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### **Schedule of Liturgies**

#### **Confession**

Saturday 4:00 p.m. or by appointment

#### **Mass**

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

First Sat. 8:00 a.m.

Sunday 7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

#### **Weekday**

M-W 7:00 a.m.

T-Th 12:05 p.m.

Friday No Mass

**HOLY DAY EUCHARIST:** As announced

**SICK CALLS:** anytime

**BAPTISMS:** By appointment with at least one preparation session for new parents.

**WEDDINGS:** Engaged couples wishing to marry in the church should contact a Parish Priest at least one year prior to the planned wedding date to begin the marriage preparation process. The year-long process includes diocesan pre-marriage classes and meetings with clergy.



The SJOB Knights of Columbus council meets every third Tuesday of the month in the Family Center. Membership in the Knights is open to all Catholic men, 18 years of age or older. Those interested should contact Kyle Schindler at (302) 388-4960 or [schindler.kyle@gmail.com](mailto:schindler.kyle@gmail.com).

*“For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so faith apart from works is dead.” James 2:26*

## Pastor's Column

### GOOD NEWS IS ON THE WAY

This week, during summer, the scriptures greet us with joy, peace, mercy, and more peace! Sounds a little like Advent, doesn't it? We often associate the prophet Isaiah with that preparatory season, and our first reading rings with such words as exult, comfort, and rejoice. The Israelites had reason to rejoice, for they had returned, come home, to a rebuilt Jerusalem from their exile in Babylon.

In the Gospel, the seventy-two disciples who were sent out have their own "homecoming," returning to Jesus from spreading the Good News of the Kingdom and preparing people for the "advent" of Jesus into their cities and towns on his long road to Jerusalem. Like the exiles in Isaiah, the disciples return rejoicing.

The Good News, the Kingdom of God, is coming, even in summer. As today's psalm reminds us, "Shout joyfully to God, all the earth!"

## Prayer of the Week

### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, who in the abasement of your Son  
have raised up a fallen world,  
fill your faithful with holy joy,  
for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin  
you bestow eternal gladness.  
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.

### Reflection question:

Do those around me see in me the joy of someone who has been rescued from sin?

### "America, America, God shed his grace on thee"



As we sing these familiar words this year as we celebrate Independence Day, let's ask for God's favor on our land as we use the acronym GRACE as a guide to pray for our nation that we might be:

**G**odly: realizing our freedom and strength ultimately and always comes from our sovereign God.

**R**ighteous: that we might be a holy people, not ashamed to have goals of piety and goodness in our personal, family, and corporate lives.

**A**ctive: in good works, realizing the needs of our world are great and with the great material blessings we have, we are to share generously with those in our world who are hungry and hurting.

**C**hris-like: may we as a nation and people be like Jesus, strong, but compassionate, helpful and humble, powerful, but a servant.

**E**vangelistic: not ashamed of the gospel of Christ and brave to share it in our lives and words, so that all the world will know the peace that can only come through Jesus.

As we celebrate our earthly freedom, make us mindful of your grace and help us to be graceful witnesses to our world.

**Amen**



World Day  
for Grandparents  
and the Elderly  
2022

*The faithful can obtain a plenary indulgence by participating in events on that day. (CNS photo/courtesy Dicastery for Laity, the Family and Life)*

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Any Catholic who participates in the celebration July 24 of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly can receive a plenary indulgence; the Vatican announced. "Grandparents, the elderly and all the faithful who, motivated by a true spirit of penance and charity," attend Mass or other prayer services for the occasion can receive the indulgence, which "can also be applied as a suffrage for the souls in purgatory," said the announcement published May 30. Pope Francis celebrated the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in 2021 and decreed that it be observed each year on the Sunday closest to the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, Jesus' grandparents. In his message for this year's celebration, Pope Francis asked older people like himself to be "artisans of the revolution of tenderness." "We grandparents and elderly people have a great responsibility: to teach the women and men of our time to regard others with the same understanding and loving gaze with which we regard our own grandchildren," he had written. Addressing younger people as well, the 85-year-old pope encouraged them to seek out and visit those who feel most alone. "Expecting a visit can transform those days when we think we have nothing to look forward to; from an initial encounter, a new friendship can emerge," he said. "Visiting the elderly who live alone is a work of mercy in our time!" <https://catholicnews.com/>

