

# ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY 1, 2018

Rev. Raymond J. Higgins, Parish Priest

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Dear Parishioners

I want to thank all those who were able to come to my 25th anniversary of priesthood and farewell party. It was truly a wonderful gathering. Also, a big thank you to those who planned, prepared, cooked, put together all the food and desert. The cake was wonderful - made to look like a black clergy shirt with white stole, chalice, and paten with a host on it. The decorating was tremendous, especially the tables that had displays, along with the pictures, PowerPoint presentation, table decorations and balloons (big ones). I am truly grateful to all of you who put the event together.

My uncle, Fr. Francis Higgins, always tried to better himself by keeping up with what is happening in the world and the latest trends of what is new out there, as well as the latest research. One way he would better himself was to learn a new word each day. He had a calendar that presented mainly uncommon words in the English language and he would study the definition and its use. I would like to introduce one of those words: *intercalate*. Without getting into etymology of the word, it basically means: "to insert (something, such as a day) in a calendar" - like at "leap year". It can also mean, "to insert or position between or among existing elements or

layers". (*Merriam Dictionary*) I am introducing the word *intercalate*, because we have an example of this in Mark's Gospel this weekend. The narrative style of placing one story within another is "intercalation". So, we read: "...One of the synagogue officials, named Jairus, came forward. Seeing him he fell at his feet and pleaded earnestly with him, saying...." and, "There was a woman afflicted...she fell down before Jesus and told him the whole truth". Then, back to the synagogue official: "...Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." So, in essence there is one story "sandwiched" inside of another. As we listen to the reading in the liturgy, Mark is aware that both stories bring into prominence physical touching and being touched as integral to the manner in which the stories are told. In the first part of the Jairus story, the leader of the synagogue implores Jesus to come and "lay hands upon her so that she might be saved and live" (5:23). Then, at the conclusion of the story, Jesus grasps the hand of the child in order to resurrect her from death (5:41). In the intercalated story of the woman with a hemorrhage, the woman has faith that, if she touches the cloak of Jesus, she

will be saved. In these stories the salvation offered and received is physical salvation, restoration of body and life in the new creation." (*The Gospel of Mark: A Liturgical Reading by Charles A. Bobertz*) God wishes to restore all things as to their original intention. Although not everyone receives such a gift in this world, but we look forward to all things being restored in the world to come. Much of these "sandwiched" stories are around meals to indicate the "Lord's Supper". The Lord's Supper is everyone's call to participate in the life of Christ (God). Yet, at the time of Christ, there were strict rules who could participate in Temple worship, including those who had physical maladies. God wishes for all to heal and be united as one family. Let us ask God to bring healing to our families, communities, and parish (body of Christ), so that we may be restored to be one with God and one another - God's primary intention for us since the beginning of time. May this coming 4th of July weekend be one of refreshment with your families and friends, but let us not forget to gather for the Lord's Supper where we practice and work out the need to be one in Christ.

Happy 4th!  
-Fr.Ray



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## MASS TIMES

10AM SUNDAY  
6PM TUESDAY  
9AM THURSDAY AT THE  
CARE CENTER  
8:30AM FRIDAY  
3:30PM SATURDAY  
CONFESSION  
(OR BY APPOINTMENT)  
4:05PM SATURDAY  
ROSARY  
4:30PM SATURDAY

### Parish Business & Finance June 24th

Tithes & Offerings: \$2,744.00  
Kids: \$23.26  
Building Fund: \$0.00

**This Week's Income: \$2,767.26**

**This Week's Expenses: \$250.00**

**Please remember your tithes & offerings if/when you are unavailable to attend Mass. The Parish Expenses continue whether you are here or not.**

**Thank you!**

2018 ADA Goal: \$29,802.00  
Balance as of 6/29: \$11,932.00

**Trustees:** Janis Gilman,  
Robert Bird

**Council Members:** Wayne  
Nosbisch, Brenna Bird, Dave &  
Barb Boss, Eric Tiernan, Tom Doud  
Rita Rilea, Financial Secretary

# PREVENT YOUR TAX DOLLARS FUNDING ABORTION

Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion provider in America, is funded in large part by your hard earned tax dollars.

