



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

July 22-23, 2017

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## 16 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - DO YOU WANT TO BE HOLY?

"Let them grow together until harvest." —Mat 13:30—Matthew 11:28

If you are living for Jesus, you are God's wheat, citizens of His Father's kingdom (Mt 13:38). This means you are surrounded by weeds, the "followers of the evil one" (Mt 13:38). You hope and pray that God will take these people out of your life. However, the Lord refuses to do this. He wants you to grow in holiness by loving your neighbors (Mt 22:39), even and especially those who are your enemies (Mt 5:44). He wants you to "rule in the midst of your enemies" (Ps 110:2). He will spread His table before you in the sight of your foes (Ps 23:5). Some people may even be thorns in your flesh to keep you from getting proud and to help you become humble (2 Cor 12:7). Thank God for leaving the followers of Satan in our midst. As we grow in love for them and for the Lord, we can more easily see that the Lord "makes all things work together for the good of those who love" Him (Rm 8:28).

Forgive, serve, pray for, and evangelize the followers of Satan. In doing so, they may receive a new nature, be changed from weeds into wheat, and become citizens of God's kingdom. Then you will grow into a saint who "will shine like the sun" in your Father's kingdom (Mt 13:43).

*Let us Pray: "Our blessings are not the fruits of our prayers alone, but those of another praying for us."*

## *Masses & Information*

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30 a.m.  
Saturday:.....5:30 p.m.  
Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday:.....6:00 p.m.  
Confession: Saturday.....4:30-5:15 p.m.  
Sunday:.....7:55-8:15 a.m. or by appointment  
First Wednesday Adoration:7:00 – 10:00 p.m.  
MARRIAGE PREPARTION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.  
BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.  
COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146  
Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass. Those who are ill or shut in should contact Bill Homer, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

## *Masses Intentions*

Sunday, July 23 8:30 a. Donna Burton By Mike & Marla Britten  
Monday, July 24 7:30 a.m. Donna Burton By Mike & Marla Britten  
Wednesday, July 26 6:00pm Donna Burton By Mike & Marla Britten  
Thursday, July 27 7:30a.m. Buddy Weller By Gary and Sharon Britten  
Friday, July 28 7:30a.m. Buddy Weller By Gary and Sharon Britten  
Saturday, July 29 5:30p.m. Buddy Weller By Gary and Sharon Britten

## *Stewardship Reports*

Individual.....	\$2180.00
Loose.....	\$ 385.00
Children.....	\$ 3.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2568.00</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	
Individual.....	\$1896.00
Loose.....	\$ 213.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2109.00</b>

## *Pray for Our Sick*

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Conner Homer, Daniel Hinson, Schellon Major, Ralph Hutsell, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Shawn Meidinger, Dorothy Weller, Jim Eakin, Charlene Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, and Floyd Schulte

## *Family Chalice Program*

July 22/23 Alice Kuehler  
July 29/30 Mark and Jackie Hanson  
August 5/6 Rod and Michele Bohr  
August 12/13 Doris Britten  
August 19/20 Earl Britten

## *Birthdays*

July 24<sup>th</sup> Ann Homer  
July 25<sup>th</sup> Earl Britten  
July 26<sup>th</sup> Phillip Hermesmyer & Ryan Keese  
July 27<sup>th</sup> Laura Kuehler & Ryan Britten  
July 28<sup>th</sup> Caren Howard  
July 29<sup>th</sup> Bruce Britten & Wyatt Britten

## *Anniversaries*

July 28<sup>th</sup> Daniel & Melanie Hinson

## *Church Cleaning for July*

Marla Britten, Debbie Ollinger, Sandra Britten, Mary Treadwell, Pam Ashford, Tami Keese, Cara Ashford, Sharon Britten, Sherri Wieberg, Waymth Britten, Lori Connelly, Nicole Kuehler, Loretta Britten, and Tabitha Eggemeyer

## *Liturgical Ministers*

### **Saturday, July 22, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Saffron and Kacie  
Lectors: Jason Eugea  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown

### **Sunday, July 23, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: K'Leigh and Madison  
Lectors: Kay Britten  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Carrie Weinheimer

### **Saturday, July 29, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Derek and Ryan  
Lectors: Gary Britten  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Sharon Britten

### **Sunday, July 30, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Wesley and Jackson  
Lectors: Nick Kuehler  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Nicole Kuehler

### **Saturday, August 5, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers:  
Lectors:  
Extraor. Com. Minister:

### **Sunday, August 6, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers:  
Lectors:  
Extraor. Com. Minister:

### **Saturday, August 12, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers:  
Lectors:  
Extraor. Com. Minister:

### **Sunday, August 13, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Damon and Owen  
Lectors: Nick Keuhel  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Joanie Kling

## *Announcements:*

**Super Saint Summer Nights** for children K-6<sup>th</sup> starting July 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm til 8p.pm. We will go to Mass first then head over to the hall for activities. The following dates are July 19<sup>th</sup> , July 26<sup>th</sup>, and August 9<sup>th</sup>. Please join us for lots of learning and **tons** of fun!

