

June 26, 2016

**13th Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

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Saint John Catholic Church

Mission Statement: "We envision a process of transforming all baptized Christian, clergy, and lay into maturing persons knowing themselves in community, growing in their relationship to God, lived in individual and shared ministry responses to their baptismal call."

Dear Parishioners,

Scripture tells us in Luke 24:30-35 that following Jesus' death, two disciples were walking along the road to Emmaus. Jesus was walking with them, but they didn't recognize Him! This week we share with you a few passages from the book "Encounter Jesus" by Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, and Deacon Ralph Poyo (Servant Books) on the subject of recognizing Jesus.

"Are we any different? Jesus is constantly in our midst, but do we see Him? He is present to us and speaks to us at every liturgy. Do our hearts burn? Do we encounter Him in the breaking of the Bread?"

"Sunday's Encounter: For a large number of Catholics, the only time put aside for God is Sunday Mass. And oftentimes their experience of Sunday Mass is less than prayerful and heart-burning. There are a million reasons why this may be the case.

"One mom said to me, 'You can't imagine how frustrating it can be getting my kids ready for Mass in the morning. By the time I walk into the church, I am already at the boiling point.' Going to Mass is not supposed to be a near occasion of sin, but I get it. I know that it can be difficult.

"The Mass may not seem to impact us the way we would like or know that it should. Perhaps the music or the preaching is not the style we prefer. Maybe the sacred space is not so sacred....Who has never said something like, 'I would get more out of the Mass if the music were different, if Father would slow down, if Father would speed up, if the child behind me or spouse beside me were better behaved,' and on and on and on? Probably everyone has been distracted, preoccupied, or otherwise engaged during Mass at one time or another....If we are honest, the prayer of our heart is that we are able to get out of the parking lot as quickly as heavenly possible.

"While we can hope for and perhaps work for change, the greatest change that has to take place is in us. It is in our hearts.

"Don't get me wrong. Music, preaching, and environment all matter. But nothing affects your encounter with God more than the heart you bring to worship. Nothing. If we are to encounter Jesus more personally and profoundly in the Mass, our hearts must change.

"But I have to say that the most common reason I hear from people is that they simply don't get anything out of going to Mass. The translation here is: They don't encounter God.

*"In the end, we get what we give, which is often very little. It's sad too, because the reality is that every time we go to Mass, there is the possibility of a life-altering experience."
- Fr. Dave Pivonka*

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 6/26 8:00am For Pat Cornwell
Wednesday 6/29 8:30am Prayer Service with Deacon
Thursday 6/30 6:30pm Prayer Service with Deacon
Sunday 7/3 8:00am For the People

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please contact Rita in the Church Office at 515-523-1943.*

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

Universal: That political responsibility may be lived at all levels as a high form of charity.

Evangelization: That, amid social inequalities, Latin American Christians may bear witness to love for the poor and contribute to a more fraternal society.

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.

4 Keys to the Joy of Love

The Joy of Love, or in Latin, *Amoris Laetitia* is an Apostolic Exhortation. Pope Francis wrote this document to summarize the conversations that bishops from around the world had at two consecutive meetings, discussing the mission of marriage and family life. As an exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia* is meant to be read by all Catholics, and it hopes to inspire a greater response to God's invitation in us all!

Themes of Amoris Laetitia

An Invitation to Love: Pope Francis reminds us that the Church's vision of marriage is not simply a list of "doctrinal, bioethical and moral issues", but instead is a "gift given for the sanctification and salvation of the spouses" (paragraph 72). The sacrament of marriage is "not a 'thing' or a 'power', for in it Christ himself 'now encounters Christian spouses'" (73). Pope Francis reminds us that the Church's vision is a treasure, given to strengthen us and give us joy!

Next week: *The Choice of Love*

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Liturgical Ministers July 3

Cross Bearer: Dave Richter
Greeters: Brian Richter Family
Lector: Brian Richter
Host: Matt Fagan
Cup: Adella Vogl, Dave Richter
Servers: Cade Suhr, Cole Plowman
Traveling Chalice: Moreland Family

Birthdays

6/26: Kennedy Plowman
6/27: Cash Suhr
6/28: Dillon Suhr
6/30: Abbigael Richter

Anniversaries

Darrin & Julie Plowman
6/26/1993

Financial Report for the week of June 19th

Regular Tithes \$604.96
Children \$6.00
Building Fund \$300.00
Repair Fund Balance 6/22: \$2,530.67
ADA Balance Due: \$373.90

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.