

July 7, 2013: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, *“The kingdom of God is at hand for you.”* — Lk 10:8-9
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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, July 7 (Is 66:10-14c/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9)

8:00 am- Vincent Gaitan, Sr. & Annie Orosco
10:30 am- For our Parish Family

Monday, July 8 (Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26)

7:00 am- Bill Adair
10:00 am- Mary Grafe, Benefactor (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, July 9, St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs (Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38)

7:00 am- Henry & Elizabeth Henke, David Henke, & Cheryl Henke

Wednesday, July 10 (Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Mt 10:1-7)

7:00 am- Georgie Rehak
8:05 am- Clyde & Georgie Jobb

Thursday, July 11, St. Benedict, Abbot (Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15)

7:00 am- Weldon Schaefer
10:00 am- Wilhelm & Georgie Grahmann, Benefactors (Stevens)

Friday, July 12 (Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23)

7:00 am- David Kostelnik
8:05 am- Elsie Steffek

Saturday, July 13, St. Henry (Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33)

5:30 pm- Daniel Wick

Sunday, July 14 (Dt 30:10-14/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37)

8:00 am- Douglas Bludau
10:30 am- For our Parish Family

Bulletin Sponsor: David & Mary Polasek.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: In memory of Henry Jalufka

Vigil Light: Living & deceased members of the Neskora & Hermes Families.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$7,535; Loose-\$1,488; Children-\$91; Peter's Pence-\$577.

Anniversaries:

Raymond & Agnes Johnson	52 years	July 7
Harvey & Vivian Janak	52 years	July 9
Steve & Patsy Kalmus	55 years	July 12
Eugene & Cecilia Garza	40 years	July 13
Leonard & Georgie Marek	45 years	July 13

Flowers in church this past week were from the James Kilpatrick Funeral.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, JULY 8

-Rosary & Evening Prayers will not be held in July.

TUESDAY, JULY 9

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., K.C. Hall of Fame Room.

Among our sick: Edna Key, Frank Fishar, Faith Del Castillo, Michael Gerdes, Renae Ross, Doug Blumberg, Ed Aulick, Rose Thumann, Sterlin Ritchie, Ricky Skelton, Larry Appelt, Milissa Zamora, Chris Layton, Hank Morris, Frank, Patrick & Robben Nemec, LaNora Konvicka, Delores Grahmann, Donna Coldewey, Benedict Bujnoch, Lorene Christ, Matt Pohler, Donna Avant, Wilbert Kalinec, Mary Bonorden, Rev. Lundy Hooten, Josephine Muniz, Vivian Janak, Rose Mary Etzler, Helen Kresta, Bobbie Lee Drozd, Donna Steffek, Frank Gutierrez, Glenn Rabel, Jonathon Drozd, Lisa Grissom, Henry Joe Henke, Jr., Rachel Davis, George Meyer, Leonard Lamza, Richard Grahmann, Colin Grahmann, Marie Hermes, Emil Hermes, Georgia Schaefer, John & Alec Chong, Pat Hanslik, Leroy Loth, nursing home residents & homebound.

Perpetual Adoration – An adorer is needed on Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. If you are able to spend this hour in prayer and adoration, please call Charlene Bradbury at 798-3224.

Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church Picnic, Dubina, July 7. Holy Mass 8:45 a.m. Fried Chicken & Sausage Dinner 11 am. Games & entertainment for all ages.

Welcome to the Parish: Amanda Steffek; Michelle Steffek; and, Paul & Veronica Henke, & daughter Arianna.

June Baptisms: Preslie Hope, daughter of Kevin & Lara Haas; Cheyenne Marie, daughter of Brian & Kristy Smolik; Reigna Alyss, daughter of Martin & Jamie Camacho; and, Nayeli Yasmin, daughter of Victor Cruz & Laura Trevino.

Raffle Donors are needed for the Fall Picnic. Please call or come by the Rectory at your earliest opportunity.

Altar Server Party: All altar servers who serve for the weekend Masses of Sacred Heart Church & St. Mary's are invited to a bowling & pizza party on Wed., July 31 at the Tenth Frame Bowling Alley in Schulenburg from 11am-2pm. If you plan to attend this event, please call Fr. Tommy (798-5888) to sign up no later than Sunday, July 28. The parish will provide the rounds of bowling, shoe rental, & pizza. Parents will be responsible for the transportation of their children to & from the event.

Mini-Twirl Camp, July 22-25, 9 am-12 noon, SHCS Gym, K-8th Grade. To register, please call Becky McElroy at 798-2831 or 772-6674.

Mini-Cheerleader Camp, July 29-31, 9am-12noon, SHCS Gym for girls in PreK-6th Grade. To register, please call Debi Bludau, 798-6842.



From the Desk of Msgr. John

We are still in the process of celebrating our Independence Day. From Thursday, July 4th through this weekend, we think especially about how fortunate we are to live in the United States of America. We pray in thanksgiving for our freedom and we also pray for our government leaders so that we can maintain Christian values and religious freedom now and in the future.