## Religious Education

Dear Religious Education families,  
I am so grateful to all of you for a successful, (mostly) in-person Religious Education year. As the academic year wraps up, take some time together with your loved ones to enjoy the sun's warmth and the other gifts God has given us.

### A Prayer of Summer Joy

Loving God, we give you thanks for the beauty of summer. Let us join with other creatures in emerging from winter darkness into the full light of the season. May love emerge in us as well, giving rise to praise for you and for the gifts of your creation. Help us to weather the storms that hit without warning and do damage to heart and soul. Turn our faces towards the sun and let joy be the mantle we carry throughout this blessed time. In your holy name, we pray.

Amen. *In His service, Jessie*

### Pre-Need Planning Shows You Care

By selecting your burial accommodations in a Catholic Cemetery, you demonstrate your love to one another, affirm your belief in the community of faith, and show your respect for yesterday and your hope for all that is yet to be. Call 658-7017.

### Natural Family Planning

Natural Family Planning uses a couple's natural signs of fertility and infertility to plan their family and space their children. Learn more about Natural Family Planning. Contact the diocesan Family Life Bureau (302) 295-0657.

### Volunteering Your Time & Talent

Here are a few suggested volunteer ideas:

- Get trained to become a Eucharistic Minister to the Homebound
- Visit your elderly neighbors or invite them over for a meal
- Visit a nursing home/assisted living facility
- Mentor a child
- Donate food or clothing to a food pantry or serve in a local soup kitchen
- Volunteer at a pregnancy center or maternity home
- Do you cut and style hair? Consider volunteering your talent helping the homeless get prepared for job interviews.
- Do you have some carpentry skills? Consider getting involved with Habitat for Humanity.

*Our offices are closed Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup> and Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>*

*in observance of the Fourth of July*



## Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 2

5:00 p.m. Jim Keegan by Supinski family

Sunday, July 3

7:30 a.m. Mary L. Lincoln by Ed Lincoln

10:00 a.m. Parishioners

Monday, July 4

9:00 a.m. Genevieve Stefanowicz by Ann Marie & Joe Finch

Tuesday, July 5

12:05 p.m. Dorothy D. Wilson by Bob & Louise Hammond

Wednesday, July 6

7:00 a.m. Elizabeth C. LaRocca by Sebastian LaRocca

Thursday, July 7

12:05 p.m. Josephine Moncevicz by Dr. Bill

Friday, July 8 No mass

Saturday, July 9

5:00 p.m. Anne Barbieri by Pat & Cathie Ramone

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

### Emmanuel Dining Room – Monday, July 11

The Emmanuel Dining Room East is grateful for St. Joseph's parishioners for their continuing donation of a chicken meal once a month. Our donors purchase and cook 18 to 24 chicken thighs or other chicken parts and/or bring various desserts. Our next date to deliver our meal for Emmanuel Dining Room is Monday, July 11. Please bring your cooked chicken and desserts to the Family Center by 9 A.M. on that day. Thank you for your consistent support to this ministry. Peg Janes (302) 656-3635.

***Crisis Pregnancy / Post Abortion Healing:*** If you or anyone you know is experiencing a crisis pregnancy or needs healing from an abortion and needs to talk to someone, please call our diocesan toll-free, 24-hour confidential pregnancy / post abortion counseling hotline at 1-877-225-7870. Help is available. <http://www.cdow.org>

### MOVIE REVIEWS

Current movie reviews by Catholic News Service and the former Office for Film and Broadcasting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops can be found @ [catholicnews.com](http://catholicnews.com)

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