

**July 3, 2016**

**14th 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."*

## **GOD IS SO GOOD!**

In leaving St. Patrick's parish in Audubon last October, one of the secretaries gave me a parting gift of a colorfully painted wood block with an equally colorful cross attached to it with a short wooden dowel. On the front of the wooden block below the cross are printed the words, "God Is So Good!"

That caught my eye this morning and got me to thinking. Those words, "God is so good", are something that we all know very, very well and it really goes without saying, God is truly GOOD! But have you ever just stopped, I mean totally stopped, to ponder, to reflect, on just how good God is?

Isaiah reminds us in this weekend's readings, "For thus says the Lord: Lo, I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent." We, my dear people, have become the "Jerusalem" of the world of today. We have been blessed beyond our means, we might say. God has provided abundantly and takes good care of us by making sure we have a place to live, food to eat, and clothes to put on our backs. AND, He has also, through the Holy Spirit, guided us in a path that leads us to Himself. So God has provided spiritually for us as well.

There is no earth shattering news here, so to speak. But, and it is a pretty significant BUT, it is what we do with all of this wealth that is most important. Having and sharing in God's bountiful goodness is certainly not a bad thing, for sure. It is what we DO with what we have been given (what we have) that is most important. Be it physical things (including money), or spiritual wisdom and knowledge, it is meant to be shared. God's goodness is not meant to be hoarded and kept for ourselves. That goodness is given to each of us to be shared among the rest of the people in our family, community and the world. As Jesus sends His disciples out two by two, we too are being reminded today that we are also being sent out to model the goodness of our God. We do this by words (for sure), but also but the choices, decisions and by our actions (giving of time, talent and treasure) in living out the Gospel message. So... how are you doing proclaiming the good news, "GOD IS SO GOOD"?

Deacon Fred

**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 7/3 8:00am** For the People  
**Wednesday 7/6 8:30am** For the People  
**Thursday 7/7 6:30pm** For Pat Cornwell  
**Sunday 7/10 8:00am** For Mercedes Diccio

*If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, 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.

## Birthdays

**7/3:** Ethan Richter

**7/8:** Rich Kennedy,  
Andrew Richter,  
Hannah Richter

**7/9:** Grace Kennedy



## Liturgical Ministers July 10

**Cross Bearer:** Brian Richter

**Greeters:** Mr. & Mrs. Doug Richter

**Lector:** Barb Bachman

**Host:** Dave Richter

**Cup:** Adella Vogl, Sr. Marie

**Servers:** Logan Brincks, Kennedy  
Plowman

**Traveling Chalice:** John & Adella  
Vogl

## Financial Report for the week of

**June 26th**

Regular Tithes \$348.00

Children \$5.00

Building Fund \$1,200.00

Repair Fund Balance  
6/29: \$3,730.67

ADA Balance Due:  
\$373.90

## Mass in the Grass Next Weekend

**Time:** 6:30pm Saturday July 9th

**Place:** Vogl Park - 1247 Fallow Avenue

**Potluck Supper:** Please bring a covered dish and lawn chairs. Drinks will be provided.

**Greeters:** Mr. & Mrs. John Vogl

**Lector:** Elizabeth Moreland

**Host:** Adella Vogl

**Cup:** Matt Fagan & Les Elgin

**Servers:** Carley Fagan & Belle Fagan

**Everyone Welcome!**

## 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

**The Choice of Love:** In chapter four Pope Francis unpacks 1Corinthians 13:4-7 and he points out that Love is found not in our feelings, but in our choices. Our love for our spouse is never complete since marriage involves "a dynamic process..., one which advances gradually with the progressive integration of the gifts of God." (122)

**Next week: *The Messiness of Love***

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