

The Sisters of Charity of Nazareth (SCNs) will be here next weekend to share SCN Family stories with the St. Therese Parish Community.

Sister Julie Driscoll, SCN, will speak at all the Masses next weekend on behalf of the SCN ministries, which began in the United States in 1812, expanding to India in 1947, Belize in 1975, Nepal in 1979 and Botswana in 2000.

The Sisters of Charity of Nazareth founded in Nelson County Kentucky in 1812, through their ministries of healthcare, education and social service carry the message of Christ's love for those in need throughout the world. Learn more about the ministries of our Congregation at scnfamily.org.

They will speak to us about the works of their Sisters and invite us to be part of the SCN Family by participating through our prayers and financial assistance. A special collection will be taken up to support the Sisters in their ministry to the victimized, oppressed and marginalized internationally. We know that, as always, you will be as generous as you can.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. July 28 - Gn 18:20-32 Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 Col 2:12-14 Rom 8:15bc Lk 11:1-13

Mon. July 29 - Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 Jn 8:12 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Tues. July 30 - Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 Mt 13:36-43

Wed. July 31 - Ex 34:29-35 Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 Jn 15:15b Mt 13:44-46

Thurs. Aug. 01 - Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 See Acts 16:14b Mt 13:47-53

Fri. Aug. 02 - Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab 1 Pt 1:25 Mt 13:54-58

Sat. Aug. 03 - Lv 25:1, 8-17 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 Mt 5:10 Mt 14:1-12

COORDINATORS OF MINISTRIES

Meeting for **ALL COORDINATORS** will be held every 4th Thursday of each month

Activities - Brushelle Scott

BINGO - Evangeline Platt

Bishop Faith Appeal - Shirley Ray

Bereavement Committee - Rose Bottley

Donut Sunday's - Freda Guillory
Donuts and coffee in the Education Building 1st, 3rd & 4th Sunday of each month.

Environmental - Ina Chavis

Extraordinary Minister of Communion - Dorothy Broussard

Finance - Janice Semien
finance meetings are held *every 2nd* Wednesday of *each* month.

Fund Raiser - Walter Davis

Hospitality/Ushers - Horace Broussard

Lectors - Peggy Green

Life Center - Adam Jacobs

Plumbing - Joe Fontenet

Mission & Retreat - Cecilia Davis

Music Director - George Alexander
choir rehearsal are every Tuesday at 6:30 pm

Pastoral Council - Richard Scott
meetings held *every 3rd* Wednesday of *each* month.

Religious Education - Sonja Popillion

Socials - Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies Auxiliary * Parish Luncheon, the second Sunday of each month.

Youth - Felicia Richard

Stewardship - Gary Mims

Attendance

Saturday: 36 Sunday: 51

Weekend Collection

Mail In \$ 120.00
Loose \$ 56.00
Saturday \$ 550.00
Sunday \$ 3,956.00

Total Deposit \$ 4,682.00

Expenses: Center Point <\$ 125.43>
Spectrum busi <\$ 216.50>
Liturgy <\$ 180.96>

July Birthday List
Happy Birthday to:

Peggy Green	1
Brenda Mims	1
Mona Richard	6
George Alexander	6
Stefanie Allison	6
Elvina White	6
Turquoy Riggs	10
Joise Curtis	10
Amiyah LeBlanc	12
Brent Hebert	12
Ronald Hebert	12
E'Retrious Gus	13
Lanier Robertson	16
David Riggs	20
Maria Riggs	23
Torian Riggs	28
Claudine Riggs	29
Lester Popillion	30

Happy Anniversary

Joe & Mary Ware	4th
John & Janice Semien	13th
Mormom & Ann Richard	25th
George & Cecilia Davis	27th
Deacon Julian & Gloria Richard	31st

MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND HOSPITALITY

Sat: Walter Davis & Richard Scott
Sun: D. Jacobs, Elizabeth Mitchell
Horace Broussard & Sonja Popillion

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: **1st Rdr.:** Mona Richard
2nd Rdr.: Dayna Smith
Sunday: **1st Rdr.:** Earnett Mitchell
2nd Rdr.: Eva Platt

1st reader = responsorial & prayer of faithful
2nd reader = greetings & announcements

ALTAR SERVER:

Saturday: **Needed**
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MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday Freda Guillory & Rose Bottley
Sunday: Dorothy Broussard & Cecilia Davis

Expenses continued:

Security System <\$ 46.63>
Birthright <\$ 109>
PP/Holy Father <\$ 107.50>
Catholic Com Campaign <\$ 96.10>
Admin Fees <\$ 323.64>

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Office Hours: Tuesday thru Thursday
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 28, 2019

“Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples.”

Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. & Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Weekdays:

Tuesday-Friday 8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:20 p.m. 3:55 p.m.

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.

Adoration & Benediction

1st Tuesday each month 5:30 p.m.-6:p.m.

Infant Baptism:

Please contact the pastor two (2) months in advance

Marriage:

Please call Rectory six (6) months prior to proposed date

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VIABILITY INDICATORS OF A VIABLE PARISH:

The basic elements of a viable parish can be categorized under the key areas of worship, community, service, and education/formation. As a foundation for this reflection, I ask that you consider some concrete indicators of a viable parish as common reference points that allow analysis, planning, and creative renewal to take place. Each parish must assess its vibrancy, ask the difficult questions, and search for innovative and effective ways to re-energize the life and ministry of the parish so that it can, in its own unique way, carry out Jesus' mission of evangelization.

Worship

A viable parish will see itself as a Eucharistic community, where they celebrate the Liturgy in a dignified and prayerful way, where they encounter the Risen Christ, and from which they take that presence of the Risen Christ to their families, neighborhoods, and workplaces. Worship is central to their spiritual life as a Christian people, and every parish is challenged to find ways to invite people and involve them in full, conscious, and active participation. In a viable parish:

- well-planned and appropriately participative sacramental celebrations are carried out in an environment respectful of the cultural diversity of the people;
- the liturgy is celebrated with music, competently led and sung, which invites participation of the assembly;
- homilies are instructive, challenging, well-prepared, clearly articulated, and assist parishioners to apply the Scriptures and church teaching to their lives;
- the liturgical ministers are invited to and properly trained for their ministries, and the assembly is also formed for effective celebration of the liturgy;
- there is a liturgy committee which assists the pastor to prepare liturgies;

- a vital sacramental life is evident by regular celebration of the Eucharist and opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick (communal and individual);
- sufficient preparation is provided for the Sacrament of Marriage, in cooperation with programs offered through the diocese, and likewise, preparation for other sacraments
- various forms of devotional prayer are offered;
- spiritual life is fostered through retreat/renewal programs, prayer groups and small faith sharing groups, and participation in spiritual enrichment programs offered through the diocese is encouraged;
- adequate resources are provided for this.

Community

A viable parish is a faith community which fosters in each member a sense of belonging, ownership, responsibility, Christian growth, and conversion. It recognizes that the essential mission of the faith community is evangelization. The atmosphere of the parish is one of inclusion and hospitality where parishioners find a home and welcome an invitation to become leaders, to serve in ministries, and to help other members of the parish family. Parishioners recognize their gifts and, as good stewards, offer their gifts of time, talent, and treasure for the good of the parish. In a viable parish:

- all parishioners of all ages and cultures are welcomed and made to feel a part of the parish community; there is a sufficient number of members in their active years who participate productively in the parish ministry;
- there is a stewardship committee which promotes the on-going education of parishioners about sharing their gifts as a faith response and meeting the ministry needs of the parish and the local civic community;
- the pastoral leadership encourages full collaboration among the People of God by assisting them to take an active, responsible role in the life of the parish and its activities and ministries;
- there are sufficient and qualified personnel as staff (who are paid just wages) and parishioner volunteers for program leadership, with training and on-going formation provided for them;
- there is an active Pastoral Council and an active Finance Council which meet regularly and advise the Pastor, and there is training and on-going formation provided for them;
- the parish encourages a theology of stewardship that promotes sacrificial giving;
- it has the financial resources necessary to carry out its mission; it is not preoccupied with financial matters and building maintenance at the expense of pastoral ministry; it has a prepared budget and meets its ordinary expenses in a timely fashion, maintains its plant and facilities in good condition, and is able to pay off any debts (including interest) on time; it meets its target in the Bishop's Faith Appeal.
- members see their baptism as the call to discipleship, with freedom to invite others to join the faith community; they reach out to the un-churched, alienated, non-practicing and marginal Catholics;
- clergy and laity have a deep sense of the importance of unity among the Faithful in the parishes and with their diocesan bishop; all seek to collaborate in ministry with other parishes so that people are served more effectively, unnecessary duplication is eliminated, and resources are utilized more wisely.

