

THE GOOD NEWS LETTER

JUNE 25, 2021



FROM THE PEN OF THE PASTOR:

Thanks to all our volunteers, pastoral and finance council members, Knights, Altar Rosary members, and you the parishioners for making our first pastorate picnic a success. I hope that this is the first of many Church gatherings in the days and years to come. When God formed a covenant with His people it always involved a sacrifice, but also a meal and celebration as well. For us to gather at Mass and via prayer first, and then gather to celebrate the blessings we have received and anticipate the blessings to come is always a profound and beautiful aspect of our shared faith lives—and this can only happen through your own prayers, works, and efforts.

In this column I do want to introduce our pastoral council members for our pastorate made up of our three parishes and thank them for their hard work at the picnic and the work to come. Also, these are people you can reach out to for feedback, input, questions, and ideas as we continue to serve you all in growing the kingdom of God in our pastorate. They are Katie Moore, Cathy Griffin, and Christina Christman from Holy Family; Shea Aulbach and Jessica Kitterman from St. John's; and Loretta Wilson from St. Mary's [we'll be adding another member to the pastoral council from St. Mary's soon]. Being a member of pastoral council also involves meeting and working with diocesan employees so there is a great deal of sacrifice that goes along with being a member, but it is also rewarding work in serving our respective parishes and parishioners. Continue to pray and support them and all our volunteers that make our parishes blessed and fruitful.

In Christ, Fr. Hurley

CMA MID-YEAR UPDATE



Did you know our pastorate receives support from the diocesan offices to enhance our campus, grow in sacramental formation and train our staff? Your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal makes this possible!

Your gift matters!

Go to <https://dol-in.org/cma> to pledge your gift today or contact our pastorate office.

Our Pastorate CMA stands at total pledges of \$46,634 towards a total goal of \$80,974. Letters were sent out about a month ago to those who had not yet had a chance to give to this diocesan campaign and several donations have since been received from each of our three parishes.

If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so; if you have made a pledge already, thank you. If you find yourself in a position to possibly add to your original pledge to help us work toward our goal, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you to each who have offered a pledge and to those who have offered prayers for the Catholic Ministries Appeal success.





Last month the first wave of Pastorate Leadership Teams completed their six team building workshops with Our Sunday Visitor (OSV). Here you can read a little about the six topics covered. To hear more about their experience, read the article in the June 6 edition of *The Catholic Moment*.

Managing Change

- **Change Style for Leadership:** A workshop reviewing the 3 types of profiles of how one may experience change. Understanding the differences of how change is embraced leads to implementing change well. The **Change Style Indicator Assessment** is a key part of this course.
- **Navigating Change:** A workshop designed to assist with the implementation of change when a change is occurring. This training assists leaders and individuals in understanding what stage of change they are in and how to move forward towards acceptance.

Conversational Intelligence

- **The Neuroscience of Conversations:** This workshop provides an in-depth view of how words and conversations have power and meaning that can trigger trust or distrust. It also covers the neurochemicals that are stimulated by our words and what part of our brains are activated.
- **Elevating Team Trust:** Using a T.R.U.S.T model, this workshop guides teams with building positive relationships using truth with grace.
- **III Levels of Conversations:** This workshop reviews 3 different types of conversations, which all have healthy aspects to them, but also unhealthy components. Insight into what may occur when we communicate within those blind spots are key takeaways. Participants also learn to co-create and tap into a part of their brain that sparks creativity, great thinking, and trust.

Listening Intelligence: This workshop delves into the cognitive behavioral functions of listening and how we all listen to and for different things. When we understand how others listen differently, communication is improved. The assessment provides an individual profile of a person's listening preferences.

Managing Conflict

- **Reducing Workplace Conflict:** A workshop designed to review constructive behaviors, destructive behaviors, and hot buttons (values near and dear to our heart) during times of conflict. The workshop provides essential leadership strategies to manage conflict in an effective manner. The **Conflict Dynamic Profile** provides an individualized assessment of how one experiences and reacts to conflict.
- **Proactive Conflict Resolution for Teams:** This workshop provides Leaders and teams essential skills in proactively addressing Conflict. It reviews techniques for effective communication skills during these challenging times.

Emotional Intelligence and the EQ-I 2.0 Assessment: This workshop along with the assessment evaluates both emotional and social intelligence, as well as the emotional competencies of an individual. The session along with the assessment provides understanding within 5 composites, with 3 elements within each composite. The 5 composites are Self-Perception, Self-Expression, Interpersonal, Decision Making, and Stress Management.

