

June 12, 2016
11th Sunday in Ordinary
Time

Saint John Catholic Church

Masses
Sunday:8am ~ Wednesday:8:30am ~ Thursday:6:30pm



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Dear Parishioners,

It's not officially "summer" for another week, but it's sure feeling like it right now! For those of us who can tolerate the heat and humidity or who have easy access to air conditioning, it's probably not much more than an inconvenience. Please be aware, though, that there are still many folks who don't handle extreme weather conditions well. They may have health conditions or minimal/no access to relief. These are opportunities for us to do corporal works of mercy: check on the elderly, the infirmed, the unemployed people in our communities; offer them help as you are able. Remember that **"whatsoever you do for the least of these, you do for Me."** (Matthew 25:40) This includes the rest of God's Creation, too, so be sure the animals are also looked after.

Something else to remember is to take care of ourselves. It is important to keep in mind that, no matter our station in life, we are all God's children. He has created each one of us with a particular mission, large or small. But He didn't just create us to work for Him - He created us to love Him, above all. He wants us to care about ourselves - our own well-being - because He loves us. Scripture tells us that **"we love Him because He first loved us."** (1 John 4:19) We don't have to try to please a harsh, uncaring master who sits over us waiting for us to do his bidding. We have an all-knowing, all-powerful, ever-present Master who loves us and only asks for our love in return. In that love - when we truly learn to love God - we are happy in doing His will (our mission). There is no happier place to be on earth than participating in God's work. In this love relationship with our Savior, we must realize that we need to take care of our own health and well-being in order to help care for others. If we are not in good physical condition, we may not be much help for others. The same goes for our spiritual health. The old saying goes, "Garbage in, garbage out." This fits our physical as well as our spiritual sustenance.

Let's spend some time this summer caring for each other. Relax. Eat well. Enjoy each other's company. Breathe deeply.

"Be still and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)



Hospital Ministry needs your help

There will be a training for Eucharistic Ministers for the hospitals will be at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary of Nazareth on Saturday, June 18. For more information please call Fr. Mike McLaughlin at [515-681-1746](tel:515-681-1746).

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM: Preparation class for parents and godparents is required. Please contact the church office to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Preparation for marriage must begin at least six months before the anticipated date of the wedding. Please contact the church office to set up an appointment to speak with Father.

Parish News & Events

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Mass Schedule

Sunday 6/12 8:00am For Mable E. Richter
Wednesday 6/15 8:30am For Christine Hanley
Thursday 6/16 6:30pm For Mable E. Richter
Sunday 6/19 8:00am For Dan Schreck

If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, please contact Rita in the Church Office at 523-1943.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

Universal: That immigrants and refugees may find welcome and respect in the countries to which they come.

Evangelization: That the personal encounter with Jesus may arouse in many young people the desire to offer their own lives in priesthood or consecrated life.

See Matthew Kelly at the Ralston Arena July 23rd

Are you thriving or just surviving? Are you searching for a deeper sense of purpose? More joy? A clearer understanding of God's plan for your life? Don't miss **Living Every Day with Passion & Purpose**, presented by internationally acclaimed speaker and author Matthew Kelly, and incredibly talented musician Eliot Morris. It's not your typical church event—it's been a life-changing experience for tens of thousands of people. Further information and tickets are available at www.DynamicCatholic.com/Omaha or by calling 859-980-7900.

FAQs about Marriage & Annulments

Can a Catholic marry a non-Catholic who has been divorced? Yes, once the non-Catholic has received an annulment. The Church believes that a person can have only one valid marriage in one's lifetime (except for death of one's spouse). The non-Catholic marriage must undergo the same review as the Catholic marriage and be declared invalid before one is allowed to marry in the Catholic Church.

How do I start the process? How long does it take? Is it very expensive? The process begins in the parish. A priest, deacon, or pastoral minister will assist you in preparing the documents that will need to be submitted to the Tribunal. The length of time varies with each case. There is no cost for an annulment.

What happens after my case is sent to the Tribunal? The Tribunal seeks to find the truth regarding the question of the validity of the marriage. The process involves contacting the former spouse, gathering written testimony from the parties and witnesses. All testimony is reviewed by Church officials trained in the areas of Canon Law, Theology, or Social Sciences. The Church judge will then issue a decision, with moral certainty, regarding the validity or invalidity of the marriage.

Liturgical Ministers for June 19

Cross Bearer: Cole Plowman
Greeters: Cody Moreland Family
Lector: Elizabeth Moreland
Host: Adella Vogl
Cup: Sr. Andre, Les Elgin
Servers: Paxton Schneider,
Logan Brincks
Traveling Chalice: Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary



Birthdays

6/14: Bud Dill

Anniversaries

Les & Theresa Elgin
6/13/2081

Financial Report for the week of June 5th

Regular Tithes \$795.48
Children \$10.00
Building Fund \$0.00
Repair Fund Balance 6/8: \$2,230.67
Special: \$0.00
ADA Balance Due: \$373.90

"Peter's Pence" special collection will take place June 26th

Save the date: 6:30pm
Saturday July 9th

Mass on the Grass & Potluck Supper

It's almost time for our annual "Mass in the Grass" at Vogl Park! Please bring a covered dish and a lawn chair. Drinks will be provided.