Service

A vibrant parish reaches out to the world around it and genuinely cares about the needs of the poor and those who are less fortunate. It knows it must be a sharing community in order to bear the name Catholic. The members of a viable parish live out the values of their faith in the world, serving their sisters and brothers and working for greater justice and peace in the world. Empowered by their baptism, they serve in Jesus' name, following the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. In a viable parish:

- parishioners are instructed about their baptismal responsibility to serve in Jesus' name and are made aware of the Social teachings of the Catholic faith through homilies and various educational opportunities;

- the members keep contact with shut-ins, the elderly, the ill, and bring Communion to those who are unable to attend the parish;
- disadvantaged parishioners and others in the area can obtain assistance with their material needs;
- members are involved in the life of their surrounding neighborhoods and are concerned with and active in ministries which promote equality, freedom, justice, and peace;
- parish groups reach out to local institutions (e.g. hospitals, nursing homes, prisons) and participate in outreach programs in the local community;
- parishioners serve the needy throughout the world by responding generously to appeals for international aid and by supporting the Church's missionary efforts with prayer and financial resources;
- all are encouraged to understand and guard the sacredness of life in all its stages, from the womb to the tomb, and to protect the dignity of each human person.

Education/Formation

A viable parish is committed to the religious and spiritual development of its adults, youth, and children. Alone or in collaboration with other parishes, it is able to offer religious education/formation on all levels. Strong faith formation programs make it evident that every baptized person must continually be "conformed to Christ" in order to share fully the life of the Church. The parish considers formation and development of leadership potential as essential so that individuals can become equipped to assume responsibilities in the parish. Parishioners recognize their baptismal call and take advantage of formation opportunities in the parish and on the diocesan level to mature in their faith. In a viable parish:

- educational programs assist parents in understanding and carrying out their primary role in the spiritual formation of their children;
- there are complete programs of religious education and sacramental preparation for adults, youth, and children, and there are adequate funds, staff, and space allotted for effective catechesis; collaborating with a neighboring parish(es) by combining programs or sharing competent staff is also pursued for better use of resources and greater effectiveness of ministry;
- there is a qualified Director or Coordinator of Religious Education (or one shared between parishes), and the parish encourages and provides opportunities for training and education for its catechists, especially through the diocesan CEMI courses and workshops;
- the parish supports its staff, lay ministers, and volunteers with regular and on-going training and formation and activities that enhance their faith life;
- opportunities are encouraged and made available for the education and faith-formation of parishioners and lay ministers, especially through the CEMI courses and workshops, or through jointly sponsored programs of adult faith formation between/among neighboring parishes;
- vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life are cultivated and supported.

Become Evangelizers

As individuals, perhaps one of our best-kept secrets is our faith and our love of the Lord. How many of you talked to one other person today about Jesus Christ and His love for us? How many of you were enthusiastic enough about your Catholic faith to invite a relative, neighbor, or co-worker to join you at Sunday Mass this past weekend? Every baptized person has a mission--the mission of sharing Jesus with the world--or in other words, EVANGELIZATION. By "evangelization" we mean bringing the Good News of Jesus into every human situation and seeking to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel itself. At its essence are the proclamation of salvation in Jesus Christ and the response of a person in faith, which are both works of the Spirit of God (Paraphrase of Pope Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*). Conversion is the change of our lives that comes about through the power of the Holy Spirit. All who accept the Gospel undergo change as we continually put on the mind of Christ by rejecting sin and becoming more faithful disciples in His Church. Unless we undergo conversion, we have not truly accepted the Gospel. In the document, *Go and Make Disciples: A National Plan and Strategy for Catholic Evangelization in the United States*, USCCB, 2002, you will find a clear description of evangelization today. "Evangelization, then, has different implications depending on our relationship to Jesus and His Church. For those of us who practice and live our Catholic faith, it is a call to ongoing growth and renewed conversion. For those who have accepted it only in name, it is a call to re-evangelization. For those who have stopped practicing their faith, it is a call to reconciliation. For children, it is a call to be formed into disciples through the family's faith life and religious education. For other Christians, it is an invitation to know the fullness of our message. For those who have no faith, it is a call to conversion to know Christ Jesus and thus experience a change to new life with Christ and his Church."

"There are familiar ways by which evangelization happens: by the way we live God's love in our daily life; by the love, example, and support people give each other; by the ways parents pass faith on to their children; in our life as Church, through the proclamation of the Word and the wholehearted celebration of the saving deeds of Jesus; in renewal efforts of local and national scope; in the care we show to those most in need; and in the ways we go about our work, share with our neighbors, and treat the stranger. In daily life, family members evangelize each other; men and women, their future spouses; and workers, their fellow employees, by the simple lives of faith they lead. Through the ordinary patterns of our Catholic life, the Holy Spirit brings about conversion and a new life in Christ." (The entire document can be found on the USCCB website, www.usccb.org/evangelization/goandmake/eng.htm.)

There are two elements at work: witness, which is the simple living of the faith; and sharing, which is spreading the Good News of Jesus in an explicit way. I believe that this is a non-negotiable for each one of us if our faith is to be renewed and our parishes are to be revitalized. Remember that the first two letters of the word "Gospel" are GO. Go and make disciples!

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