

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"A sower went out to sow"
Matthew 13:3

May our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure show us to be among those who have heard the message of Christ and taken it in, yielding a hundred-or-sixty-or thirty-fold.

PASTORAL CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JULY 12

4:00 PM-SFX + Helen Gilinsky by Ron & Janet Rider - Father Brucker

6:00 PM-SJ-Members of St. Catherine, St. Francis Xavier and St. Joseph Parishes
Father Brucker

8:00 PM-SJ-Hispanic Mass

SUNDAY JULY 13

9:00 AM- SC In Celebration of our 50th Wedding Anniversary by Lloyd & Brenda Goodno - Father Brucker

11:00 AM -SJ +Ron Schoenborn by Family
Father Vainavicz

MONDAY, JULY 14

9:00 AM-SFX + Wallace Crowley by Mike & Terri Spicuzza

TUESDAY, JULY 15

8:00 AM-SJ + Loretta Dietrich by M/M Ed Armock

8:30 AM- Adoration

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

NO MASS

THURSDAY, JULY 17

8:30 AM-SC + Gertrude Young by Family & Friends

FRIDAY, JULY 18

8:00 AM-SJ + Ed Rasch by M/M Dan Duffy

SATURDAY, JULY 19

Confessions: 10:00-11:00 am at St. Francis Xavier's

4:00 PM-SFX + Members of St. Catherine, St. Francis Xavier and St. Joseph Parishes - Father Badgerow

6:00 PM-SJ+Ray Umlor & Mark Heckman by Grzybowski Family - Father Brucker

8:00 PM-SJ - Hispanic Mass

SUNDAY, JULY 20

9:00 AM-SC + Dorothy Helsen by Joe & Vivian Kosheba

11:00 AM-SJ+ Kathy Pavlovic by Linda Camp Family
Father Brucker

JULY 13, 2014

Dear Parishioners,



1) St. Catherine's Parish has sponsored the "Helping Hands Scholarship Fund" for students at St. Catherine's School. Now that the school is part of Divine Providence Academy, we are establishing the "Helping Hands Scholarship Fund" with St. Joseph's also. The first weekend of the month, we will have a second collection at all three churches for this purpose. There are envelopes in both St. Catherine's and St. Joseph's. I apologize to St. Joseph's parishioners for not getting this in the bulletin earlier. We will start the second collection at St. Joseph's and St. Francis Xavier's in August. The fund will assist those in need of tuition assistance.

2) Diane Beckwith (DRE) and I sat down recently to discuss ways to begin implementing the changes called for by the evaluation of our religious education program in the Cluster. Several things are being considered. A) We have excellent texts for our students, but many catechists do not have adequate training to take the material and create a lesson plan. We plan to make the training available so that the catechists can be competent in what they are doing and feel secure in that competence. Part of this training is to have all catechists certified by the Diocesan Office of Religious Education. Elsewhere in this bulletin is an article that addresses certification. Please read it.

B) Another area is Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) during weekend Masses. The Diocese states that only children 4 years old through first grade should be attending. This keeps the group somewhat focused on age and abilities to grasp what is going on. By second grade, children should be at the whole Mass as they prepare to celebrate first Communion. We will implement this when we resume CLOW in the Fall.

c) Job descriptions for all catechists and support staff will be created to outline what is expected so we are all on the same page.

D) We are to provide Site Leaders who will watch the activities in the buildings during religious education classes. This will free the DRE to be supervising, evaluating, and assisting catechists in classrooms, which is what she is supposed to be doing.

E) The Diocese wants us to create a team of persons of all ages to serve as Youth Ministry: young adults, middle age, and senior. All have much to offer. We are also to engage the curriculum for high school youth ministry that will assist high schoolers in translating what they learned in grade school into and understanding that is suitable for young adults. This will help them stay with the Faith when they go on to college, the military, and jobs.

More later. Enjoy the summer.