In 2012, Planned Parenthood performed 327,166 abortions while collecting well over half a billion dollars from U.S. taxpayers. That is according to its own Annual Report and works out to an average of one abortion every 94 seconds! In addition to Planned Parenthood's abortion business, it uses this money to promote, advertise and market the "benefits" of abortion, including partial birth abortion. Planned Parenthood's market share of the abortion industry continues to increase in spite of the total number of abortions declining. Planned Parenthood has reportedly spent hundreds of millions from the pockets of hard-working Americans fighting lawsuits, legislation and other efforts, which have tried to reduce the numbers of abortions.

Planned Parenthood has litigated in the US Supreme Court, trying to deny a law passed by Congress that banned the hideous and barbaric partial-birth abortion procedure. Now is the time to take a stand against Planned Parenthood and this horrible misuse of public funds. Let your voice be heard! Please let your Senator know that you do not want your money spent on the abortion industry.

## When Life Begins

Pro-choice advocates are invariably loathe to acknowledge the most important medical and scientific fact of all, namely that life begins at conception. Indeed, they will find no medical textbooks or scientific reference works that say that life begins at any time other than at conception.

Many are no doubt aware that some of the world's most prominent scientists and physicians have testified at a Senate committee that life begins at conception. At these same hearings, the pro-choice lobby, though invited to do so, failed to produce even a single expert witness who would (or could) contradict or even question this accepted fact.

Moreover, pro-choice advocates often

accuse pro-lifers of having no plan for all those lives "forcibly brought into being". When they say this, they often appear resentful that some lives are being saved, instead of aborted. This is surprising in that pro-choice rhetoric insists that they want abortion to be "safe, legal and rare," despite the fact that more than 3,000 abortions are carried out each and every day. Another fact that is often ignored is that there are more than 3,000 crisis pregnancy centers in the United States staffed almost entirely by pro-life volunteers. These centers, unlike abortion clinics, offer expectant mothers a real "choice" other than abortion, and provide post-pregnancy medical and other assistance free of charge. So where as the abortion industry has raked in hundreds of millions of dollars since abortion was legalized in 1973, the motive of pro-lifers, in offering their time and money to support women in problem pregnancy situations, is entirely selfless.

For other Pro-Life Articles, Videos, or Images visit our website:

[www.pro-lifearticles.org](http://www.pro-lifearticles.org)

## Florence Cook

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.  
And let perpetual light shine upon her.  
May she rest in peace. Amen.*

**Visitation & Rosary** will be 5-7pm July 6th  
**Mass** will be 10am July 7th

*Monetary donations may be sent to First State Bank in Stuart in Cheyenne's name.  
Call Sarah at 641-745-7399 or Jenna at 641-524-0920 or Corrine at 641-740-1682*

