

Parish Bulletin for Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Reynolds And St Jude's, Thompson

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8 JULY 2018

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 2:2-5; Psalms 123:1-2, 2, 3-4; Second Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6

OPEN LETTER for the Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

In response to an email that was received addressed to the parish council and me and Lay Directors, I thought that it would be prudent to let all concerned hear the response to concerns and comments made.

The cemetery was the topic of the email. All the information that I am going to rehash has been posted on the parish bulletin board. The work of the parish council in planning for Calvary cemetery area has been an effort that has taken over a year looking at what should be done and in the priority for the work to be completed. The following are guidelines that have been looked at as we started this work:

- Purchase the property to the south of the current area of the cemetery. This has been completed.
- Getting a working plan for road work and expansion plan for the new property, this has been prepared and is being used as the bases of the work to date.

The scope of the work

- ◆ Put in a new roadway that is looped, requiring the road to have two different access points along the county roadway. The present roadway is to be dug out and replaced with materials that will ensure a roadway above the ground level.
- ◆ Removal of the fencing around the cemetery to grant access for the expansion. The removal work has been completed.
- ◆ Contracted with Grand Forks/Trail Water for service to the cemetery. This work will start this coming week with the new major line that will follow Eagle Drive to the west.
 - The reason for the water requirement will be due to the planting of trees. Many comments have been made via the annual cemetery drive for more trees and such in this area.
 - The plan for this installation will require a meter installed, and that would, in turn, **require a secure place, a building** to store equipment and house the water meter and related equipment.
 - Because of the soil and raised area of the cemetery area, water is needed to ensure that trees/bushes have a chance to survive in this area.

Landfill required will be needed to raise the new property to the level of the present cemetery. Hopefully, this will start in the fall after the area has its crop removed for an easement that will be needed to cross with heavy equipment. A gentle slope on the south end will be established to ensure drainage.

This is the major portion of the work as planned, but other concerns will be mentioned next. Other plans in the works.

Crucifix removal, repair, and new placement.

The present crucifix is in need of repair. The present position of the crucifix will be in direct line with the new roadway and has to be moved. Some graves also will cause some problems with the revamping of the old road, but we will have a slight angle in the roadway to go around this area.

The crucifix should be in a position that would be to the eastern side of the total cemetery. That means that with the new landfill area, this would be the new location. The position would be equidistant between the two access roads, forming near the apex of the loop in the road. The condition of the present crucifix is unknown. It is not sure if we can remove without some problems. Hopefully, we can salvage what we have and rework the platform area and crucifix to its new location.

Front Entrance to the cemetery

The front entrance of the cemetery was an eyesore with a broken gate and fence, laying sideways and no one trying to repair or move this damaged area.

Before the last burial that occurred, I went out there and removed all the gate(s), so that would not be the first thing that was seen when we arrived for the interment.

The signage over the entrance to the cemetery will be removed shortly and repaired. It will be placed equally between the two entrances. It may be shortened in height so that we will be able to work on it when needed. Plus trees and shrubs are planned at the base of the "Calvary Cemetery" sign.

A design is being looked at for the total western area of the cemetery entrance. If you have ideas, please come forward with them.

Foliage (Trees) around the cemetery area.

This will be a work in progress. We can't afford to have the entire area completely planted, but we are looking at what to plant, what will grow in the present soil. With the water becoming available, what we decide on will have a good chance of survival and growth.

We do not need or want anyone to start planting trees. We hope for a consistent growth plan and will work on the trees that don't make it and replace as needed.

Comments.

As a pastor I have mentioned at different times the importance of what a cemetery looks like, it shows the vitality and life of the parish, taking care of this sacred land. As one member of the parish council commented that the email received was "nasty" in tone and points were not merited. Still, it shows the lack of information that has not gotten out to the parish, and I take the onus that this is not done even with the attempts that are made to get information out.

It was decided at a parish council meeting to remove all flowers two weeks after Memorial Day. This motion that was approved was to pertain to flowers laying on the ground or other areas, not in mounted vases on the stones. Those monuments that had vases installed within their structure were fine.

The accusation has been leveled that someone is taking flowers and disposing of them. I have asked people if they knew anyone who would be doing this. With the removal of the fence encircling the present cemetery and the strong winds that we have been seeing, this adds up to things taking flight and nowhere to be found. At each interment, I tell the people that are near the coffin of the deceased to take as many of the flowers as possible because it will be a short time before Mother Nature takes these flowers to herself.

A final note, I have been planning with the aid of the parish council and lay directors, to get this work done. So many people comment on the condition of the cemetery, and from what I have heard, a lot of misinformation is passed on without asking the pastor or members who have worked on this.

There are two sides to every issue, maybe even more points of view than we are aware of. Numerous people have made comments about the cemetery and how good it looks now. It has changed in the last year, and for the better. Hopefully, it will look far better as we take care of the sacred ground of the ancestors of this parish.