**TYM** All incoming 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome! August 9<sup>th</sup> we will have a fun night with a cookout! Please mark your calendars.

**Christian Mothers** Groom day ice cream. Signup sheets to work the booth and what flavor you will bring will be in the south and east entrances. We need to know what flavor so we can make a sign. Please be sure to use heavy cream in your recipe! The Sunday before Groom day the hall will be open to put your ice cream in the cups from after Mass til 6:00p.m. Store in the freezer, label the lid on each cup with the flavor. This is one of our big money raisers and appreciate everyone's efforts for our Christian Mothers Group and your help with the sales, set up and cleaning. Pam Ashford will have our cash box. As always the Christian Mothers are awesome!

**Men**, if you're tired of going through the motions and never feeling like your faith has any fire...Here's a weekend for YOU! The Men's ACTS Retreat will be August 10-13, 2017. Deadline to sign up is August 3, 2017. Register online at: <http://actsamarillo.org/online-adult-registration>. This step on your faith journey can change everything!

**The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood.** The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood. "The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Savior shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it."

The Old Testament: Cain and Abel are making an offering. Abel's sacrifice is pleasing to God, Cain's is not. This gives rise to the sin of hatred, and fratricide is its resolution. The thirsting earth soaks up Abel's blood as it shouts to heaven for vengeance. This shouting prefigured the scene on Calvary, where Christ's Blood cried to heaven for the redemption of mankind.

Millenia pass, and now we see Israel oppressed by Egypt. God commands the people to kill a lamb and to sprinkle the doorposts with its blood; houses thus besprinkled are spared by the messenger of death. But where the doors are not reddened with the blood of the lamb, all male firstborn from king to slave die. This blood on the doorposts was a type of the Blood of Christ. Can the blood of a lamb save a man? No, but as a figure of the Redeemer's Blood it certainly does. For when the Destroyer sees the thresholds of a human heart marked with Christ's sacred Blood, he must pass by. And another soul is saved.

The New Testament: The Church reminds us of the first drops of blood that flowed for our redemption on the day when Jesus was circumcised. It is night on Mount Olivet, and the moon is shining. We see the holy face crimsoned with blood during the agony in the garden. Unhappy, despairing Judas casts the blood-money down in the temple. "I have betrayed innocent blood!" In the scourging chamber we see the Lord in deepest humiliation; under raw strokes the divine Blood spurts out over the floor. Christ is led before Pilate. Pilate shows the blood-covered Body to the crowds: Ecce homo! We go through Jerusalem's streets following the bloody footsteps to Golgotha. Down the beams of the Cross blood trickles. A soldier opens the sacred side. Water and Blood.

Lord Jesus, You became Man in order by your Passion and Death and the draining of your Blood on the Cross, might prove to us how much You, our God, love us. Protect us, dear Jesus, from ever running away from the sight of blood. Strengthen our weak human wills so that we will not only not run away from the cross, but welcome every opportunity to shed our blood in spirit in union with your Precious Blood, so that, dying to ourselves in time we might live with You in Eternity. Amen

Hello Moms and Dads, Nicole has planned Summer Religion Classes. The schedule is July 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and Aug 9<sup>th</sup>. The students will be studying about 4 different and unique Saints. The crafts, games and snacks will all be theme based. Please volunteer in any way possible to make these classes a fun and memorable time for our kids. I am in charge of snacks. I am going to list the days and themes to each lesson. I have menus and recipe ideas for each day. We will plan for about 40 people each day. If you would like to volunteer for something, please let me know. My phone number is 806-206-4013. Thanks, Debbie Ollinger

**July 26<sup>th</sup>** –Doctor/Medical Theme- Pizza, Creative mouse/Cheese snacks, Fruit Kabobs, Blooey Goey Slippery Salve (Pudding in a bag), orange punch

**Aug 9<sup>th</sup>**-American Indian Theme- Hot Dogs and Chips, creative pretzel and cheese teepee, Trail mix with creative teepee scoop, Candy Corn Cupcakes, Spirit with red hots.