Working Styles and Personality Preferences Using Myers Briggs: This workshop provides a self-assessment for attendees to determine how they are energized, how they taken in and perceive information, how they make decisions, and how they approach the outside world. Several activities allow the team to better understand one another's working styles, how they communicate best, and how they approach their work.





Amoris Laetitia Family
Year 2021 - 2022

YEAR OF THE FAMILY

Pope Francis has announced a special Year of the Family for March 19, 2021, to June 26, 2022. The year commemorates the fifth anniversary of the apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* (*The Joy of Love*).

Goal 3 of 5 from Pope Francis:

Enable families to become active agents of the family apostolate. To this end, “an effort at evangelization and catechesis inside the family” (AL 200) is required, since a family of disciples turns into a missionary family.

**"If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament of the Eucharist, I am sure that the thought of Christ's love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude."
— St. Angela of Foligno**



Ryan Slater and Anthony Stanley from Holy Family with Fr. Hurley following Baccalaureate Mass.

ARE YOU A SINGLE CATHOLIC?

Join hundreds of single Catholics from across the country at the 20th National Conference for Single Catholics - August 20th-22nd, 2021 at the Omni Interlocken hotel in Broomfield, CO. The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers (Fr. Nathan Cromly, Fr. Thomas Loya, Mary Beth Bonacci and others!) as well as music, social events, Mass, adoration, opportunities for confession, fellowship, food and more. Register before July 5th to get the Early-Bird discount and enter promo code: NCSC21 for an extra \$20 off. Visit www.NationalCatholicSingles.com for more information and to register. (Can't find your question answered on the website? Call 512-766-5798.)

PRAYER FOR GRACE FOR OUR COUNTRY

Dear Father united to Jesus in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Sacrifice of Calvary sacramentally made present, celebrated around the world, in the Holy Spirit.

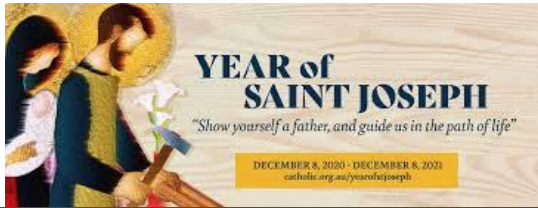
We offer up all we do united to the Mass. We united in one mind and one heart as members of the mystical body of Christ, with Christ our head in the pure and holy Hearts of Jesus and Mary, through the powerful intercession of Mary with all the angels and saints and souls in purgatory, and we beg for the saving grace, for our country, the United States. Please help us.

We further pray for unity to always do the will of God in love. We spread the Blood of Jesus on the leaders and people of the United States and cast the devil into hell.

We consecrate our country to the Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart and all our dioceses, and beg for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. God help us.

We pray for our families, the priests, the Church and the world. In the Name of Jesus please hear us, we pray.

We pray for our president and leaders. We pray that we are united as one nation under God to work together in love as God wants.



POPE'S LETTER ON ST. JOSEPH

ON THE 150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF SAINT JOSEPH AS PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

Pope Francis issued an Apostolic Letter on December 8, 2020, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, proclaiming the year 2021 as the year of St. Joseph, the Worker. Each month of 2021 we will include one of the seven personal reflections of St. Joseph by Pope Francis.

A creatively courageous father

If the first stage of all true interior healing is to accept our personal history and embrace even the things in life that we did not choose, we must now add another important element: creative courage. This emerges especially in the way we deal with difficulties. In the face of difficulty, we can either give up and walk away, or somehow engage with it. At times, difficulties bring out resources we did not even think we had.

As we read the infancy narratives, we may often wonder why God did not act in a more direct and clear way. Yet God acts through events and people. Joseph was the man chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true “miracle” by which God saves the child and his mother. God acted by trusting in Joseph’s creative courage. Arriving in Bethlehem and finding no lodging where Mary could give birth, Joseph took a stable and, as best he could, turned it into a welcoming home for the Son of God come into the world (cf. *Lk* 2:6-7). Faced with imminent danger from Herod, who wanted to kill the child, Joseph was warned once again in a dream to protect the child, and rose in the middle of the night to prepare the flight into Egypt (cf. *Mt* 2:13-14).

