



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

August 26-27, 2017

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## 21st SUNDAY - THE CROSS ROAD

"Blest are you, Simon son of Jonah! No mere man has revealed this to you, but My heavenly Father." —Matthew 16:17

God the Father revealed to Simon that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of the living God (Mt 16:16). As with all divine revelations, this was a catalyst leading to Simon's name being changed to Peter (Mt 16:18), Jesus building His Church on Peter (Mt 16:18), Peter being given the authority symbolized by the keys to the kingdom of heaven (Mt 16:19), and Jesus insisting on the cross as the essence of discipleship (Mt 16:24). Peter naturally did not understand all these further revelations, and did not accept the cross.

The Lord also reveals Himself to us. For example, He may penetrate our hearts with the message of His mercy. This revelation is a catalyst leading us to realize the necessity of giving mercy (Mt 5:7). This implies taking up the cross of forgiving and loving even our enemies. Once again, a divine revelation transports us to the cross. Then we are faced with Simon Peter's dilemma. We are pleased to receive some revelation from the Lord but may be reluctant to accept the message of the cross. Will we embrace the cross, or hear the words of Jesus to Peter: "Get out of My sight, you satan! You are trying to make Me trip and fall. You are not judging by God's standards but by man's"? (Mt 16:23) By faith, in love, take up your daily cross (Lk 9:23).

***Prayer: Father, may I proclaim Christ crucified, the power and the wisdom of God (1 Cor 1:24).***

## 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, August 27--8:30a.m Buddy Weller  
By Alice Kuehler

Monday, August 28--7:30 a.m. Buddy Weller  
By Gary & Sharon Britten

Wed, August 30--6:00pm Donna Burton By  
Neysa Friemel

Thursday, August 31--7:30a.m. Donna  
Burton By Neysa Friemel

Friday, Sept 01--7:30a.m. Donna Burton By  
Neysa Friemel

Saturday, Sept 02 --5:30p.m. Donna Burton  
By Neysa Friemel

## Stewardship Reports

Individual.....\$2160.00  
Loose.....\$ 399.00  
Children.....\$ 11.25  
**Total.....\$2570.25**

### Building Fund

Individual.....\$ 675.00  
Loose.....\$ 60.00  
**Total.....\$ 735.00**

### 8/15/17 Black and Native American Mission

Individual.....\$ 158.00  
Loose.....\$ 210.00  
**Total.....\$ 368.00**

## 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, Jim Eakin, Charlene Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, and Floyd Schulte

## Family Chalice Program

August 26/27 Jerry, Melanie, and Trent Britten  
September 2/3 Kelvin and Debbie Ollinger  
September 9/10 Bill and Linda Bohr  
September 16/17 Cobb and Kay Britten

## Birthdays

August 26<sup>th</sup> Jeff Britten  
August 27<sup>th</sup> Brady Hermesmeier  
August 28<sup>th</sup> Lindy Craft  
August 29<sup>th</sup> Matthew Britten  
August 31<sup>st</sup> Karrin Britten

## Anniversaries

August 27<sup>th</sup> Bill and Linda Bohr

August 29<sup>th</sup> John and Doris Homer

## Church Cleaning for August

Neysa Friemel, Julie Friemel, Jessica Britten, Carolyn Brooks, Joanie Kling, Jan Britten, Tonda Torres, Laura Kuehler, Barbara Homer, Doris Homer, Kathleen Barkley, and Adela Kotatra

## *Liturgical Ministers*

### **Saturday, August 26, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Saffaron and Kacie

Lectors: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown

### **Sunday, August 27, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Halle and Carrigan

Lectors: Ron Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kay Britten, Carrie Weinheimer, Joanie Kling

### **Saturday, Sept 2, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Derek and Ryan

Lectors: Carrie Weinheimer

Extraor. Com. Minister: Nick Weinheimer

### **Sunday, Sept 3, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: K'Leigh and Kacie

Lectors: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Marla Britten, Susan Britten, Sandie Hickey