## FUNdraiser Benefit for Cheyenne Jensen

Sat., July 7th at the Menlo Community Building & Park

**Bags Tournament:** \$20/Team @4pm

**Pork & Beef Dinner:** Free Will Donation @5pm

**Silent & Live Auction:** Bidding Starts @4pm

*Live Music throughout the evening/BYOB & Lawn Chairs*

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Saturday July 7th

**Rosary:** Frank Holle

**Ushers:** Dan Hilgers & Wayne Gilman

**Cross Bearer:** Jodi Bassett

**Altar Servers:** Connie Drake

**Lector:** Anita Hilgers

**Commentator:** Sharon Doud

**Greeters/Gifts:** Marvin & Janet Bassett

**EMHC:** Jodi Bassett, Dan Hilgers, Brenda Wedemeyer

### Sunday July 8th

**Ushers:** John & Patrick Gulbranson

**Cross Bearer:** Patrick Gulbranson

**Altar Servers:** Eli Kasap, Jack Doyle, Jenna Doyle

**Lector:** Harriet Gulbranson

**Commentator:** Donna Olson

**Greeters/Gifts:** John & Harriet Gulbranson

**EMHC:** Harriet Gulbranson, Linda Lee O'Neel, Jo Beaman

**Please contact Joyce Van Pelt regarding scheduling questions: [joyceannvp@gmail.com](mailto:joyceannvp@gmail.com)**

## Hodges-Leyva

### Wedding

Ana Maria and Reyes Leyva invite you to share in the joy of the marriage uniting their daughter Lee Reyna Lopez Leyva and Jeffrey Wayne Hodges on Saturday July 14th at 1pm at All Saints.

*The couple is registered on the Target and Amazon gift registries.*

## CALENDAR

<u>Sunday 7-1</u>	<u>Monday 7-2</u>	<u>Tuesday 7-3</u>	<u>Wednesday 7-4</u>	<u>Thursday 7-5</u>	<u>Friday 7-6</u>	<u>Saturday 7-7</u>
<b>9am</b> Adoration <b>10am Mass</b> for the Living & Deceased Members of the Parish		<b>6pm Mass</b> for Ruby Waltz  <b>BD:</b> Jennifer Tigges	<b>Independence Day</b>	<b>9am Mass</b> for Bill Sherman ( <i>Care Center</i> )  <b>ANN:</b> Greg & Kelly Warthan 1991  <b>BDs:</b> James Gulbranson, Trini Leyva	<b>8:30am Mass</b> for Addy Olson	<b>3:30pm</b> Confessions <b>4:05pm</b> Rosary  <b>4:30pm Mass</b> for Bernard Hilgers  <b>BD:</b> Lauren O'Brien

# IN THIS WEEK'S READINGS

**Sunday Focus:**

Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24; 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mark 5:21-43

*Approaching Jesus with great faith allows Him to be at work in our lives.*

Today we hear of the woman who had such faith that she wanted only to touch Jesus' cloak. Because of her faith, her brief encounter with Jesus was transformative in her life. It is her faith, and His divine power, that allowed her to be healed and changed. Jesus wants us to be healed as well—let us approach Him with great confidence and faith, knowing that He can transform lives.

**Monday Focus:**

Amos 2:6-10, 13-16; Matthew 8:18-22

*Jesus offers the path to salvation.*

When we consider the redemption of humanity, and each of our individual moral struggles, we can only marvel at how profound a blessing it is that Christ unfailingly raises us to heaven through His offer of Divine Mercy. Let us heed God's commandments and commit ourselves to following Christ.

**Tuesday Focus:**

Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29

*Today we honor Saint Thomas, the Apostle, who shows us that we are blessed by our faith in Jesus.*

Thomas had the courage to tell Jesus exactly what he needed Jesus to do in order to believe in Him. He was blessed with Jesus' response, and so are we when we go in faith to the One whom we have not seen and ask for what we need.

**Wednesday Focus:**

Amos 5:14-15, 21-24; Matthew 8:28-34

*The Lord desires justice over sacrifice.*

God continues to call us into right relationship with Himself as well as with others. He asks much of us, but also gives us the grace we need to respond. In asking us to make conscious decisions about following Him and doing His will, God wants the best from and for us. Through Word and sacrament, God liberates us to be fully alive, and transforms us to be His instruments of goodness and justice in the world.

**Thursday Focus:**

Amos 7:10-17; Matthew 9:1-8

*The Lord responds to the faith of His people.*

No one is without sin. Yet the Lord re-

sponds to our sins with forgiveness and healing when we are mindful of what we have done wrong and repent. We have been shown the path to eternal life, we need only to choose to follow it.

**Friday Focus:**

Amos 8:4-6, 9-12; Matthew 9:9-13

*Jesus has come to call sinners back to God, even those who have turned away.*

The Lord God may have condemned those who did not live in righteousness, but blesses those who do choose the way of truth. It is to sinners that Jesus has been sent, for He offers mercy to those in need of His kindness and compassion.

