

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE HARVEST IS **ABUNDANT.**

— LUKE 10:2 —



St. JOSEPH's Catholic Church



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MASS TIMES

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Pastor's Corner



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy 4th of July! This long-awaited summer weekend is such a blessing as we celebrate our nation, give thanks for our freedoms and the service men and women who protect them and enjoy time with family and friends. Many of you are at the lakes even as I write this.

We are keeping the lights on for your return. Enjoy summer!

This weekend we welcome Fr. Raul Perez-Cobo back to Moorhead! This July 1st, St. Joseph's partners with St. Francis de Sales and St. John's in Georgetown. Bishop Cozzens has appointed me as the pastor of the three parishes. Fr. Raul will return to live at St. Francis rectory and serve as the associate pastor for all three parishes including the school. His office will be at St. Francis and mine will be at St. Joseph's. Fr. Michael will continue his work as the associate pastor of St. Joseph's, as the director of the MCCM college ministry and with his work in the Office of Vocations. You will likely see all of our priests and deacons rotating within the three parishes, but Fr. Raul will be the primary pastoral presence at St. Francis.

Since last October our parish has been working with a ministry called Divine Renovation, a ministry established by Fr. James Mallon which aims to help parishes shift from a focus on maintenance to a focus on mission. Providentially this process began before the partnerships of the Moorhead area were anticipated.

Our Parish Leadership Team has been at work to provide a parish structure that can serve a very expanded scope of ministry, which includes the whole Moorhead/Georgetown Catholic Community and ministry to the Hispanic community of Fargo/Moorhead and the surrounding area. As with any restructuring, some staff members will continue to serve with similar but adjusted responsibilities, other positions will not be renewed, and new positions will be added. As we begin to implement this plan, we realize that this change also comes with some difficult farewells with changing clergy and staff.

These changes, though challenging and slowly discerned, have four principal sources, Bishop Cozzens's pastoral plan, the cooperation of the three parishes in the Moorhead/Georgetown communities, a New Vision led by Divine Renovation and of course staying within our budgetary constraints.

Obviously, there are many complexities to this plan that have to be implemented sequentially; one step at a time which takes time. Summer is when many of our ministries are completed for the year, and it gives us space for these transitions.

I know for some this is a difficult time of waiting for what comes next. Thank you for your patience. Our Pastoral Leadership Team will strive to keep you updated as we make the needed changes to become a mission centered parish and cooperate with the three Moorhead Community Parishes. Thank you so much for your prayers and support.

Summer Blessings,
Fr. Vincent

Liturgy

Today we celebrate the Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. Let us boast of nothing but the cross of Christ. Through it his grace and power are made known to his servants. Tremendous deeds shall be performed in his name: the reign of God is proclaimed, peace is given as gift, and the forces of sin are overcome.

In Luke's account of the life of Jesus, we are at a turning point. Jesus is beginning his journey to Jerusalem to meet his fate; and he is instructing the followers who must carry on his mission. He has already sent his chosen twelve out on mission. Now he sends out 'seventy-two others'. The numbers are symbolic. The mission of the apostles is to the twelve tribes of Israel – since the immediate concern of Jesus was to call the nation back to faithfulness. Seventy-two was the number of the pagan nations, according to the traditions of the Old Testament – ultimately the mission of Jesus is universal. The 'seventy-two others' represent all of us, his followers in every age, called to share in his mission to bring the Good News of God to all people. 'Evangelisation', being bearers of the Good News, is a basic theme in the Church's teaching today. 'The labourers are few', Jesus tells us, and we tend to think he is referring to the 'professionals', clergy and religious. But today's gospel tells us that it is that not only those who carry on a leadership role like that of the apostles, but all followers of Jesus who are called to carry forward the Church's mission in the name of Christ.

The Lord's instructions to the seventy-two are for us too. He invites us to learn what it is to be an evangeliser. The first requirement is that we have truly found joy in the meaning faith gives to our lives. These disciples 'came back rejoicing'; and today's liturgy, in its choice of the reading from Isaiah, underlines this first characteristic of authentic bearers of the gospel message – with its expressions of boundless joy in the blessings of God. True evangelisers must have a faith commitment that is strong: the disciples are told that they must be single-minded – their greatest treasure should be the message they bear; it will be this personal conviction that leads others to share in what they have found. True evangelisers are bearers of peace: the disciples are told to be aware of the healing and reconciliation their message should bring to their hearers.

Jesus sends the disciples out 'two by two': because the example of a community that lives by Christ's teaching is an essential part of authentic evangelisation. And finally, Jesus warns against the spirit of self-importance that can spoil the work of the evangelist: all that should matter is their own relationship with God.

Clearly, it is not clever presentation, or anything of that order, that will make us good evangelisers, but the quality of our own response to the call of Jesus, to share in all that he stands for – especially in the ordinary situations of our lives, in the midst of our families and our ordinary life relationships.

Scholars who have studied Luke's mind tell us that the program he sets out here is realised in the life of the early Church as he describes it in the Acts of the Apostles. And today's reading from Paul to the Galatians reminds us of that great evangeliser, whose labours, as he spread the Good News, are a magnificent illustration of the message of today's gospel.

John Thornhill SM

St. Joseph's Parish family offers our prayers and sympathy to the families of those who have recently passed on to their eternal reward: **Kenneth Scholtfeldt** (father of Brian Schlotfeldt), **Delores Urban** (mother of Karen Baatz), **Mary Mathison**, **Richard Muckala** (father of Kelly Muckala), and **Sheila McMullen**. May they and all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

We rejoice with the families of **Mackenzie Grace Arntzen** [daughter of Jacob and Katie (Kuklenski) Arntzen], **Henry Hunter Macziewski** [son of Hunter and Kaylie (Braid) Macziewski], **Steven James Kamen** [son of Theodore "T.J." and Sarah (Darling) Kamen] and **Jack Lucas Crompton** [son of Lucas and Emma (Rosing) Crompton, recently baptized into the family of God. May the prayers and example of their parents, godparents, and faith community lead them ever closer to Christ.

Congratulations to the following couples recently married at St. Joseph's Church: **Mary Case and Ron Ritter**, **Kendra Kaczynski and Kevin Asfeld**, **Gemma Johnson and Indi Alonso**, **Grace Bingham and Anthony Johnson**, **Brianna Rosenfeldt and Ethan Geisinger**, and **Michelle McNamee and John Roberts**. May the joy of their wedding day remain alive because of their commitment to Christ and to each other.

Weekly Donations

THE WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION REPORT for the weekend of June 28-29 was not available at the time of this bulletin's printing. It will be included in the July 14 edition of the weekly bulletin.



Mass Intentions & Readings

Monday, July 7

Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
8:00 a.m. + Michelle Altobell Bianco

Tuesday, July 8

Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b & 15; Mt 9:32-38
8:00 a.m. + Yvonne Noel
9:30 a.m. + Dorothy Huck—*Farmstead Care*

Wednesday, July 9 *St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs*

Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
8:00 a.m. + Rick Hand

Thursday, July 10

Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 10:7-15
8:00 a.m. + Blaine Morris

Friday, July 11 *St. Benedict, Abbot*

Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
8:00 a.m. + Marian Greenwood

Saturday, July 12

Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
5:00 p.m. + Donna Asselin

Sunday, July 13 *15th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 (33); Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37
8:00 a.m. + Kengo & Toshiko Marugame
10:00 a.m. + Mark Erdmann
6:30 p.m. For The People