A superficial reading of these stories can often give the impression that the world is at the mercy of the strong and mighty, but the “good news” of the Gospel consists in showing that, for all the arrogance and violence of worldly powers, God always finds a way to carry out his saving plan. So too, our lives may at times seem to be at the mercy of the powerful, but the Gospel shows us what counts. God always finds a way to save us, provided we show the same creative courage as the carpenter of Nazareth, who was able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting always in divine providence.

If at times God seems not to help us, surely this does not mean that we have been abandoned, but instead are

being trusted to plan, to be creative, and to find solutions ourselves.

The Gospel does not tell us how long Mary, Joseph and the child remained in Egypt. Yet they certainly needed to eat, to find a home and employment. It does not take much imagination to fill in those details. The Holy Family had to face concrete problems like every other family, like so many of our migrant brothers and sisters who, today too, risk their lives to escape misfortune and hunger. In this regard, I consider Saint Joseph the special patron of all those forced to leave their native lands because of war, hatred, persecution and poverty.

At the end of every account in which Joseph plays a role, the Gospel tells us that he gets up, takes the child and his mother, and does what God commanded him (cf. *Mt* 1:24; 2:14.21). Indeed, Jesus and Mary his Mother are the most precious treasure of our faith.

In the divine plan of salvation, the Son is inseparable from his Mother, from Mary, who “advanced in her pilgrimage of faith, and faithfully persevered in her union with her Son until she stood at the cross”.

We should always consider whether we ourselves are protecting Jesus and Mary, for they are also mysteriously entrusted to our own responsibility, care and safekeeping. The Son of the Almighty came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph. God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found in him someone who would not only save her life, but would always provide for her and her child. In this sense, Saint Joseph could not be other than the Guardian of the Church, for the Church is the continuation of the Body of Christ in history, even as Mary’s motherhood is reflected in the motherhood of the Church. In his continued protection of the Church, Joseph continues to protect *the child and his mother*, and we too, by our love for the Church, continue to love *the child and his mother*.

That child would go on to say: “As you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me” (*Mt* 25:40). Consequently, every poor, needy, suffering or dying person, every stranger, every prisoner, every infirm person is “the child” whom Joseph continues to protect. For this reason, Saint Joseph is invoked as protector of the unfortunate, the needy, exiles, the afflicted, the poor and the dying.

Consequently, the Church cannot fail to show a special love for the least of our brothers and sisters, for Jesus showed a particular concern for them and personally identified with them. From Saint Joseph, we must learn that same care and responsibility. We must learn to love the child and his mother, to love the sacraments and charity, to love the Church and the poor. Each of these realities is always *the child and his mother*.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS JULY

HOLY FAMILY

Sunday 11:00 am Reader: Jo Marie Robinson
Commentator: Tina Poston **Communion Minister:**
Jim Burbank **Ushers:** Sue Satterthwaite & Ann Bone

ST. MARY'S

July 3: Reader: Ted Kolodka **Greeter:** Dean & Loretta Wilson **Counter:** Dan Watson

July 10: Reader: Kathy Jutte **Greeter:** Corey & Amy Hardesty Family **Counter:** Jane Crouch

July 17: Reader: Dan Watson **Greeter:** Jane Crouch **Counter:** Danette Hamilton

July 24: Reader: Laverne Watson **Greeter:** Colleen Bicknell **Counter:** Dan Watson

July 31: Reader: Kathy Jutte **Greeter:** Dean & Loretta Wilson **Counter:** Jane Crouch

ST. JOHN'S

Saturday 6:30 pm Reader & Announcements: Vince Cimino **Communion Minister:** Ruth Ann Clawson 4, Sonya Hoffman 11, 18, 25 **Greeters:** Anna Cimino

Sunday 9:00 am Reader & Announcements: Claire Aulbach, **Communion Minister:** Tom Aulbach **Greeters:** Jessica & Brian Kitterman Family

**"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin."
— St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

CHECK US OUT ON THE WEB

Check us out at: www.stmaryjohn.org. Weekly bulletins, this newsletter, daily Mass with Bishop Barron, the Catholic Moment, daily readings and prayers, and much more can be found on this website.

Your Sunday offering as well as all special collection envelopes are available on the website as well. Contact Diana if you are having trouble accessing this site.



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

ANNIVERSARIES:

2 Ted & Muriel Fettig

19 Derrick & Rachel Shields

BIRTHDAYS:

4 Wanda Pfeffer

4 Damien Shields

8 Rhonda Cale

8 Ryan Trissel

12 Lucas Hardesty

13 Marilee Cox

16 Claire Aulbach

17 Jacob Hardesty

21 Laurel McVicker

If you would like to be included in the birthday and anniversary listings, please drop us a note with your name, month and day of birth or anniversary. We would be happy to share it through *The Good News Letter*. We do not automatically include names due to privacy.



