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Twenty-fourth Sunday
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September 11, 2022

Lord, open my lips and my
mouth shall proclaim your praise!

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Give peace, O LORD
to those who wait for you

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A WEEKLY REFLECTION
submitted by Deacon Joe Twidwell

THE PARABLE OF THE EVER-LOVING FATHER?

This Sunday's Gospel is commonly known as the parable of the "Prodigal Son" however there are other characters in this story, and which do you identify with? As a parable, Jesus was using a real-life situation to teach a basic theological concept and to provoke introspection by the hearers.

When hearing this parable for the first time, many of Jesus' disciples and apostles must have shaken their heads in confusion. The listeners were family members and each probably could identify with one or more of the characters in story and compared their response to that of the character they identify with. What father hearing that the wayward son wished his father dead so he could inherit his share of the estate would not be appalled and reject that son forever? In this case the father responds in a completely opposite course and goes out every day searching the horizon for his wayward son's return. Furthermore, when he sees him on the horizon, the father runs to greet the son. The final irony is when the father gives the son a ring and cloak and kills the fatted calf to celebrate his return. Many listeners would have thought that the father was crazy.

That shocking action however was the trigger for Jesus being able to tell the listeners about God's unlimited love and forgiveness which was unlike anything they had experienced. Earthly things are limited in quantity and that scarce mentality kept people from believing that God does love each of us totally and completely that His love for one of us does not diminish the supply of love that He has for me in any way.

The parable underscores two essential realities of our relationship with God. First, that God loves all of us forever and there is nothing we can do to separate ourselves from His love- we can refuse it but regardless, He will not stop loving us and will be there if or when we turn back to Him. (*Romans 8:38-39*) "I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from his love. Death can't, and life can't. The angels can't, and the demons can't. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, and even the powers of hell can't keep God's love away. Whether we are high above the sky or in the deepest ocean, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord."

The second point is that God's forgiveness is without limit if we ask for it with contrition. Hear this clearly in Matt 18:21-35. Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times." And the joy God feels when we ask for forgiveness is evident in Matt 18:12-14. "If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them goes astray, will he not leave the ninety-nine in the hills and go in search of the stray? And if he finds it, amen, I say to you, he rejoices more over it than over the ninety-nine that did not stray. In just the same way, it is not the will of your heavenly Father that one of these little ones be lost."

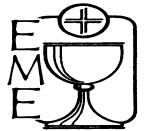
God's love for us is radical beyond our comprehension. All we need to do is be open to accept it.



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE WITH INTENTIONS

Monday, September 12th	*****NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE*****		
Tuesday, September 13th	8:00 am (Elk Point)	Readings and Rosary	
	5:30 pm (Dakota Dunes)	Communion Service	
Wednesday, Sept 14th	8:00 am (Jefferson)	The Waters family +	Holy Hour 7:00am
	5:30 pm (Dakota Dunes)	Communion Service	
Thursday, September 15th	8:00 am (Elk Point)	Michael LaForest +	Holy Hour 7:00am
	5:30 pm (Dakota Dunes)	NO Communion Service	
Friday, September 16th	5:30 pm (Dakota Dunes)	Delia Prettie +	Holy Hour 4:30pm
Saturday, September 17th	4:30 pm (Elk Point)	Our Parish Families	
Sunday, September 18th	8:30 am (Jefferson)	Whitey & Lorraine Christiansen +	
	11:00 am (Dakota Dunes)	Bill Thayer +	

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE



Saturday, September 17th

(4:30pm in Elk Point)

Servers: Sophia Giorgio, Bowen Hopper, Hazel Ritchie

Commentator: Renae McInerney

Lector: John Giorgio

Ushers: Matt Dennison, Arlynn Schmidt, Adam Rozell, Ed Donnelly

Eucharistic Minister(s): Maggie Grassel

Greeters/Gifts: Amber Hopper, Donna Abrams, Todd & Maggie Grassel

Shut Ins: Tama Zeller & Terri Chicoine

Sunday, September 18th

(8:30am in Jefferson)

Servers: Lauren & Lexi McDermott

Commentator: Cari McDermott

Lector: Cari McDermott

Ushers: Matt McDermott & Joe Boyle

Eucharistic Minister(s): Pam Gross

Greeters/Gifts: Joe & Andrea Boyle family

Sunday, September 18th

(11:00am in Dakota Dunes)

Servers:

Commentator: Russ Wermers

Lector: Russ Wermers

Ushers: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Eucharistic Minister(s): Jamie Wermers & Mary Parker

Greeters/Gifts: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



*Come,
let us bow
down in
worship*

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St Joseph Adoration Wednesday, September 7th

1:00 to 2:00pm ~ Patricia Curry, Emma Sanchez

2:00 to 2:30pm ~ Donna Abrams, Patty Larsen

2:30 to 3:00pm ~ Donna Abrams, Patty Larsen

3:00 to 3:30pm ~ Mary Hanson

3:30 to 4:00pm ~ Mary Hanson

4:00 to 4:30pm ~ Rosemary Suing

4:30 to 5:00pm ~ Rosemary Suing

5:00 to 5:30pm ~ Jane Patnaude

5:30 to 6:00pm ~ Jane Patnaude

6:00 to 6:30pm ~ Barb Critney

6:30 to 7:00pm ~ Barb Critney

7:00 to 7:30pm ~ Gloria Mollet

7:30 to 8:00pm ~ Gloria Mollet

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND INJURED

Brynlee Bacan

Gary Bortscheller

Ann McInerney Chicoine

Dan Debuhr

Gaylene Guimond

Bob Harrison

Roger Holt

Ben Honomichl

Chad Honomichl

Lynda Hummet

Leon Klein

Pete Limoges

Virginia Quam

Kathy Sandau

Amber Schmitz

Sue Sudtelgte

A Life Message.....