I love you.
Fr. Fred

St. Catherine's Parish News & Information

ST CATHERINE'S COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jason Klein (F), Cheryl Helsen (F), Penny Hulka (F), Marge Rusco (F), Ethel Nutt (F), Kevin Murphy (F), Hailey Mabrito (P), Tony Helsen (P), Dorothy Gould (P), Louise Schaallema (P), Paul Herremans (P), Howard Woodard (P)

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

JULY 20, 2014 -9:00 AM

Greeters & Gifts: Ed & Florence Postema

Sacristan: Joe & Helen Helsen

Eucharistic Ministers: Ethel Nutt, Jill Nutt
& Florence Postema

Lector: George Herman

Ushers: Gale Nutt, Don Crowley, Barry Kroll
& Matt Block

Mass Servers 07/17/14: Adam Nutt
& Savannah Conran

Mass Servers: Emily Spruit, Lydia Morey
& Alicia Spruit

Music: Eileen Hoogterp/JoAnn Beechnau

Money Counters: Tony & Jane Helsen



COLLECTION FOR JULY 06, 2014

59 Adults - \$2,582.00, 9 Youth - \$9.42
Loose - \$123.00, Votive - \$12.00, for a total of
\$2,582.00. Helping Hands Scholarship Fund -
\$460.00.

Thank you for your continued support!

CENTERING PRAYER – CHAPEL AT ST. CATHERINE CHURCH AT 8:10 AM PRECEEDING THURSDAY'S MASS.

Centering Prayer – Contemplative Prayer - 20 – 30
minutes daily, in silence, eyes closed, alone or in a
group.

Centering Prayer – Contemplative Prayer

During Centering Prayer thoughts are coming and going. We let thoughts go by using our *sacred word*. Some periods of Centering Prayer are more peaceful and some have persistent thoughts. Please keep in mind that the method of Centering Prayer is only one form of prayer and doesn't exclude other forms of prayer at other times. We should communicate with God on every level of our being; with our lips, our bodies, our imaginations, our emotions, our minds, and our silence. Centering Prayer is only one rung of Jacob's ladder in the Old Testament. It is a way of giving God a chance to speak to us. While our spontaneous chats with God are good, there is a level that is even better. As in human friendship, there is a conversational level. But as friendship grows more intimate, the level of

communication develops, where the two can sit together and say nothing. If they say nothing, does that mean that they are not finding deep enjoyment in the relationship? There are obviously different ways and different levels of expressing one's relationship with another person and with God. God clearly deals with us in a personal way. Centering Prayer adds a dimension to one's relationship with God that is more intimate than the other levels. There is nothing wrong with vocal prayer, but it isn't the only way or the most profound way of praying. Centering Prayer helps us to let go and let God. We become more relaxed, forgiving, and loving in everyday life.

St. Francis Xavier's Parish News and Information

ST. FRANCIS COUNCIL MEMBERS

Rick Alt (F), Jim Arends (F), Rich Creager (F), DJ Krum (F), Fred Riplo (F), Bonnie Denhof (P), Bill May (P), Bill Miller (P), Robert Krey (P), Tom Stream (P), Diana VanOeffelen (P)

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

JULY 19, 2014 - 4:00 PM

Greeters: Barb VanDyke

Sacristan: Bill May

Eucharistic Ministers: Ann Klein & Mary Engle

Lector: JoAnn Beechnau

Ushers: Fred Riplo & Laverne Denhof

Mass Server: Irene Bosman

Music: Eileen Hoogterp/Diane Beckwith

Money Counters: Fred & Connie Riplo

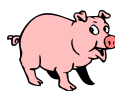


COLLECTION FOR JULY 06, 2014

24 Adults- \$938.00, 0 Youth - \$0.00
Loose- \$97.00, Votive - \$4.00, for a total of
\$1,039.00. Food Pantry - \$124.00,
Fuel - \$245.00

Thank you for your continued support!

Altar Society hosts for July are Diana VanOeffelen & Terri Anderson.



This year's St. Francis Xavier Pig Roast is in need of 2 hogs to roast! If you or anyone you know is willing to donate a hog to our cause, we would really APPRECIATE IT! The roast will take place on Sunday, September 28th. Please contact D-j Krum at 616.893.8370. Thank You!!