Please pray for the blessing of beneficial rainfall!
Heavenly Father, we believe that it is You Who created our world with all of its beauty and life. We believe that it is You Who put into place the systems of nature that sustain, nurture and renew this work of Your hands. We believe that it is You Who hears Your children when they call upon You. Hear then, this prayer which comes from a heart filled with confidence and trust. Grant to us and to all who seek it, the gift of a bountiful rain. Water our lands so that they may once again spring to life and reflect the beauty of Your creation. Fill our lakes and rivers with sufficient rain so that they may continue to provide life giving and refreshing water to all who depend upon it for their livelihood and well-being. Please do not let many more days pass without sending us this most needed blessing of rain. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

Financial Report – May, 2013

Church Income:

Sunday Collection	\$ 30,250.00
Other Donations	2,660.86
Family Center Rental	397.00
Interest	1,238.12
Religious Articles	2,334.25
Special Collection	208.00
Picnic Transfer	<u>19,000.00</u>
Total Church Income	<u>\$ 56,088.23</u>

School Income:

Tuition	\$ 61,720.00
Student Fees	817.40
Extended Care	2,085.00
Catholic Education Envelopes	3,326.00
Memorials	685.00
Marathon	1,927.00
Knights of Columbus	7,077.90
Sweepstakes	27,171.75
Miscellaneous	<u>895.58</u>
Total School Income	<u>\$105,705.63</u>

Church Expenses:

Salaries	\$ 7,578.17
Utilities	1,309.44
Church, Office & Rectory Expense	3,899.81

Religious Articles	1,973.40
Family Center Expense	273.04
Building Insurance	1,773.21
Repairs & Maintenance	59.43
Special Collection	208.00
Medical & Pension Plan	<u>3,733.58</u>
Total Church Expense	<u>\$ 20,808.08</u>

School Expenses:

Salaries	\$ 83,503.15
Contracted Services	572.07
Office & Teaching Expenses	2,203.84
Extended Care	53.22
Staff Development	389.92
Assessment & Testing Dues	143.92
Utilities	2,637.35
Plant Repairs & Maintenance	3,223.89
Bus & Van Expense	3,872.47
Payroll Taxes	6,157.72
Medical Insurance & Retirement Plan	20,131.50
Property Insurance	3,245.62
Convent Expense	652.33
Miscellaneous	1,496.69
Technology	1,457.18
Marathon Expense	184.74
Sweepstakes Expense	500.00
Public Relations	<u>374.00</u>
Total School Expenses	<u>\$130,799.61</u>

Parish Income	\$161,793.86
Parish Expenses	<u>- 151,607.69</u>
Parish Balance	<u>\$ 10,186.17</u>

SACRED HEART CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND – In memory of Elaine Rogers: Dale & Madelon McCall-\$50. In memory of Bobbie Jo Drozd, Daniel Strauss & Allyne Haas Psencik: Marcus & Marjorie Grahmann-\$75. In honor of Anton Honish's 99th Birthday: Johnny & Anna Havel-\$20. In memory of Marvin Steffek: Gertrude & Phil Elliott-\$25. In memory of Dolores Hrcncir: Mary Lou Schroeder-\$20; Andrew & Pam Kutac-\$20; Edward & Georgia Macik-\$35. In memory of Magdalene Kristek: Margaret Konvicka-\$10.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND – In memory of Magdalene Kristek: Mark & Virginia Rebecsek-\$20. In memory of Allyne Haas Psencik: David & Paula Parkinson-\$25

SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPERATING FUND – In memory of Dolores Hrcncir: Doris Opela-\$10. In honor of Jerome & Charlene Kolenovsky's 50th Anniversary: J.C. & Esther Kelley-\$20. In memory of Joseph Ilardo: Janak Packing-\$20.

SACRED HEART EARLY CHILDHOOD & DAYCARE In memory of Magdalene Kristek: Mike & Sandy Konvicka-\$10

SACRED HEART CHURCH MUSIC FUND – In memory of Ronald Brown: Kubena Funeral Home-\$20. In memory of Bernice Freytag: Dan & Barbara Kubena-\$20; Bob Kubena-\$30.

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Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Kateri Tekakwitha

The Year of Faith saint for July is St. Kateri Tekakwitha, one of the newest American saints.

A smallpox epidemic in her Native American village left Kateri orphaned, disfigured, and half-blind at the age of four. Introduced to Catholicism by visiting priests, she was baptized at the age of 19 against the strenuous objections of her relatives. Eventually, the persecution against her became so strong that she had to steal away to a Christian village where she lived in holiness.



Room for God

"Make room therefore for Christ, and refuse entrance to all others. When you have Christ, you are rich and have need of (nothing) else."
Thomas À Kempis

Pray all day

St. Paul tells us to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Try repeating the "Jesus Prayer": "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."



Let God love you

Have you ever seen a parent scoop up a child and hug him closely as if he couldn't get enough of that beloved child? That's how God feels about you. He loves you dearly and shows you each day. Open your heart to him.

He longs to embrace you and tell you that he loves you. Let God love you through the people around you. When you need help, support, or healthy love, don't refuse those whom God sends to you.

God wants our safety and shows us the surest path for us to walk. Jesus walked it first to show us how. Follow

his steps to stay safe.

Our Father lets us make our own choices but gives advice to guide us. All we need to know to make smart decisions is contained in Scripture. Refer to it often to find out what God thinks is best.

He is always ready to forgive. We are the ones who forget to ask. Meet him in Confession regularly.

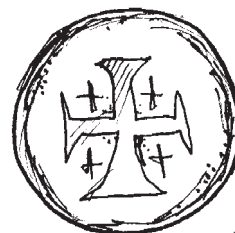
As a loving Father, he waits for our next visit and longs for our love. Don't miss a chance to meet him at Mass and in daily prayer.

And, as a good Father, he waits for the day when all his children will come home to him and rest forever in his arms.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

The word "host" comes from hostia, which means "victim." During the Exodus, each Hebrew family sacrificed a lamb, the blood of which was smeared on the doorways of their homes. The occupants were thus saved from the death



Why do Catholics call communion wafers the "Host?"

of the first-born, which the Egyptians suffered. Jesus is our spotless lamb who saves us from the death of sin. He serves as our victim in the bloodless sacrifice of the Mass. Since the communion wafer is Jesus, we call it "host."

The power of forgiveness

When someone wrongs you in some way, do you hold a grudge and keep the hurt? Here are three reasons to embrace the power of forgiveness.

Forgiveness is not something we do for the other person, but something we do for ourselves. Refusing to forgive merely prolongs hurt feelings. It helps us dwell on them and keep them alive. And that feels awful.

But when you forgive, the negative feelings are purged and there's new room for goodness. The



energy that sustained the anger is now available for other purposes. And that's a much better feeling.

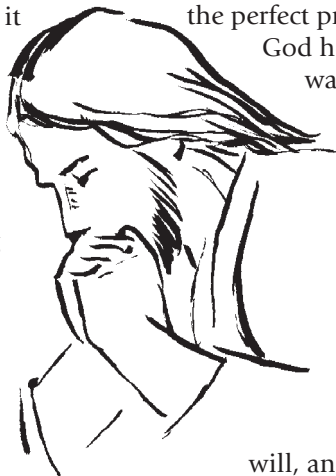
Need another reason? Jesus taught us that to receive daily forgiveness of our own sins we must forgive those who have hurt us. If we can't or won't—how can we obtain it for ourselves?

Think about praying for anyone who hurts you and ask God to bless him. Not only will you find the pain start to lessen, you'll be saying one of Jesus' favorite prayers. He prayed it while on the Cross.

from Scripture

Luke 11:1-13, the perfect prayer

The Our Father is actually four prayers in one. First, it is a prayer of praise and gives God the glory that he is due. Second, it is a prayer of petition in which we ask God to provide what we need. Third, it is a prayer asking for forgiveness and the strength to be forgiving. And last, it is a prayer of acknowledgement. It forces us to admit that God knows what is best for us and reminds us to submit to his will rather

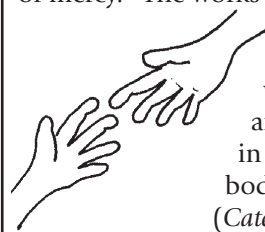


than our own. That's what makes it the perfect prayer model.

God hears all prayers, but he wants to know that we are committed to that for which we are asking. Is it a real need or just a momentary thought? Like the neighbor in this Gospel reading, Jesus encourages us to be persistent and continue to ask for God's help, seek God's will, and open the door to God's grace in our lives.

Q & A Other than attend Mass, what else must I do?

We are also called to perform works of mercy. "The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities."



(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2447).

There are seven spiritual works of mercy: to admonish the sinner, to instruct the ignorant, to counsel the doubtful, to comfort the sorrowful, to bear wrongs patiently, to forgive all injuries, to pray for the living and the dead.

There are also seven corporal works of mercy. They are: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit those in prison, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, bury the dead.

How important is it for us to perform these acts? Jesus said, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me" (Mt 25:35-36). That makes it very important.

Feasts & Celebrations

July 11 – St. Benedict. While pursuing an education in Rome, Benedict became disgusted with the life of privilege and retired to a cave outside of Rome for three years. Others who recognized his holiness followed him. In 529 he built Monte Cassino – his first monastery – and wrote the rule of the Benedictines, "Ora et Labora," which means "Pray and Work."

July 15 - St. Bonaventure (1274). Cured of an illness through the prayers of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Bonaventure became a Franciscan. As minister general of the order, he cultivated a love

of the way of St. Francis and the order's ideals.

July 31 – St. Ignatius of Loyola (1556). Ignatius spent several years defending his native country of Spain. His resulting injuries required several surgeries at home, and long recuperative periods during which he began a religious conversion and a lifelong dedication to education. He later started a community of priests called the Company of Jesus, now known as the Society of Jesus.



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