

## Who Are the People of God?

This is still an unresolved theological issue. For so long the resolute answer of many was: the Roman Catholic Church is the people of God. However, the Second Vatican Council's Decree on Ecumenism (*Unitatis Redintegratio*) opened the Church's understanding to include all Christian denominations, paraphrasing Ephesians 4:4-5: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one Baptism" (*UR 2*). The council went even further in the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (*Lumen Gentium*), "calling together a people made up of Jew and Gentile, making them one, not according to the flesh but in the Spirit. This was to be the new People of God" (*LG 9*).

To be united with Protestants is one thing; to be united with Jews is quite another. For centuries, many interpreted the New Testament to say that the Jews lost favor with God. Such thinking supported—even caused—various forms of anti-Semitism, ethnic and religious persecution, and killings. We realized how wrong this thinking was. Vatican II quotes

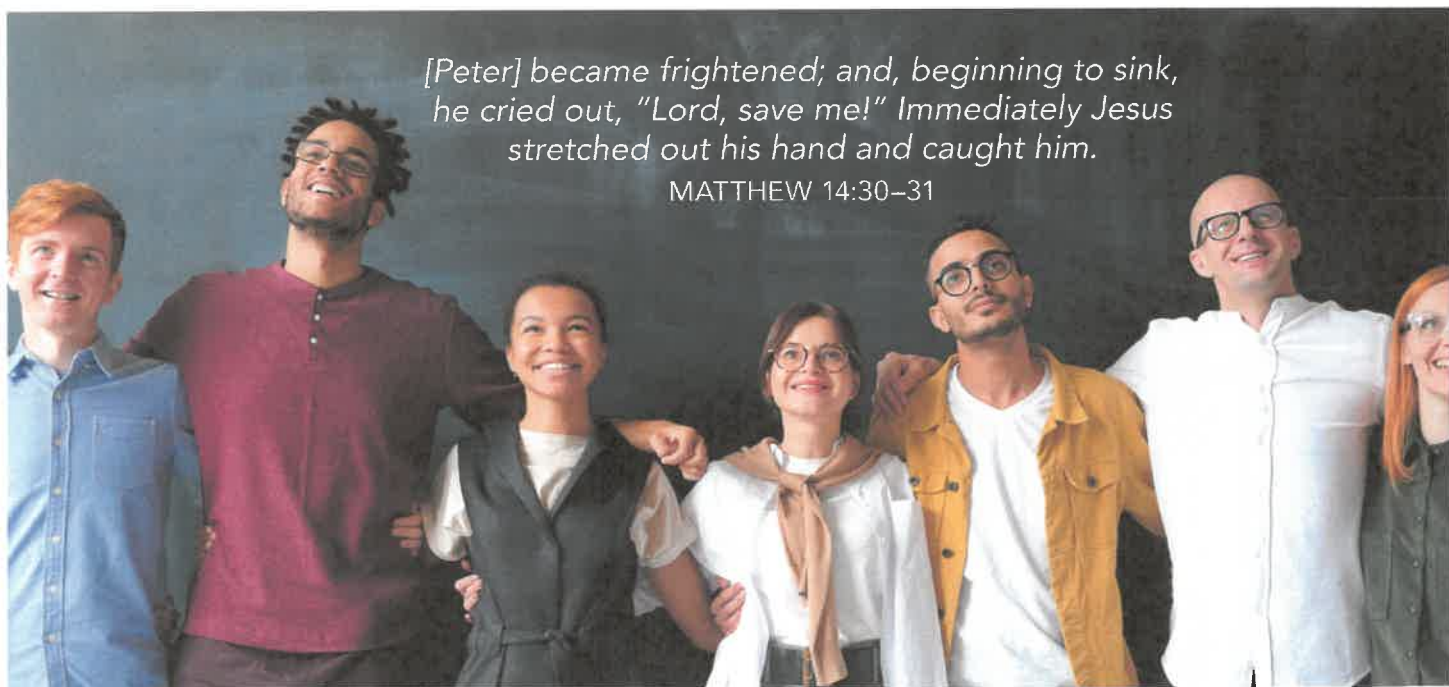
today's second reading and later states: "This sacred synod wants to foster and recommend...mutual understanding and respect which is the fruit, above all, of biblical and theological studies as well as of fraternal dialogues" (Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions [*Nostra Aetate*], 4).

