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HS GRADUATES, this is a reminder for you: We will be honoring you at your parish’s Mass this coming weekend, July 25-26. Fr. Fred is putting on his former-HS-teacher hat: your assignment is due by NOON ON FRIDAY, July 24 (esp. bullets 1-2; email that to one of the Frs. Tim, NOT to a parish office!):

- How many family members, living within the same home, will attend (include yourself in the number)? We will reserve pews for each family.

- Graduates, please provide a brief bio (50-75 words). You might include parents’ names, HS accomplishments, future plans, etc.

- You may wear your graduation gown, if you still have it, otherwise just dress nicely as you would for Mass.

- Mortarboards are specific to the graduation ceremony, and thus are not appropriate wear for the Mass. You may wish to bring your mortarboard for pictures, however (remember, all COVID protocols are to be followed for pictures).

- We are sorry if this weekend does not work for you. We would still like to honor you in absentia by reading your bio for the people gathered.

Reminder about Personal Prayer and Public Daily Mass Times:

**WEDNESDAYS:**
- 9:00–11:00AM with Mass @ 10:00AM, St. John the Baptist, Arcadia
- 11:00AM–1:00PM with Mass @ NOON, Sacred Heart, Templeton
- 4:00–6:00PM with Mass @ 5:00PM, St. Elizabeth Seton, Glidden
- 4:30–6:30PM with Mass @ 5:30PM, Our Lady of Mount Carmel (note below, special times on July 15)

**THURSDAYS:**
- 11:00AM–1:00PM with Mass @ NOON, St. Bernard, Breda
- 4:00–6:00PM with Mass @ 5:00PM, St. Augustine, Halbur

(Remember, bathrooms will not be available.)

Reminder about Live-streaming of Masses, Prayers & Catechesis on the CTKCC FB page (also archived @ facebook.com/ChristTheKingCatholicCommunityBredaIowa):

- Tuesday–Friday, 7:45AM Morning Prayer, 8:00AM Mass;
- Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays, 5:00PM Evening Prayer, followed by a “Chat” with both or one of the Frs. Tims.
- Saturday Mass, 5:30PM, St. Elizabeth Seton, Glidden, on their FB page (facebook.com/StElizabethSetonGlidden/; posted later to CTKCC’s FB page);
- Sunday Mass, 10:00AM, St. Bernard, Breda, on CTKCC FB page;
- Fr. Fred usually does a “Children’s Bible Corner” sometime during the week; it usually focusses on the Gospel for that Sunday.

The weekend Masses will also be posted on YouTube (youtube.com/channel/UC1_reG3jDreke2YjOTPVe9A).

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A Readings:** Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (Resp. “Lord, you are good and forgiving.”); Romans 8:26–27; Matthew 13:24-43 (or 24-30).

We continue to read from Matthew 13, the “Parable Chapter”. Matthew relates parables in other parts of his Gospel, but this chapter focusses on parables. The word “parable” in Greek literally means “to set/throw beside”. Jesus sets or throws a short story alongside the “Kingdom of God/Heaven” (Matthew prefers “heaven” to avoid saying “God”). Speaking about God, and speaking about how God “reigns”, i.e., his Kingdom, is risky business. Our human language always falls somewhat short, so biblical authors and Jesus himself often employ language that is symbolic, metaphorical, allegorical, poetic, etc. This is language that invites us into contemplation and consideration of a number of meanings, all the while relying on the help of the Holy Spirit of which St. Paul reminds the Romans and all of us.

The author of the Book of Wisdom (traditionally attributed to King Solomon), praises God in poetry, a hymn, in today’s passage. Besides the 150 Psalms, there are many other poems and hymns about God in the Old Testament. Similarly, there are hymns and poems about what God has done in and through our Lord Jesus Christ in the New Testament. Poetry and hymns are not simple declarative ways of speaking. They invite us to be open to a richness of meaning. When we approach such texts prayerfully, we will find that they are always new.

Jesus’s parables are especially rich. The parable is not a factual story; as we noted last week, the Parable of the Sower was not a factual story about how someone farmed. The stories that Jesus used are thrown beside the Kingdom of God. “Kingdom of God” is also symbolic language, for it points to how God reigns, how God “Gods”. Remember, God’s name in the Scriptures is a verb! Jesus is inviting us to see how God is active in the Church and in our lives, families, communities, nation, world. We come to know God better and better by seeing what God is doing—just as people come to know us better and better by seeing what we do. In the end, however, we need to be careful and humble about what we affirm about God (and others). Jesus’s preaching calls us back to his stories, and he calls us to be attentive to the stories of our lives, where God is at work.

The Evangelist Matthew, more than Mark and Luke, has endings to the parables that point to final judgment. We see that this weekend in the Parable of the Weeds among the Wheat. There is a true “roundup” long before there was the herbicide! In this way, the Evangelist reminds his reader not to be complacent, but to be prepared, alert, living in the light, for “you know neither the day nor the hour” (Mt 25:13).