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Offertory July 1, 2018

OLPH—\$575.00 Online: \$0.00
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Future Events

**July 10—Parish Council Meeting—
SJ—7pm**

**July 21—Rib-o-Rama Reynolds City
Park**

**July 23-27—Vacation Bible
School—OLPH**

Aug 1—SJ Parish Picnic—5:30-8pm

Sept 9—SJ Fall Dinner

MASS INTENTIONS - JULY 2018

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07—OLPH +Stephen Zidon by F/S Argenziano

08—OLPH Mass for the people

SJ

10—OLPH +George Deraney by Granger Family

11—SJ

12—OLPH +Dale Kurowski by R/L Schumacher

13—SJ

14—OLPH +Judy Kuster by W/D Pearson

15—OLPH Mass for the people

SJ

17—OLPH +Patricia Krile by F/S Argenziano

18—SJ

19—OLPH +Sick & Deceased family members of J/L Adams

20—SJ +Deceased Family Members of Jim Weber

21—OLPH +Theresa Wald by G/M Anderson

22—OLPH Mass for the People

SJ

24—OLPH +Victor Scholand by R/L Schumacher

25—SJ

26—OLPH

27—SJ +Vernon Adams by his family

28—OLPH +Victor Scholand by J/L Adams

29—OLPH Mass for the people

SJ

31—OLPH +George Deraney by Granger Family

Mass Schedule—Tues-Fri: 9am

**Weekend: Sat Vigil 5pm, Sunday 8:30a &
1030a**

Sunday - July 8th

Lector: Sarah Schettler
EMHC: M Franklund & M Krogstad
Gifts: Scott & Mary Krogstad
Servers: Thomas Schumacher & Jordan West

Sunday - July 15th

Lector: Stacy Majkrzak
EMHC: D Majkrzak & K Hanevold
Gifts: Brent & Stacy Majkrzak
Servers: Alexica & Thomas Zafke



Saturday, July 7- 5:00 p.m. OLPH

Lector: Jeff Sobolik
EMHC: Jeannine Lazur, Mary Knutson
Collection: Dan & Kim Lazur
Ring Bell: Robert Schumacher

Sunday, July 8 - 8:30 a.m. OLPH

Lector: Lance Keller
EMHC: Marge & Arlan Vonesh
Collection: Bill Leddige, Ryan Sondrol
Gifts: Zubrod family
Servers: Thomas Granger, Lyola Pearson
Ring Bell: Troy Lazur



Saturday, July 14 - 5:00 p.m. OLPH

Lector: Sue Argenziano
EMHC: Jeff Sobolik, Joyce Riske
Collection: Frank Argenziano, Robert Schumacher
Ring Bell: Terry Wigstrand

Sunday, July 15 - 8:30 a.m. OLPH

Lector: Jake Unterseher
EMHC: Marge Vonesh, Candonn Granger
Collection: Lance Keller, Neil Breidenbach
Gifts: Keller family
Servers: Riley Sondrol, Arlan Vonesh
Ring Bell: Lisa Lazur



St Jude Parish Council meeting scheduled for 10 July will be looking at two proposals to have the parking lots next to the church building paved. The parish council has received from two different organizations proposals to do the work. While no decision has been made to do the work, this will be the first review of what do we want or need in the area of parking. This does not include the large dirt parking lot to the east of the church. Different options are being looked at for this area.

Remember that all council meeting are open to all parishioners and you are invited to participate. There have been many comments already given both pro and con to this project, so ensure that you are heard in this discussion.

The daily Mass schedule will change throughout the week from July 23-27. There will be Mass each day Monday through Friday at 9am at OLPH for the Vacation Bible School. All are invited to come and join the K-6 at Mass.

Young Disciples VBS at OLPH

Children who have completed grades K-6th are invited to "Adventures in Egypt" a Young Disciples Vacation Bible School. July 23rd-27th from 9am - 3pm. All area parishes are invited! For registration and camp information, contact Kristie Unterseher at kristie.unterseher@gmail.com.

Death is no phantom, no horrible specter, as presented in pictures. In the catechism it is stated that death is the separation of soul and body, that is all! Well, I am not afraid of a separation which will unite me to the good God forever.
- Saint Therese of Lisieux

SAVE THE DATE.

St. Jude's Parish Picnic.

Date: Wednesday, August 1

Place: Southbrook Park

Time: 5:30 - 8:00 PM

We will provide barbecues, hotdogs, beverage. Bring a potluck dish to share, and a lawn chair. Games for the kids! Cost: Free will just to cover the cost of the meat. Any profits will go to the Charity Fund. Youth Group members, expect a call from Kim to see if you can help with the games.

Alert from Grand Forks - Trail Water District: Attn: City of Reynolds
We will be replacing a water main line in the City of Reynolds on Tuesday, July 10th & Wednesday July 11th. The water will be off from 8AM to 5 PM on those day's. Please help spread the word! Sorry for the inconvenience!

The Reynolds Knights of Columbus will be having its annual steak fry and meeting on July 11th. Supper at 7:00 with meeting to follow.

FOOTCARE: Friday, July 13th at Reynolds KC Hall, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Please use south door.