We need to live every day as our merciful God's forgiven

children: Let us begin every day by praying for the strengthening anointing of the Holy Spirit, so that we may learn how to obey God's holy will by doing good, avoiding evil, and trying to live in God's presence everywhere. Before we go to bed at night, let us examine our conscience and confess to God our sins and failures of the day, asking His pardon and forgiveness. Let us resolve to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation if we have fallen into serious sins. Let us continue to ask for God's forgiveness before we receive Jesus in Holy Communion during the Holy Mass. Thus, let us live a peaceful life as forgiven prodigal children, getting daily reconciled with God, our merciful and forgiving Father.

We need to forgive ourselves: There are many areas in our lives that need forgiveness and therefore repentance. A good place to start is ourselves. We often say to ourselves, *'I can never forgive myself for doing that stupid thing.'* Because we have not forgiven ourselves, we feel bitter and angry – with ourselves, with others, with the world, and even with God. When we forgive and are forgiven, a great healing takes place in us. We learn to be humble. We also develop a positive outlook not only about God but also about ourselves, others, and our society. We then think and speak well of them and do them good. This transformation in ourselves is certainly cause for great rejoicing in heaven.

Vocation Prayer Family:

Sep 11—17: Scott & Marla Jo Meadows
 Next week: Dorothy & Arlynn Schmidt
 Kits are available to help with prayers.



*** Offertory Reports ***
Sept 2—8

St Teresa— Adult envelopes \$2,065.00; loose \$158.00; kids \$1.00; candles \$10.00; Holy Day \$20.00; RE fees \$100.00 Bldg Fund pledges \$200.00

St Joseph— Adult envelopes \$2,545.45; loose \$125.00; kids \$1.55; maint \$25.00; stipends \$10.00

St Peter— Adult envelopes \$3,565.89; loose \$163.00; kids \$18.00; maint \$155.00 Bldg Fund \$125.00

CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL 2022**St Joseph goal \$ 31,900**

Total pledged \$ 39,134
 Total paid \$ 31,900
 Balance of goal \$ 0

St Peter goal \$ 36,200

Total pledged \$ 26,941
 Total paid \$ 25,951
 Balance of goal \$ 10,249

St Teresa goal \$ 32,100

Total pledged \$ 35,521
 Total paid \$ 30,231
 Balance of goal \$ 1,849



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ST TERESA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meal for K-6th Parent & Kids hosted by the Catholic Daughters on Wednesday, September 14th at 5:30pm. Kids will go to class at 6:15pm as usual. Please join us!

Building & Grounds Committee—Saturday, September 24th at 8:15am. St Teresa is reviving the Building and Grounds Committee to help with the maintenance of the church. We welcome new members!

YOUNG ADULTS

2 FULL MOON HIKES! Saturday, September 10th and Sunday, October 9th.

6:30pm—Grilling/potluck at Monica's home/deck (meat provided) at 995 N. Sioux Point Rd, Dakota Dunes.

8:00pm—Head for the hike. Bring headlamps/flashlights (just in case), water and friends.

RSVP to 605-321-2910 by noon the day before so we can have enough main dish.

Come to whatever part of this you can and invite friends!

**St Joseph Meals on Wheels Delivery Schedule**

Sep 12—16: Donna Abrams

Sep 19—23: Dan & Marie Fullenkamp

Sep 26—30: Patricia Curry & Mary Hanson

KNIGHTS KORNER

KC Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month at St Peter Parish Hall at 7:00pm.

KC Food Pantry donations— Any monetary donations up to \$100 per month are matched. Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus.

**COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**

Tuesday, September 21st
St Joseph Parish Hall—Elk Point
1:30pm—5:30pm

Call 800-287-4903 to make an appointment today!

BROOM TREE RETREAT CENTER

Silent Retreats: Women 2022: Oct 6—9; Nov 3—6
Men 2022: Sep 15—18; Nov 17—20

Day of Recollection: October 11th, directed by Fr. Paul King; **November 8th**, directed by Fr. Tom Anderson; **December 13th**, directed by Teresa Henrickson

Undone: A Healing Retreat, Oct 14—16, 2022, directed by Fr. Scott Traynor.

Couples Retreat: November 11—13, 2022

CHRIS STEPHANICK EVENT
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH, 7:00PM
ST PETER CHURCH, JEFFERSON

Chris Stephanick will speak at St Peter Church in Jefferson on November 16th at 7:00pm. Tickets will be available to our parishioners in the back of the church after next weekend's mass.

Check him out on reallifecatholic.com

LAY LEADERSHIP FORMATION DAY

Holy Spirit Parish in Sioux Falls is working with the Augustine Institute to host a Lay Leadership Formation Day on Saturday November 12, 9:30am-3:00pm. The audience is for all parish and diocesan lay leaders, both those who are employed and those who volunteer. Clergy would be encouraged to attend. The theme will be evangelization and we will have at least one talk dedicated to the Eucharist. The cost is \$20, and will cover the lunch that will be provided. More information to come along with a flyer and registration details. We highly encourage you to attend!

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