### **Saturday, Sept 9, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Braxton and Zadyn

Lectors: Cliff Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown

### **Sunday, Sept 10, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Jackson and Wesley

Lectors: Marcia Conrad

Extraor. Com. Minister: Nicole Kuehler, Carrie Weinheimer, Joanie Kling

### **Saturday, Sept 16, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Phineas and Saffron

Lectors: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister:

## *Announcements:*

### **Faith Formation Registration /Safe Environment Training**

forms are in the south entrance of the church. Each family with children attending Faith Formation classed for the upcoming school year please take time to fill out a form and Give/Do not give permission for Safe Environment Training. The first CCD Classes will be Sept 6<sup>th</sup>. The schedule has changed some. Children's Choir will only be the first Wednesday of each month beginning in October. Mass will be at 6:00p.m. and classes from 6:40 to 7:45.

### **RCIA The Journey of Faith begins with your questions**

What is faith? How does faith grow? What do Catholics believe and why is it different from other faith traditions? How different is it really?

Classes for the Christian Initiation of Adults are available for anyone who wants to learn more about the Catholic faith. The process begins with an "Inquiry" period when questions lead to exploration.

Drop in – no obligation, no commitment, no pressure at our Q & A sessions.

The second phase is the "Catechumens" period for those who are interested in becoming fully Catholic. Classes end in the Mystagogy"

period, with a focus on how to identify God's special calling and purpose for your life.

If you'd like to take this journey of faith, call the

RCIA Directors:

Tabitha Eggemeyer 806-651- 9176

Krista Johnson 806-223- 6244

### **Already Catholic?**

**If you love your faith and would like to help mentor someone on their journey, please sign up to become a sponsor or join the RCIA team.**

**If someone without faith eats and drinks the consecrated bread and wine, does he or she still receive the Body and Blood of Christ?**

If "to receive" means "to consume," the answer is yes, for what the person consumes is the Body and Blood of Christ. If "to receive" means "to accept the Body and Blood of Christ knowingly and willingly as what they are, so as to obtain the spiritual benefit," then the answer is no. A lack of faith on the part of the person eating and drinking the Body and Blood of Christ cannot change what these are, but it does prevent the person from obtaining the spiritual benefit, which is communion with Christ. Such reception of Christ's Body and Blood would be in vain and, if done knowingly, would be sacrilegious (1 Cor 11:29). Reception of the Blessed Sacrament is not an automatic remedy. If we do not desire communion with Christ, God does not force this upon us. Rather, we must by faith accept God's offer of communion in Christ and in the Holy Spirit, and cooperate with God's grace in order to have our hearts and minds transformed and our faith and love of God increased.

**If a believer who is conscious of having committed a mortal sin eats and drinks the consecrated bread and wine, does he or she still receive the Body and Blood of Christ?**

Yes. The attitude or disposition of the recipient cannot change what the consecrated bread and wine are. The question here is thus not primarily about the nature of the Real Presence, but about how sin affects the relationship between an individual and the Lord. Before one steps forward to receive the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion, one needs to be in a right relationship with the Lord and his Mystical Body, the Church - that is, in a state of grace, free of all mortal sin. While sin damages, and can even destroy, that relationship, the sacrament of Penance can restore it. St. Paul tells us that "whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord. A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup" (1 Cor 11:27-28). Anyone who is conscious of having committed a mortal sin should be reconciled through the sacrament of Penance before receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, unless a grave reason exists for doing so and there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, that is, an act of sorrow for sins that "arises from a love by which God is loved above all else" (Catechism, no. 1452). The act of perfect contrition must be accompanied by the firm intention of making a sacramental confession as soon as possible.

**Christian Mothers:** Our first meeting is Sept 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm sharp (we know your time is valuable so please be on time.) We will have a salad supper at the Parish Hall. Officers will bring drinks and crackers. Please bring you favorite salad and enjoy the evening.