We may have corrected some grievous errors in this matter, but we have not gotten much further than Paul did in resolving the issue. However, he experienced "great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart" (Romans 9:2) because of the separation. Do we?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- ▣ The original followers of Jesus were simply different kinds of Jews.
- ▣ Much of our Christian religious tradition is grounded in the Old Testament.



*[Peter] became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him.*

MATTHEW 14:30-31

Blessed Sacrament + **St. Edward** + St. Joseph

**PARISH FAMILY UPCOMING EVENTS**  
**Sunday August 9, 2020**

**Blessed Sacrament + St. Edward + St. Joseph**  
**Parishioners**

**Message From Fr. George**

**I will be visiting my mother in Chicago August 24th—29th.  
If you have any concerns or questions please  
contact me.**

**EVENING PRAYER SERVICE  
FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR**

David Koehmstedt  
Evening Prayer Service  
Monday, August 10 + 7:00pm  
Mass of Christian Burial  
Tuesday, August 11th + 10:00am  
St. Joseph's Church, Middle River, Minnesota

Keep in mind that if you plan to attend either  
service that Social Distancing & Masks  
Protocols are in place.  
There will be no fellowship meal served

**Position Available  
at  
Blessed Sacrament**

- **Parish Custodian—Part-time**
- **For Job Description & Salary  
contact: Shelly in the office or  
Fr. George**

**2020 Summer Appeal Our Diocesan  
Annual Appeal.....**

needs your attention in this extraordinary year. Next week you will find summer appeal envelopes will be available in our parishes information tables. We are asking that even if you have never supported the Diocesan Annual Appeal in the past, or if you have already supported the appeal, that you consider a modest gift to support diocesan ministries. We will be taking a second collection for the Summer Appeal on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please pick up the envelope, with the sun emblem, pray about a gift and bring it back to the parish on Summer Appeal weekend. We are all in this together! You can make an online gift at [www.crookston.org/daa](http://www.crookston.org/daa). Thank you.

**Healing Prayer**

*Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay  
your healing Hands upon all those who are  
sick. We beg You to have compassion on all  
those who are suffering so that they may be  
delivered from their pitiful circumstances.*

*In Jesus, we pray.  
Amen.*

# 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Parish Staff

**Father George Noel,**  
Email: gnoel8@gmail.com Cell: 218-289-1735  
Michelle "Shelly" Kern, Parish Secretary ...782-2467  
Home: 782-2661 Cell: 218-689-8863  
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*Her office hours Tuesday-Friday 8:00am-12:30pm*

Jess Foss RE Coordinator: Cell: 218-556-6090 or call  
the parish office 218-782-2467  
Email: jessicafoss14@gmail.com

Marlene Pulczynski, All Parishes Bookkeeper .....  
782-2467  
Email: marlenebsc@wiktel.com  
*Her office hours: Wednesdays 1:30-4:30pm*

### VICTIM ASSISTANCE STATEMENT OF THE DIOCESE OF CROOKSTON

If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).

**PARISH WEBSITE:** [www.bscgreenbush.com](http://www.bscgreenbush.com)  
Live Stream Url:  
<https://ipcamlive.com/5e73d7191d178>

**PARISH PHONE: 218-782-2467**

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Monday at 12 Noon

**Use of Parish Facility :** Call the parish office, 782-2467

**BAPTISM:** To present your child for baptism, please call Fr. George for an appointment.

**MARRIAGES:** "Congratulations" Please contact the parish office as soon as possible (at least six months in advance) so that we can work with you to prepare for your Marriage. Marriage Ceremonies will be no later than **2:00pm Saturday afternoons.**

**PASTORAL VISITATION:** If you desire a home visit, communion for the homebound, or the Sacrament of the Sick, call the parish office. We want to be part of your life.

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
of  
Ordinary  
Time

## FOR THE WEEK OF August 10

**Tuesday, August 11** **Live Streamed Mass**  
**5:30pm** **Blessed Sacrament**  
+Veronica Shoen

**Wednesday, August 12** **Live Streamed Mass**  
**5:30pm** **Blessed Sacrament**  
+Birthday Blessings John Frislie

**Thursday, August 13**  
**5:30pm** +End to abortion **St. Joseph**

**Friday, August 14**  
**5:30pm** **St. Edward**  
+Birthday Blessings Ardelle Stauffenecker

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday, August 15**  
**Live Streamed 5:00pm** **Blessed Sacrament**  
+Theresa Novacek