St. Joseph's Parish News & Information

ST. JOSEPH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Michele Allers, Lou Armock, Ashley Dietrich, Joe Dietrich, Lorrain Dietrich, Bob Rander, Bob Umlor, Sheri Umlor, Vince Umlor

ST. JOSEPH FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Arlene Armock, Al Dietrich, Ben Looks, Donald Rasch, Steve Umlor, Larry Williams

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LECTORS

Jul 19-6 PM-Nick Umlor
Jul 20-11 AM-Lou Armock

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Bob Brown
Leonard Armock

MINISTERS OF THE CUP

Jul 19- 6PM-Denise Grzybowski & Lorrain Dietrich
Jul 20-11 AM-Chuck Rasch & Michelle Vlug

SACRISTANS

Jul 19-6 PM-Rick Cederholm
Jul 20-11 AM-Chuck Rasch

MUSIC SCHEDULE

Jul 19-6 PM- Stacey Camp
Jul 20-11 AM- Amy Irish-Brown

GREETERS

Jul 19-6 PM-Arlene Armock & Norma Armock
Mary & Joe Rasch
Jul 20-11 AM-Betty & Tom Klein
Andrea & Troy Ruwersma

USHERS SCHEDULE

Jul 19-6 PM-Herb Armock & Bob Umlor
Jul 20-11 AM-Mark Umlor & Adam Dietrich

ALTAR SERVERS

Jul 19- 6 PM-Evan & Lucas Grzybowski,
Brooke & Trevor Dietrich
Jul 20-11 AM-Max & Sam Glass & Christian Reed

Liturgical Notes



Rosary Intention for July—Let us pray for all travelers on their summer vacations, that they may have a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable vacation.

Parish Information

Festival Yard signs are available in the back of church, please take one. Also if you have one at home from last year there are stickers available to change your date, please take one.

Festival News: In need of a volunteer to help with set-up of the Bake Sale on Saturday August 9 from roughly 5pm to 9:30pm. If you are able to help please call Marquita Campbell at 887-9680.

The next Festival Chairman meeting will be held Tuesday July 15th at 7 pm in the church meeting room, see you all there!

Festival News: This year's festival will be under the leadership of Dave & Michelle Vlug and their co-chairs are Vince and Amy Umlor. If you would like to make a donation to help defray the cost of the festival prizes it would be very helpful; please contact M/M Vlug or M?M Umlor. It would be helpful if anyone donating money or items could do this early. We have many talented adults and kids in our parish. If anyone would like to make or build anything for the mini raffle or craft booth it will be greatly appreciated.

Grocery Booth Chairpersons for this year are Anne Robbins and Mary Klein.

The Festival Committee is looking for a few volunteers to pick up donated items in the following areas, the Alpine area, the Coopersville area and the Grand Rapids area. Letters have been sent out to the businesses, you will just need to follow up with them and pick up items if need be. If you can help out please contact Vince or Amy Umlor at 616-460-6077. Thank you!



GIVING BACK TO GOD 7-6-2014

Adults (55) \$ 3,289.00
Electronic Contributions (18) \$2390.00
Youth (4) \$ 3.50
Loose \$ 85.76
Hispanic \$ 73.75
TOTAL \$ 5,842.01

Helping Hands Scholarship Fund - \$155.00

Thank you for your continued support

CLUSTER INFORMATION

Weekly Scripture Readings

Monday, July 14—Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday, July 15—Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday, July 16—10:5-16/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday, July 17—Is 26:7-19/Mt 11:28-30

Friday, July 18—Is 38:1-22/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday, July 19—Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21

Sunday, July 20—Wis 12:13-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-13:30



St. Catherine/St. Francis Xavier's Parish Office will be closed July 14th – 18th. Please submit any bulletin announcements to Marcia at stjosephwright@ourcluster.org.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

The stress and anxieties of family life are like “thorns which choke off” any opportunity to reflect on God’s presence in our lives. Notice in today’s gospel Jesus “left the house” so he could connect with his Father. Grasp five minutes each day to appreciate God walking with you.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 20, 2014 Overcoming weakness

Reading I Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 (on God’s mercy)
Reading II Romans 8:26-27 (the intercession of the Spirit)
Gospel Matthew 13:24-30 (the parable of the weeds)
Key Passage Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. (Romans 8:26)

Adult:
What weakness can the power of the Spirit help you overcome?
Child:
When will you need the help of the Holy Spirit this week?