**Saturday Focus:**

Amos 9:11-15; Matthew 9:14-17

*God will restore the lost and renew His people.*

Today we consider the encouragement God offers to those who mourn what is lost. God will provide abundant gifts to the people of Israel, who have lost so much. Likewise, Jesus will offer new gifts that cannot be contained in old ways of thinking or of clinging to things.

# WHAT DOES THE CHURCH SAY ABOUT "FATHER"

**2779** - Before we make our own this first exclamation of the Lord's Prayer, we must humbly cleanse our hearts of certain false images drawn "from this world." Humility makes us recognize that "no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him," that is, "to little children." 30

The purification of our hearts has to do with paternal or maternal images, stemming from our personal and cultural history, and influencing our relationship with God.

God our Father transcends the categories of the created world. To impose our own ideas in this area "upon him" would be to fabricate idols to adore or pull down. To pray to the Father is to enter into his mystery as he is and as the Son has revealed him to us.

The expression God the Father had never been

revealed to anyone. When Moses himself asked God who he was, he heard another name. The Father's name has been revealed to us in the Son, for the name "Son" implies the new name "Father." 31

**2780** - We can invoke God as "Father" because he is revealed to us by his Son become man and because his Spirit makes him known to us. The personal relation of the Son to the Father is something that man cannot conceive of nor the angelic powers even dimly see: and yet, the Spirit of the Son grants a participation in that very relation to us who believe that Jesus is the Christ and that we are born of God. 32

**2781** - When we pray to the Father, we are in communion with him and with his Son, Jesus Christ. 33 Then we know and recognize him with an ever new sense of wonder. The first phrase of the Our Father is a blessing of adoration before it is a supplication. For it is the glory of

God that we should recognize him as "Father," the true God. We give him thanks for having revealed his name to us, for the gift of believing in it, and for the indwelling of his Presence in us.

**2782** - We can adore the Father because he has caused us to be reborn to his life by adopting us as his children in his only Son: by Baptism, he incorporates us into the Body of his Christ; through the anointing of his Spirit who flows from the head to the members, he makes us other "Christs."

God, indeed, who has predestined us to adoption as his sons, has conformed us to the glorious Body of Christ. So then you who have become sharers in Christ are appropriately called "Christs." 34

The new man, reborn and restored to his God by grace, says first of all, "Father!" because he has now begun to be a son. 35

*Article submitted by David Witkowski*

## *Thoughts from Jodi...*

*-Jodi Bassett, President, Altar & Rosary Society*

In Mark's Gospel, we read accounts of ill persons who through faith, were healed by Jesus. A woman had suffered for twelve years; another, a girl aged twelve years (there's that number 12, twice) was thought to have died. But Jesus healed the woman after she merely touched His cloak, and raised the girl from her deep sleep at the insistence of her father. Today, such faith might be accepted, as long as the patient pursues standard medical care as well.

As Christians, we put our faith in God and Jesus. It would be common for someone who has suffered great loss to wonder how people who don't have faith in God could get through their trials. In our darkest moments, we rely on the Trinity to sustain us. We know that God blesses us greatly, but know also that he sends us trials, that we would have to depend on him.

Remember the power of balance from a couple weeks ago? We see it again here.

How do we reconcile with those who don't believe? After all, we are talking belief here, our faith. Science explains a lot of things, but has not proven the existence of God. It also hasn't proven the lack of existence of God. My position is that God has made everything, including the workings of science. Non-believers won't buy my perspective. I have taken a lot of science classes; none of them ever caused me to question my faith, and some of them reaffirmed it. So I can't answer my own question; probably few can. We must maintain our own faith and trust that God will guide them to the truth.

**\*\*Many thanks to those who provided food, worked a shift, cleaned or in some way helped with our celebration for Fr. Ray. It was a good day and a good send-off for Father.**

**Mission Statement:** *"Rejoicing with gratitude in God's blessings, we invite and welcome all to share in the fullness of the Catholic faith. We live our baptismal call through worship, teaching, and serving one another."*