

Ministers

Prayers for the Sick

Please help us keep the list of the sick updated. If you would like to be on the email prayer chain or want to submit a prayer request of any kind please email joanconlon59@yahoo.com:

Carol Sebastian
Cody Jacobsen
William Kelley
Ernie Schantz
Zaylee Schmidt
Christine Lawson
Kris Kuntz
Laurie Hauser

***The Latin responses are found in the St. Michael Hymnal, #105 is the Kyrie that Father sings. Follow along from #101 on for the rest of the Mass parts.**

Mass Intentions

July 30th	6:30 PM	+ Bud Grayson by Ann Marie & Kacey Wanner
July 31st	8:30 AM	+ Duane Boehm by Levi & Vanessa Hoff
Aug 2	9:00 AM	++ Vince & Rita Barth by Harvey & Sandi Tibor
Aug 3	6:00 PM	+ Gerard Tibor
Aug 5	9:00 AM	+ Duane Hatzenbuehler by Jerry & Bonnie Kuntz
Aug 6	6:30 PM	+Vicente Ornelas
Aug 7	8:30 AM	For the People of the Parish

**** Confessions Half an Hour before Mass****

FIRST, THIRD AND FIFTH WEDNESDAYS THERE WILL BE EUCHARTISTIC ADORATION FROM 5 TO 6 FOLLOWED BY MASS.

July 30th- Saturday- 6:30 PM:

Lector: Irene Wehri
Ushers: Francis & Tracy Tibor
Rosary: Volunteer
Servers: Claire & Brynlee

July 31st- Sunday- 8:30 AM:

Lector: Dave Wanner
Ushers: Dave & Cheryl Wanner
Rosary: Don Wanner
Servers: Calaghan & Simon

August 2nd- Tuesday- 9:00 AM

August 3rd- Wednesday- Adoration 5:00 PM TO 6:00 PM; Mass at 6:00 PM

August 5th- Friday- Mass at 9:00 AM; Adoration from 9:30 AM TO 5:30 PM

August 6th- Saturday-6:30 PM

Lector: Chester Brandt
Ushers: Don & Deb Wanner
Rosary: Chester Brandt
Servers: Addison & Tegan

August 7th- Sunday- 8:30 AM

Lector: Kevin Staiger
Ushers: Kevin & Toni Staiger
Rosary: Ken Duppong
Servers: Elena & Cambri

If you are unable to fulfill your ministry, including Altar Servers, PLEASE FIND SOMEONE TO FILL IN FOR YOU.

“Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in whatever matters to God.”

Murray Garsson and his brother owned a \$75 million business during World War II. Ten years later, the *Detroit Free Press* carried this brief report: “Garsson, penniless and homeless, died last night at Belview Hospital, where he was taken after he had been sleeping for three weeks in his physician’s waiting room . . . because he was broke.” Jesus’ parable of today’s Gospel and Garsson’s story invites me to inventory my own life. Is the focus of my priorities more on *acquiring* or more on *becoming*? What is the best indication of where my focus lies? I guess we can’t get too excited about anything that won’t fit into our coffin one day.

Ecclesiology, the role of the Church in salvation: “*What is inculturation?*”

Many Catholics believe that the cultural wars of our day take place in public schools, universities, or in the media. Yes, there is a pitched battle in these arenas, but sadly, the battle is on even *within* the walls of our churches. Many Catholics are willing to set aside the beauty and depth of our traditions for that which is trendy (and quite shallow) within the culture. In a historic church I recently visited, a beautiful sacred painting was set aside to make way for a giant screen, which mounts images and the texts of songs during Mass. Is this progress or regress? In Catholic weddings, an *Ave Maria* used to delight the ears of those present; now we have to endure the latest sappy pop rock or country song. Talk about the “day the music died”. In iconography (i.e., Catholic artistic imagery), sweet angels, who look more like fairies, have replaced majestic and powerful images of Saint Michael the Archangel crushing the head of Satan. In the battle against Satan, the saccharine angels of today would give up their lunch money if bullied by the Evil One! We have a problem here. The Church is failing in the effort of inculturation, which is not a grave evil unto itself, but which can do great harm if not properly understood.

