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Weekly Meditation

... for all peoples. (Isaiah 56:7)

Did you notice a theme in today's readings? Isaiah prophesies that the Temple, God's "house," will become a house of prayer "for all peoples," wherever they come from (56:7). Then Paul rejoices that Gentiles are coming to faith in Christ and entering the Church—God's house. And Jesus challenges his disciples to look at a Canaanite woman, a pagan, as someone beloved of God and deserving of his mercy.

Through these readings, we can hear God asking us to reach out to those people who might feel they don't belong in his house. They may not be the people we expect to see at Mass on Sunday, but they are part of the "all peoples" whom God is longing to welcome into his kingdom. Here are three short stories that illustrate this point:

- Imran grew up in a devout Muslim household, but in college he became friends with some Christians whose faith and welcoming attitude moved him to start reading the New Testament.
- Mandy loved to party, but after one hangover too many, she found an AA group meeting in the local parish. There she met a parishioner named Joan who helped her get sober—and who introduced her to the Lord.
- Alan was a regular brawler in prison until his new cellmate convinced him to join a Bible study. The message of Jesus' forgiveness and love that he heard there pierced his heart. Now, instead of fighting, he tells other inmates about the Lord.

Jesus' heart breaks for those who don't yet know him. He is always reaching out to them, calling them into his house. And he does that by leading them to believers who do know him. That's us. All we have to do is befriend those people and share with them how the Lord has touched our lives. We don't have to do it perfectly, either. We just have to try, and the Spirit will work through us. So who will God send to you today?

"Lord, open my heart to share your love with the people you put in my path today."

The Word Among Us - August 2023 Edition



All are welcome
to join us for
donuts and fellow-
ship **next Sunday,**
Aug 27th following
8:30 & 10:30 am

Masses as we
welcome new mem-
bers and visitors.

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tion Team (SET)

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 26th @ 5:00 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Magnier

Altar Servers: Ethan & Alex Millner

Eucharistic Ministers: Marie Taylor & Red Petersen

Greeter: Jerry Goodale

Lector: Angela Meuwissen

Sacristan: Patrick Meuwissen

Ushers: Deb Goodale, Cliff Zimmermann, Mark Logeais & Mike Zuehlke

Sunday, August 27th @ 8:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Magnier

Altar Servers: Celia Erickson & Caleb Danzeisen

Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Holthaus & Peggy Jo Fortner

Greeter: Jen Holte

Lector: Denice Tracy

Live Stream: Brent Danzeisen

Sacristan: Jen Braun

Ushers: John Tracy, Brad Holte, Jerry Elsenpeter & Ric Fournier

Sunday, August 27th @ 10:30 am

Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Magnier

Altar Servers: Maddison & Presley Dwenger

Eucharistic Ministers: Roger & Karen Millner

Greeter: Paul & Karla Braun

Lector: Mary Nowak

Sacristan: Renee Logeais

Ushers: David Spike, Josh Paumen, Jack Purcell & Art Dingmann

Calendar of EVENTS

Wednesday, August 23: Youth Event - Bunker Beach and Program

Saturday & Sunday, Aug 26-27: Heart to Heart Mission Team available in the gathering space

Sunday, August 27: Donut Sunday following 8:30 am & 10:30 am Masses

Thursday, August 31: Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 am – 7:00 pm

Tuesday, September 5: Mass @ Care Center 10:30 am

Tuesday, September 11: Usher Training 6:30 pm

CCW Corner

The Christ Child Luncheon will be held **Friday, December 1st., please save the date!** There is still one volunteer position available for dining room supervision. If you are interested or have questions, call Pam at 320-274-8074

Next CCW meeting: Thursday, Oct., 5 at 6:30.

September Meals on Wheels

St. Ignatius will be scheduling Meals on Wheels volunteers for the month of September for Senior Dining! To volunteer please use Sign Up Genius (available on the church website under the “events/news/links” tab and our Facebook page). See Julie in the office or call Jennifer with any questions @ 612-743-9108. Meals on Wheels through Catholic Charities has a new policy, drivers and deliverers must complete a background check. Please see the designated board in the gathering space or stop into the office to pick up the form. Completed forms may be returned to the parish office or returned on your first scheduled date to Senior Dining. Thank you for helping us support our homebound with delicious meals!



The Church of St. Luke Parish Festival

The church of St. Luke in Clearwater, MN would like to invite our parish community to their annual Parish Festival on Sunday, Aug 27. Festival Mass will be at 10am and activities begin immediately following. A ham dinner will be served from 11am - 1pm. Activities include a quilt auction beginning at 2pm, baskets from heaven silent auction, grand raffle drawing beginning at 4pm, DJ in the afternoon, food booths, pop & beer, pork chop on a stick, cake walk, petting zoo, bingo, crafts, country market, children's games and games with Father Backer.

2023 Curatio Fall Retreat

The Curatio Fall retreat is September 22-24 at Christ the King Retreat Center, 621 First Ave. S., Buffalo. Theme: Love and Sacrifice: The Meaning of Suffering in Christ. Enjoy a spirit-filled weekend, daily Mass, five reflections, adoration, spiritual direction and more! Retreat Master: Fr. James Dominic Brent, Dominican. For more info or to register visit www.curatioapostolate.com/2023/05/fall-2023

Men's Retreat

Join us for a 3 day men's silent retreat at the DeMontreville Jesuit Retreat House in Lake Elmo, MN. The retreat begins Thurs evening Sept. 14, 2023 and ends Sunday evening Sept. 17, 2023. Free-will donations are accepted. Other retreat dates are also available. For more information call our office at 651-777-1311 or see our website www.demontrevilleretreat.com

Central Minnesota Koinonia

True happiness isn't a destination, true happiness is the journey to Jesus. Central Minnesota Koinonia is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. Retreats are held at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, MN. The next weekend will be held September 22-24, 2023, cost of the weekend is \$70.00. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more info and to register.