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MONTHLY K OF C CHALLENGE

CHALLENGE by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

“To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade.” (Gospel for June 13, Mk 4:30-32)

Every gardener has witnessed how great things can come from small beginnings. Planted in its proper season and cared for over time, the tiniest seed can blossom into a glorious plant. Parents, teachers and mentors responsible for the moral and spiritual formation of children know well the value of “planting seeds.” Instructing children in virtue at a young age gives them a firm foundation of faith as they mature. May we be intentional in our instruction and example to our children and others, knowing small actions can have great influence.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to share your faith and beliefs in at least one conversation with your children or friends. Second, I challenge you to join with your brother Knights in planning and participating in the Faith in Action Family Prayer Night program or Holy Hour program.

Questions for Reflection:

What “seeds” of faith did your own parents or others plant in your life as a youth that blossomed later in life? What are some of the concrete ways (even small ways) you can share your faith with your family and friends? What role does your witness — attending Mass, going to confession, serving others and being willing to discuss your faith — play in helping to strengthen the faith of others? --KofC.org



PEOPLE WITH GOOD NEWS

Cora Freiburger was on the A/B honor roll at Montpelier Elementary for the 4th quarter and 2nd semester.

Ashley Henderson was on the A/B honor roll at Montpelier Elementary for the 4th quarter.

Gabe Kitterman was on the A/B honor roll at Montpelier Elementary for the 2nd semester.

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Mason Kitterman placed 19th in the 2400 meter run at the Indiana State Middle School Championship.

Will Steed on his recent graduation from Jay County High School.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH FOR ONE'S FAMILY

Joseph, strengthen in our family every bond of love which unites us -- the marriage bond, the love of parent and child, the bonds of mutual love between all. Joseph, protect our family from every danger from without and from every threat to peace, unity and harmony within. Joseph, teach us to be kind and loving towards one another, careful for one another, tolerant of one another, forgiving towards one another. Joseph, may contentment with our lot and joy in each other abound in our house, as we seek faithfully to serve and greatly to love God. Joseph, be you yourself a father towards the family of ours, and pray Mary be a mother to us.

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Lord's Day Liturgy

SATURDAY: 5:00 pm at St. Mary's

SUNDAY: 9:00 am at St. John's

11:00 am at Holy Family

- Weekday Liturgy: Please consult inside the bulletin. -

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: July 16, 2021

Editor: Diana Holsten



Vacation Bible School: "Heroes of Old"
Registration Forms in next week's bulletin.
July 19 – 23, 6pm - 7:30pm at Holy Family!
Grades Pre3-6th

(7-12 grade students are invited to help younger students)

Free to attend!

Come for fun activities, crafts, songs, stories, and snacks! Our "Heroes of Old" are Esther, Noah, Jonah, and Joshua.

We are in need of buttons and gems for crafts, glue sticks, wax paper (1 box), pipe cleaners (any color), aluminum foil (3 rolls regular weight), white paper plates, small Styrofoam cups, blue plastic disposable cups. Donations can be brought to St. John's M-F or Holy Family office on Monday afternoons or given to Christina Christman.

Please contact Christina at 765-733-4026 if you are interested in helping in any way!! Thank You!

FIVE WAYS TO HAVE CONVERSATION WITH YOUR KIDS

1. Time: Be intentional by scheduling one-on-one time, but remember that many of the best conversations happen in the margins of life. Use every opportunity to chat: in the car, at the dinner table, at bedtime.

2. Discovery: Learn about your children's interests and help them learn more about you. Give the "quiet" kids opportunities to be known. Sometimes they become more talkative when they feel someone is truly interested in what they have to say. Encourage them to talk about things they like.

3. Listen: This takes effort and intentionality, so if your thoughts begin to wander, draw yourself back.

4. Question: While too many questions can feel like an interrogation, authentic interaction and eye contact when asking questions conveys genuine interest.

5. Remember: Children feel valued when you remember things they've said, and they'll start to see conversations with you as memorable and enjoyable. And that's a gift with lasting impact.

Employing these five strategies will significantly help in your child's brain development and shows intentionality as a parent. Intentionality is one of the 7 Traits of Effective Parenting. How much of an intentional parent are you? -focusonthefamily.com