Inculturation is the process by which the Church, in a given time and place, embraces from a culture that which is good, true, and beautiful, so that when purified, it may assist in the advancement of the Gospel. The Church offers to all cultures the greatest gift, the Gospel (Good News) of salvation in Jesus Christ, which benefits all people. Yet, the Church and her Deposit of Faith are in

turn enriched by what she learns from each culture. First, the research and advances in various cultures in the natural sciences, the social sciences, historical studies, and mass communication have been utilized by the Church in more efficiently expressing the Faith. For example, unlike most cloistered Catholic nuns (who eschew modern ways), look how Mother Angelica and her Poor Clare Sisters have brought millions of souls to Jesus Christ with the EWTN Catholic network, which utilizes the latest trends in mass communications. Saint Paul, the great evangelizer of the Gentiles, would be proud of these sisters! Second, the wealth of literature in each culture addresses the pressing and soul-searching issues each person must face---love, suffering, life, death, post-earthly existence, etc.---and can offer insights into human dignity, which such literature can serve to elevate. For example, the novels of Charles Dickens, with their familiar themes of poverty, oppression, and exploitation in Victorian England led many in the Church to work for social reforms, among them to end child labor in factories. Lastly, the Church can benefit from the art forms of a given culture, which can be utilized within the liturgy to raise the mind to God. For example, if you are ever in Saint Paul, Minnesota, make sure you worship at the Sunday High Mass of Saint Agnes Church. The Minnesota Symphony and the Catholic Chorale provide the sacred music for an orchestral Mass, offering the Masses of Mozart, Vivaldi, Bach, etc. Orchestral music may have originated in the concert hall or the opera house, but when set to the text of the Holy Mass, it is truly glorious. Be prepared to levitate into the air; mind your head in regards to the church ceiling.

Once again, the Church is not at war with the culture, but through inculturation, she wants to take from the culture that which is noble and free of error and evil. The Church takes the spiritual qualities and endowments of every age and culture and fortifies, completes, and restores them in Christ. It is a long-term effort and takes great prayer and discernment, so that the Church may be elevated, not degraded, in the process. The seeds of the Gospel have been sown in every culture, but the Church, through grace, allows them to grow and blossom. Indeed, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Church makes Jesus Christ incarnate in every place, every time, and among every people.

And a good time was had by all

This past week, our youth and six chaperones made their way to Minot for the State Fair, a visit to the Roosevelt Zoo, and time at a waterpark connected to our hotel. More importantly, we treasured having daily Mass and time for devotions and prayer. Thank you to our youth and their parents for all the hard work and effort that went into raising the funds for this awesome trip. Thank you as well to all of our parishioners who supported these fundraisers with your presence and financial support. Thank you for investing in the future of the Church . . . our young people. There was only one glitch to our trip and that was when some of the kids asked if Koko the monkey at the Roosevelt Zoo was my long-lost twin brother. I was very insulted!

Liturgical fine points

In bullet form, I would like to address some changes for the Holy Mass in our parishes: 1) Please do not carry a missalette or missal when you go to the ambo to read the Scripture readings on a given Sunday. I know one wants to make sure the lectionary is open to the correct page, but that is something to attend to before Mass. 2) By decree of the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments on September 3rd, 2008, songs and prayers at the Holy Mass cannot use the Hebrew name for God, *Yahweh*. 3) By order of Bishop Kagan, David Haas songs cannot be used within the Holy Mass because of his history of sexual abuse of women. These songs include: You are Mine; Blest are They; We are Called; We Have Been Told; Now We Remain; and We Will Rise Again.

A Catholic point to ponder: *Isn't it scary knowing that any time could be the last time you speak to someone. Keep that in mind.*

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped out at Story Hour for the Summer Reading Program and to the parents that brought their children! We had a great turn out! Special Thank you to Sally Vogle for all the hard work and planning she did to make it happen! God Bless you!

Mass Schedule – Central Time

Masses at St. Ann's

Saturday 6:30 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM

Tuesday & Friday 9:00 AM

Masses at Sacred Heart:

Saturday 9:00 AM & 4:00 PM

Sunday 10:30 AM

Thursday 9:00 AM

Parish Office Hours are 10 AM TO 1PM Tuesdays and Thursdays

UPCOMING EVENTS:

***August 2nd, 3rd and 4th** - Advanced Cleaning & Restoration will be coming to clean the basement- light sanding and oiling base of door jambs thru out the basement along with the pews in the basement that were damaged on the bottom from the water break we previously had. On **Aug 5th**, they will be cleaning the carpet basement hall, steps and main entry into the church on the south side. Please be mindful of the workers! Thank you!

***Bible Study-** Thursday 7 pm. Session 13 - Solomon's son Rehoboam is so evil the 10 tribes north of Jerusalem secede under the leadership of Jeroboam. When the prophets say 'O Israel' they are addressing the northern kingdom; 'O Judah' is addressed to the southern kingdom.

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