

August 14, 2016
20th 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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Lessons From The Geese

by Dr. Robert McNeish

As each goose flaps its wings, it creates an "uplift" for the bird following. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds 71% more flying range than if each bird flew alone.

Lesson: People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone, and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the "lifting power" of the bird immediately in front.

Lesson: If we have as much sense as a goose, we will join in formations with those who are headed where we want to go.

When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into the formation and another goose flies at the point position.

Lesson: It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership – with people, as with geese, interdependent with one other.

The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

Lesson: We need to make sure our honking from behind is encouraging - not something less helpful.

When a goose gets sick or wounded or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow their fellow member down to help provide protection. They stay with this member of the flock until he or she is either able to fly again or dies. Then they launch out on their own, with another formation, or catch up with their own flock.

Lesson: If we have as much sense as the geese, we'll stand by each other like that.

(Lessons from the Geese was written in 1972 by Dr. Robert McNeish of Baltimore. Dr. McNeish, for many years a science teacher before he became involved in school administration, had been intrigued with observing geese for years and first wrote the piece for a sermon he delivered in his church.)



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 8/14 8:00am For Mercedes Diccico

Monday 8/15 The Assumption: 5:30pm For Helen Daume

Wednesday 8/17 8:30am For Felix Lawlor

Thursday 8/18 6:30pm For the Ordination of
Deacon Tyler Mattson

Sunday 8/21 8:00am For Isabel Lawlor

*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 August 7th

Regular Tithes \$569.00

Children \$0.00

Mission Collection - Philippines \$450.50

Repair Fund Balance 8/3: \$1,932.73

ADA Balance Due: \$373.90

Birthdays

8/14: Scott Suhr

8/18: Amelia Richter

8/19: Doug Richter

Anniversaries

Phil & Wilma Fagan will
be celebrating their
65th wedding
anniversary on
August 18th. They
were married in 1951.

Faith Formation

Classes will start **Sept. 11th** on Sundays after Mass. The \$20 per student fee is due by the first class. We could use one more teacher volunteer. We plan to have a snack and prayer before class so individual snack/drink donations are appreciated. We have a Facebook page which we can post news and teachers can share stories and photos of the kids throughout the year. It is St Johns Catholic Church Faith Formation. If you "like" and turn notifications "on", you should get the posts in your feed. **- Annie Brincks**

Guest Speaker Last Week

Our guest pastor last weekend was Rev. Joey D. Aguilar. His address is: Sta. Cruz Street, Virac 4800 Catanduanes, Philippines. You may also reach him at joey_usfordham@yahoo.com

Solemnity:

The Assumption



On Monday, August 15th, we will celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (5:30pm in Adair, 7pm in Stuart).

“Our Queen has gone before us. She precedes us. From our pilgrim state we have sent an advocate before us. She is both the mother of the Judge and the mother of mercy, and hence will deal efficaciously in pleading the cause of our salvation. This day the earth delivers a precious gift to heaven so that, in the process of giving and receiving, a happy and intimate bond of friendship might be achieved between human beings and God, between the earthly and the heavenly, between the lowest and the highest.”

- Saint Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)

Liturgical Ministers August 21st

Cross Bearer: Larry Drees

Greeters: Mr. & Mrs. John Fagan

Lector: Brian Richter

Host: Dave Richter

Cup: Matt Fagan, Les Elgin

Servers: Cade Suhr, Logan Brincks

Traveling Chalice: Kaye & Cleon Klemish