DIVINE PROVIDENCE ACADEMY

Contact Information for School Cluster

Contact Kendra DeYoung at 616.437.0173 or kdeyoung@dogrschools.org.

OUTSIDE THE PARISHES

What does Basic Certification mean for Catechists? Why Do Catechists Need Certification Courses? By Sr. Barbara Cline, FSE Diocesan Director of Religious Education

As with any area of life it is by doing that we learn and by example that we succeed.

As stated in the National Directory for Catechesis #55, Part A p. 235 “Programs of formation (for the catechetical mission) should be designed to help them (volunteers or paid catechists) acquire the knowledge and skills they need to hand on the faith to those entrusted to their care and assist them in living as disciples of Christ.”

Therefore the process of certification helps those called to this ministry become formed in the faith and allows them the opportunity to renew their understanding of Catholic teachings.

It will aid you in your relationship with God, the God who calls you to ministry, and allows you to have greater confidence when you enter the classroom.

There are three levels of Basic Certification available for parish catechists.

Basic Level 1 requires that a catechist get a total of 9 hours of formation in three areas: spirituality, theology and methodology. These nine hours should be earned before the catechist begins in the classroom.

Basic Level 2 requires the 9 hours of Level 1 and an additional 15 hours for a total of 24 hours of catechist formation. These additional 15 hours should be earned during the second two years of their teaching, so that by the end of three years of teaching as a catechist they have received formation totaling 24 hours.

Basic Level 3 accepts the 24 hours already earned in Basic Level 1 and 2 and requires a total of 16 additional hours for a total of 40 hours of catechetical formation. There are numerous ways that these hours can be acquired.

1. The Faith Formation Office has the DVDs of the *Echo’s of Faith* that are available for the formation of catechists.

2. The Catholic Distance University offers three week seminars, numerous independent studies that are aimed at the spiritual and theological development of catechists. They also offer numerous certificate programs. Because of a subsidy that the diocese pays, parish catechists can take any of the above mentioned classes for \$30 apiece. Follow the link given below for more information. <http://www.cdu.edu/other/other/393-diocese-of-grand-rapids>

3. The Virtual Learning Community of Faith Formation (VLCFF) also provides numerous courses for catechetical certification. Again, due to the subsidy the diocese pays classes are able to be taken for \$45. <https://vlc.udayton.edu/>

4. On the diocesan web-site many options are given for formation hours. <http://www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org/ministries/catechesis/Pages/Resources.asp>

St. Anne Novena begins on Friday, July 18th thru July 26th at SS Peter & Paul Church, 520 Myrtle St. Grand Rapids, MI. Starting everyday at 7:00 pm except Sunday @ 5:00 pm.

Looking for Hosts for Students attending West Catholic during 2014-2015 School Year.

We have several young men who would like to attend West Catholic next year and we are looking for Hosts for these "Future Falcons". We are looking for Hosts, with or without children, Current Parents, Future Parents, Former WC Parents, Alumni and Grandparents who will

provide them with loving homes. Families are compensated with a \$500 monthly stipend and \$1000 WC tuition credit per exchange student. Are you interested in finding out about the possibility of Hosting? Do you happen to know of a few people I can contact? Please let me know ASAP if you are interested in talking to me about the possibility of Hosting... or if you know of a few families I could contact, that would be appreciated. Nancy Beadling, WC CET International Community Coordinator, 616-915-1839, jkbead@gmail.com

Our Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry needs volunteers to help with families on Thursday's from 9 am to 12:30 pm. If you would like to volunteer once a week or once a month please call Diane Musk at 231-726-5341.