**Sunday, August 16**  
**Live Streamed 8:00am** **Blessed Sacrament**  
+Dena Pulczynski

**9:45am** +Harry Kalinowski **St. Edward**

**11:30am** **St. Joseph**  
+For the People

Blessed Sacrament will be live streaming the weekday Masses and weekend Masses. Go to our webpage: [www.bscgreenbush.com](http://www.bscgreenbush.com) or use this address: <https://www.ipcamlive.com/5e73d7191d178>



please contact  
Fr. George for an  
appointment. 218-289-1735



Serving the Parishes of:  
 Blessed Sacrament - Greenbush  
 St. Joseph's - Middle River  
 St. Edward's - Karistad

## CREED CLASS NEWS

- *Coming soon information regarding fall CREED Classes. You will be updated in the section so check it out often*



## SAFE ENVIRONMENT

**Reminder: July 1st those who are CREED Volunteers, Music Ministers, Independent Contractors Employees you must do Safe Environment. go to the diocesan web site and click on the safe environment tab. Please get it done!**

### Blessed Sacrament St. Edward - St. Joseph Religious Education (RE) Committee

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Elle Frislie       | Chairperson |
| Mary Stauffenecker | Secretary   |
| Jess Foss          | DRE         |
| Sarah Novacek      | BSC         |
| Rachel Lund        | BSC         |
| Tina Taus          | St. Joseph  |
| Lynette Cudnik     | St. Edward  |

## BLESSED SACRAMENT CORNER

### Prayer Line Request.....

Ann Novacek at Home:782-2749 Cell: 218-242-0212  
 Kathy Schafer at 528-3241  
 Shelly Kern for email prayer request: 782-2467 office or  
 Email: michellebsc@wiktel.com

### Those Celebrating Birthdays this week...

|             |                 |                    |
|-------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Stella Foss | Alan Truscinski | John Frilie        |
| Sadie Foley | Russell Kappes  | Kennedy Truscinski |
|             | Dorothea Henry  |                    |

### St. Ann's Altar Cloth Laundry:

June –September: Elinor Koshenina



The Season of  
 ORDINARY TIME

## WEEKLY STEWARSHIP

**BSC + Weekly Stewardship Budget to Actual  
 Sunday, August 2**

**Fiscal Year Budget \$138,150.00**

| Budget<br>as of 8/02      | Received<br>as of 8/02 | Difference        |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>\$13,284.00</b>        | <b>\$16,074.00</b>     | <b>\$2,790.00</b> |
| <b>Adult Stewardship:</b> | <b>\$1,925.00</b>      |                   |
| <b>EFT Stewardship</b>    | <b>\$ 835.00</b>       |                   |

## BLESSED SACRAMENT MINISTRY SCHEDULE

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Saturday, August 15 +5pm</b>           | <b>Sunday, August 16 +8am</b>             |
| <b>Proclaimer/Prayers of the Faithful</b> | <b>Proclaimer/Prayers of the Faithful</b> |
| Noah Novacek                              | Shelly Kern                               |
| <b>Organist/Announcements</b>             | <b>Organist/Announcements</b>             |
| Sarah Novacek                             | Sarah Novacek                             |
| <b>Sacristan/Sanitizer</b>                | <b>Sacristan/Sanitizer</b>                |
|   | Shelly Kern                               |
| <b>Crowd Control Usher</b>                | <b>Crowd Control Usher</b>                |
|   | Shelly Kern                               |

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER IF YOU ARE  
 CONFORTABLE DOING SO**

## ST. JOSEPH'S CORNER

**Prayer Line Contact:** Phyllis Blazek 222-3316

**Those Celebrating Birthdays this week...**  
Rita Sens



**USE  
SANITIZER  
OFTEN.....**

## ST. EDWARD CORNER

**Those Celebrating Birthdays this week...**  
Karen Krantz     Ardelle Stauffenecker  
Constance Kalinowski

**REMEMBER TO KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCE AT MASS**



### WEEKLY STEWARSHIP

**St. Joseph + Weekly Stewardship Budget to Actual**

Sunday, August 2

Fiscal Year Budget \$34,500.00

| Budget<br>As of 8/02 | Received<br>as of 8/02 | Difference |
|----------------------|------------------------|------------|
| \$3,317.00           | \$3,329.00             | \$12.00    |
| Stewardship:         | \$1163.00              |            |
| