

July 31, 2016
18th Sunday in Ordinary
Time

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."

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Dear Parishioners,

We Catholics are no strangers to prayer! Each time we attend Mass, we say multiple prayers - in fact, the entire Mass is really a prayer. Outside of Mass, we do our own private prayers, whether it is to give thanks for our meals, to ask for safety on the road, or to pray for a sick friend. Sometimes we even remember to talk to God just because He loves us and wants to know we love Him. But have you ever given thought to the prayers of others and how they may have an effect on us?

For example, you're driving down Interstate 80 and another vehicle cuts you off, but nothing happens and you continue on your way, probably a little mad or upset, but physically, you're OK. You may or may not have prayed for your own safety before getting into your car and heading out - but maybe someone else did!

There are Christians praying all of the time, somewhere on this planet, for one another, in one capacity or another. Someone somewhere is asking God's blessing on us - even when we forget to pray ourselves. Those prayers may not be by our name, but certainly by generality. Let's try to return the favor, shall we?

The Prayer of Intercession

Prayers of intercession are prayers on behalf of other persons and their needs. The basis of the intercessory prayer is union with Jesus Christ, who is the one intercessor with the Father. United with Christ, Christians intercede for one another as an expression of the unity of people with one another under God.

Because Christianity is based on communion with God and others in Jesus Christ, Christians are called to care for one another in the deepest way, especially in praying for one another. This is all the more true for Mary and the saints. After Christ, Mary is the chief intercessor for all who are in need of Christ's grace. Mary and the saints offer prayers to God on our behalf.

Intercession is a fundamental form of prayer in the Church. It can be expressed in distinct petitions or can take the form of silently commending others to God. One important form of the prayer of petition is the offering of good actions to God on behalf of others. Our prayers and the prayers of the saints are joined with the prayer of Christ, the one who speaks for us in heaven (see CCC, #2634-2636).

The article "The Prayer of Intercession", is an excerpt from "Mary and the Saints, Companions on the Journey" by James P. Campbell, D.Min. The book is one in a series of books Catholic Basics: A Pastoral Ministry Series published by Loyola Press.

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 7/31 8:00am For Christine Hanley

Wednesday 8/3 8:30am For Betty Dill

Thursday 8/4 6:30pm Prayer for Andrew, Laura & Velma Hoffman

Sunday 8/7 8:00am For Ray & Rose Marie Metzger

If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, please contact Rita in the Church Office at 515-523-1943.

Financial Report for the Week of July 24th

Regular Tithes \$635.00

Children \$28.00

Building Fund \$50.00

Repair Fund Balance 7/20: \$1,548.87

ADA Balance Due: \$373.90

Birthdays

8/6: Dave Richter



Anniversaries

Larry & Sheryl Drees
8/4/1984

Catholic Quiz

Here are the answers to last week's quiz:

1. Pope John Paul II instituted a new set of mysteries to the Rosary called the LUMINOUS Mysteries. It is suggested by the Church to say these mysteries on THURSDAYS.
2. The 3rd Glorious Mystery of the Rosary is the DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.
3. Saul saw Jesus as a bright light on his way to DAMASCUS.
4. The first Christian in the New Testament, as well as the first evangelist, was MARY.
5. Paul describes Jesus as the new ADAM.
6. The Ark of the Covenant contained three items, according to Paul, including THE WORD OF GOD, MANNA, and THE ROD OF AARON THAT RESPROUTED.
7. There are at least 3 righteous people mentioned in the Book of Luke, ELIZABETH, ZECHARIAH, and SIMEON.
8. According to the Bible, SATAN is the prince of the air.
9. The first murderer in human history was CAIN.
10. Adam & Eve's third son was named SETH.



Seminarian Picnic

The Knights of Columbus Seminarians picnic will be

held Sunday August 7 at 5pm at the Adair City Park. The Knights will furnish the meat and drinks.

Please bring a dish to share.

Note the change in location.

Faith Formation Plans are underway for this fall! Cost per student is \$20. We are in need of another volunteer to teach. For



further information or to pay tuition, please see Monica Fagan or Annie Brincks.

Liturgical Ministers August 7th

Cross Bearer: John Fagan
Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. Larry Drees
Lector: Kennedy Plowman
Host: Matt Fagan
Cup: Dave Richter, Rich Kennedy
Servers: Logan Brincks, Cole Plowman
Traveling Chalice: Matt & Monica Fagan & Family