Our God's Kitchen along the Lakeshore that operates out of Sacred Heart Church is also in need of volunteers to help prepare and serve on Tuesday's from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. If you would like to volunteer please call Diane Musk at 231-726-5341. **Food Pantry Needs:** Peanut Butter, Pancake Syrup and Mix, Green Beans. **Baby Pantry Needs:** Size 5 & 6 Diapers, Baby Wash or Shampoos, Wipes, Sippy Cups

Coopersville Cares, will be holding its" Annual Benefit Sale on Friday, August 15th & Saturday, August 16th at the Grace Lutheran Church 300 E Cleveland. Donations of good useable clothing, toys, furniture and household items will be needed. Please remember this sale and start collecting items that you will be willing to donate the week of the sale.

Catholics on Call Young Adult Conference: Seeking direction for your life? Wondering what God has to say to you? Have you ever thought about a life of service in the Church as a lay minister, or perhaps a religious sister, brother, or priest? You are not alone. Each summer, young adults have the opportunity to "get away" from the hectic pace of their lives and gather to share stories, dreams, and concerns. The Catholics on Call Young Adult Conference takes place at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, August 5-9. The fee is \$100; space is limited. Apply today at www.catholicsoncall.org. For more information, call [773-371-5431](tel:773-371-5431).



The Joy of the Gospel by Pope Francis
Brown Bag Book Study with Fr. Tom Tavella, CSP
Mondays, July 14, 21 & 28, 6-8 pm
Evangeli Gaudium-The Joy of the Gospel is a dynamic document written in the easy to understand style for which Pope Francis has become famous. It covers a large number of topics, from the economy and social justice to proclamation of the Gospel and evangelization. Fr. Tom will use his theological expertise to guide the discussion of this fascinating book. Participants are asked to bring a 'sack dinner' (brown bag dinner).

Coffee, tea, water and cookies will be served. For more information or to register go to register@catholicinformationcenter.org or call (616) 459-7267 CFD: Theology/Church Doc \$10 donation requested.

Franciscan Life Process Center - 11650 Downes Rd. NE Lowell, MI 49331 - 654 Davis St. NW Grand Rapids, MI Renowned clinician and gifted harpist Sunita Staneslow will perform Friday July 25 at 7:30 pm at the Lowell Campus, as part of HARPfest 2014. Staneslow works as a therapeutic harpist in Israel. She has performed with the Jerusalem Symphony and the Israel Chamber Orchestra in addition to playing at harp festivals in Europe and the United States. Tickets for the concert are \$15 in advance and \$20 the day of the event. For further information about HARPfest 2014, the concert, or Sunita Staneslow, go to www.lifeprocesscenter.org, or call (616) 897-7842.

Franciscan Life Process Center - 11650 Downes Rd. NE Lowell, MI 49331 - 654 Davis St. NW Grand Rapids HARPfest 2014 will be held on July 25 - 26. It is a two day workshop for harpists of all skill levels. Sunita Staneslow, renowned clinician and harpist will address a variety of topics including the art of the arpeggio, the psalms of David, and the magic of dynamics. For further information about HARPfest 2014 or Sunita Staneslow, go to www.lifeprocesscenter.org or call (616) 897-7842.

Visit Aquinas College this Summer!

The Aquinas College Admissions Office invites rising juniors and seniors to visit one of the most beautiful campuses in the Midwest this summer. At your personal visit and campus tour, you'll discover what life at AQ is really all about. Get the inside scoop on academics, athletics, scholarships, service learning, study abroad, and more. Please go to aquinas.edu/undergraduate/personal.html for more details or to schedule a visit!

Prime Time Singles -- Saturday Breakfast in July will be at Russ's Restaurant on Beacon Boulevard in Grand Haven at 9:00 AM.

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing), on Sep 5-7, 2014. Cost is just \$135/\$160 for double/single-occupancy accommodation and meals. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Call (989) 450-0993, e-mail reflect.michigan@gmail.com, or visit www.ReflectRetreat.com for details.