luke 9:1

The month of July is dedicated to “The Precious Blood of Jesus.” Falling during the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, it is represented by the liturgical color green. Green is the symbol of hope and the color of the sprouting seed and stirs in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection.

Devotion to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood. In the first century, Pope St. Clement I wrote “Let us fix our gaze on the Blood of Christ and realize how truly precious it is; it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of conversion to the whole world.”

For centuries, the Feast of Most Precious Blood was celebrated on July 1. But in 1969, Paul VI removed the feast day from the Roman Liturgical Calendar. The argument for this is that the Most Precious Blood of Christ is already venerated in the solemnities of the Passion, the Feast of Corpus Christi, Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and in the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.” Today the month of July is dedicated to the **Most Precious Blood of Jesus.** “... *the Blood of Christ is the source of salvation for the world. God chose the sign of blood, because no other sign is so eloquent to express the supreme love of life given for others. This donation is repeated in every Eucharistic celebration, in which alongside the Body of Christ, His precious blood is made present; the Blood of the new and eternal Covenant, shed for all for the redemption of sins.*”

Our Lord Jesus told his disciples that upon his death, they would receive the Holy Spirit. This was fulfilled at Pentecost. I can clearly see that the Holy Spirit received by the Disciples is the inheritance promised by God Who is no other than Himself. This is confirmed when St. Paul said in 2 Cor 6:16 “...for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”

### Wednesday, July 14th

8:30 am - Al Opatz



### Friday, July 16th

8:30 am - Irvin & Louise Clark

### Sunday, July 18th

8:30 am - Judy Diers

### Liturgical Ministers

July 18, 2021

Sacristan: Jim Kendall

EM: Allison Nissen Fr. Andrew  
Pam Kraus Joe Lynott  
Andy Moeller

Lectors: Erin Moeller Stephan Poduska

Servers: Alex Fencil Jackson Rhomberg

Hospitality: Mike & Ruth Clark family  
Dave & Lesley Panos family  
Troy & Tracey Louwagie family

### Online giving goes beyond tithing

Already many families and visitors have been enjoying the benefits of giving one-time and recurring gifts directly from the parish website. And our new online donations and payments system will help streamline payments for Faith Formation, Air/Heat, Facility Up-keep and more. It's simple, quick, and effective. Learn more and begin offering your gifts online at

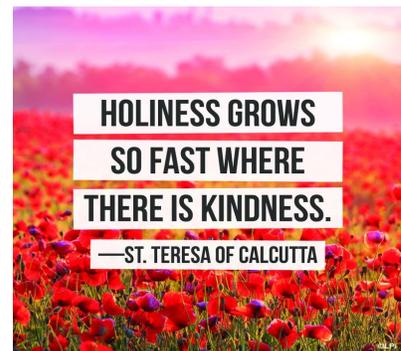
<http://www.stjohnmv.org> go to online giving!

**It is that time of year.** Registration for Faith Formation is happening now. Go to:

<https://www.myschoolsystems.com/ArchDBO/DBO137/>

to register. Please register ASAP. Thank you.

Registration fees can be paid online at [stjohnmv.org](http://stjohnmv.org) or personally to either Loraine or Linda, or can be mailed to St. John the Baptist, 212 7<sup>th</sup> St. SE, Mt. Vernon, IA 52314. Fees are listed in the registration site.



## Put Truth in Their Hearts

Teens naturally consider their own sexuality; this is further influenced by what is seen in movies, television, and online. Now there's a program for Catholic teenagers based on Saint John Paul II's revolutionary Theology of the Body that helps them understand the significance of their sexuality, its purpose, and how this complements their call to greatness. You: Life, Love, and the Theology of the Body is an exciting and dynamic program, being offered to High School teens at St. John's for the 2021-22 Faith Formation year. This program will give teens the answers and the tools they need to successfully and safely navigate life. Contact De Wagner at [dbq137ym@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq137ym@dbqarch.org) more information.

This is a life changing program, so we really encourage all of you to register your freshman, sophomores, juniors, and seniors for Faith Formation. Registration is currently open on our St. John's website.

Recognizing parents as the primary educators of their children in matters of faith and morals, parents are invited to attend a **Parent Information Session** on August 29, 2021 following our 8:30 Mass. The session will be about 90 minutes.



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### What We Carry from Town to Town

In my experience, there are two kinds of people: the folks who kick off their shoes the second they walk through the door, and the ones who don't.

People can feel strongly about this on both sides. The main thrust of the Shoes-Off Brigade seems to be this: we track a lot of weird stuff on the soles of our feet. Little reminders of all the places we've been whether it's a private home or a public bathroom cling to our shoes long after we leave.

This same theory applies to our spiritual lives. As human beings and as disciples, we visit a lot of figurative towns and pick up a lot of figurative dust. Sinfulness. Shame. Defeat. Anger. Fear. Doubt. No matter how hard we try to keep free of it, these things have a way of attaching themselves to us, sometimes without us even noticing. We need to take a good look at what unhelpful and unconstructive baggage from our past we're tracking into our present and future encounters.

What is the "town" God is asking you to visit today in His name? Is it a tough conversation with a friend, a brief witness to a stranger in the checkout line, a call to be present to someone in your family? Before you go, remember, shake off the dust. Don't let a past disappointment constrain you. Don't allow yesterday's failures or burdens to keep you from the joy of today's witness, whatever form it might take. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

### Readings for the week of July 11, 2021

- Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13
- Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 10:34-11:1
- Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/Mt 11:20-24
- Wed : Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Mt 11:25-27
- Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 [8a]/Mt 11:28-30
- Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 [13]/Mt 12:1-8
- Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21
- Next Sunday:  
Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34