We are getting somewhat low on Mass Intentions: To submit some, please send them to PO Box 39, Breda, 51436; or give them to one of us Frs. Tim. Here are reminders for doing so:

- The standard offering for one Mass stipend is $10.

- Canon Law requires Mass Stipend accounts to be separate from other parish accounts, so please submit an envelope in which you put the intentions and the stipend offering in cash or as a separate check (made out to Fr. Tim Fridechtsen or Fr. Tim Pick, so that one of us can endorse it and deposit it in the appropriate account).

- Canon Law requires that all requests must be honored within one calendar year; to follow that and to make sure all persons can have intentions honored, we ask no more than 5 intentions to be submitted at any one time (2 weekend; 3 weekday).
• Intentions are to be “specific”, not general (e.g. “special intention”); so the intentions can for a person or persons (no more than three individual names in any one intention), a named cause (e.g., protection of life), etc. Intentions are to be in keeping with Catholic Church teaching.

• Specific dates/times may be requested, and every effort will be made to accommodate those requests; some will need to be moved to an available date.

• Only one Mass intention will be assigned per Mass, unless otherwise permitted by those providing the stipends and intentions (the priest takes only one stipend—the other[s] go to charity).

If you should have additional questions, please email or talk to one of us Frs. Tims.

Kuemper's Return To Learn Plan to the State for this coming fall is available at kuemper.org/returntolearn; call 792-3313 to request a paper copy.

Kuemper Job Opening: Part-time food service cook. — Join a friendly staff and flexible hours in a fun school setting. Visit www.kuemper.org, Employment Opportunities, or call Sue Kennebeck at 792-3313.

CARROLL CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCRE) will be held this Fall; it may be done on site, online or a combination of the two. However it unfolds, Deacon Tim Murphy promises that he and the Catechists will strive to make core material short and to the point with options to expand on it. The hope is to create a great partnership of catechists and parents so that this religious education can be very fruitful for the entire family’s faith life.

CCRE registrations are due August 15. Forms are available at St. John Paul II office or online (Google Carroll CCRE). To receive sacraments next year, 1st and 9th graders must attend this and next year’s classes.

Catechists are needed for most grades (K-10) for Carroll religious education this fall. If you practice your faith and get along with children, then you have the basic qualities to help be a light for our young people. Please contact Deacon Tim Murphy at 792-0513 for more information. He can explain how you will be assisted and given resources for teaching online, if necessary.

ST. BERNARD-BREDA

Condolences and prayers for the family of and friends of Bob Schettler. — Saints of God, come to his aid! Come to meet him, angels of the Lord! Receive his soul and present him to God most high!

The Birthday Committee will be celebrating the July 19th birthday of Delores Sturm with a card shower. Please send birthday greetings to St. Anthony Nursing Home, 406 E. Anthony St., Carroll. She would be very happy to hear from Breda parishioners, family and friends.

ST. AUGUSTINE-HALBUR

Holy Angels MWS

The Halbur Development Corporation will hold a 4 person Best Ball 18 hole Golf Outing on Saturday, August 29 at the Breda golf course. 11 AM shotgun start, $40 per person and a cart is extra. Contact the Breda Golf Course at 712-673-4653 to reserve a spot. Lots of fun and prizes. Proceeds go to Halbur Development community projects.

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ST. ELIZABETH SETON-GLIDDEN

Please join us Frs. Tims in saying a big thank you to Sheri Schon, who has been doing the ministry schedule for St. Elizabeth Seton for quite some time. Sheri will be reaching out to some parishioners in the hopes of finding someone willing to take up this service to the parish. If you are interested in doing this, please let Sheri or us Frs. Tims know.

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST-ARCADIA

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Usurers: Vic/Shirley Tomka, LuAnn Vollstedt

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BAPTISM CLASS is being offered for parents who are having a child baptized for the first time in one of the parishes of CTKCC. The class will be offered at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of odd numbered months (Jan., March, May, July, Sept., Nov.) at Holy Spirit in Carroll. PLEASE email one of the Frs. Tims to let them know when you will be attending.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION is to begin 6-12 months before the wedding day. If either the bride or the groom is not a Catholic or has been previously married, additional time may be necessary for preparation. Please contact the pastor so that all preparations may be completed in time for the wedding and marriage. Remember, a wedding is just a day, a marriage is a LIFETIME!

NEW PARISHIONERS may register in the parish of their choice by visiting http://christthekingcatholiccommunity.org/parish-registration [under the ABOUT drop-down menu] and completing the form.

BULLETIN ADS FOR SALE—yes, you may advertise your business or event here. Cost of each ad is $3 per week or $150/year. Space is limited. Ads must meet the Catholic Church standards. Contact the office in Breda for more information and/or to set up and schedule your ad.

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