For detailed information on Youth Events please send an email to bernie@stignatiusmn.com

Lighting Candles in Church Q & A

Question:

Why do Catholics light candles in church?

Answer:

Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions.

The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically “shining a light” on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would

often bring candles to light before the image or relic. **These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered.** What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints. ©LPi

At St. Ignatius the suggested donation for a candle is \$3.00 each and it burns for approximately 6 days.



Gospel Meditation

The suffering of a child symbolizes uniquely terrible evil as well as despair about the future. This week's Gospel gives a “limit” case in which Jesus encounters this evil in the form of a mother with a suffering daughter. What he does is stunning and massively helpful for us if we bravely ponder the details.

The Canaanite woman comes to Jesus and begs his mercy. “My daughter is tormented by a demon,” she declares to him. Shockingly, he responds first with silence, then with a dismissive comment, and only then finally accedes to her third request. Is this simply a lesson in perseverance in our petitions to God, who is like a genie in a bottle? Does that justify the humiliation and pain this woman suffers? Is the Lord cruel?

I don't think so. Notice how the encounter ends. She compares herself to a dog at the table of a master. Jesus responds by praising her great faith and fulfills her deep desire. Somehow this non-Israelite woman intuitively understands that this harrowing situation is not dumb suffering. She senses that the door of God's family is, in Jesus, being opened to her and her loved ones. She trusts she is at the Lord's table, and her desires will be fulfilled and that all her sufferings — and her daughter's, too — will lead a great banquet. In our sufferings this week, the Lord wants us to treat him less like a genie in a bottle and more like the Master who has taken us — lost little dogs that we are — into his home forever. Trust that and keep praying in the face of evil.

— Father John Muir

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in your prayers

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Mary Malachuk
Jason Mitchell
Deb Cole
John Holker
Marlene Niewind
Leon Zachman



Saturday, August 19th

5:00 pm † Gordon Diethert

Sunday, August 20th

8:30 am † Francis “Ozzie” & Mary Logeais

10:30 am Parishioners

Monday, August 21st

6:00 pm Paul Demares

Tuesday, August 22nd

8:00 am † Adam Schumacher

Wednesday, August 23rd

8:00 am Parishioners

Thursday, August 24th

8:00 am Parishioners

Friday, August 25th

No Daily Mass at St. Ignatius

8:00 am Mass available at St. Timothy's

Saturday, August 26th

5:00 pm † Lee Menke

Sunday, August 27th

8:30 am † Shari Danzeisen

10:30 am Parishioners



Projected weekly giving\$5,890.00
492 parish families

Envelopes\$5,155.00
Plate\$864.25
Auto Deposits\$1,315.00
Total\$7,334.25





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Parish Pastoral Council

Council member information and meeting minutes are available on our website or by requesting a copy from the parish office. On the website, use the “Ministries” menu at the top of the page, and then select “Pastoral Council” on the drop down menu.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Mass - 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses - 8:30 am and 10:30 am

8:30 Mass is live streamed on the parish Facebook page and

You Tube channel

Daily Mass

Mondays 6:00 pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays 8:00 am (No Daily Mass on Fridays)

Reconciliation

4:30 pm Saturday (one-half hour prior to Sat. Mass)

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

Last Thursday of the month, 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

Sacraments

Baptisms

Please contact the parish at least two months in advance of the Baptism. Parents are required to attend a Baptism class prior to the Baptism. Baptisms are scheduled through the parish office, and are held following the 10:30 am Mass.

Marriage

Please contact the pastor at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date.

**Bulletin submission deadline is Tuesdays at noon,
unless an early deadline notice is posted**

Heart to Heart Mission Team Update

Thank you to all the parishioners who financially supported our sister parish, St. Vincent Ferrer Quasi Parish in Pacuan, Philippines, through education scholarships and the clean water filter program last year.

Additional water filter systems arrived in May and are currently being delivered to the upper Barangay chapels where our Filipino brothers and sisters can access clean water. These systems are being maintained and should last for a number of years.

St. Ignatius Heart to Heart Mission Team, with the help of our parishioners, would like to continue to support the education scholarship program for the upcoming 2023/24 school year. \$125 supports one student for the full year to cover the cost of uniforms, books, supplies, and room/board. Many of the students are parishioners from St. Vincent Ferrer who would be unable to attend school without this scholarship. 23 students received education scholarships during the 2022/23 school year at our sister parish! Because of your support, these students, altar servers, and seminarians were able to attend school or further their religious education. The requirements of the scholars included Mass attendance with a reflection journal on the Sunday's Gospel and a community clean-up day. We are excited to report that 3 scholars received academic honors for the school year!

Heart to Heart Mission team members will be available in the gathering space the weekend of Aug 26th and 27th to answer any questions and to collect scholarship donations.

Please prayerfully consider supporting the future of a student!

Any contribution, big or small is appreciated.



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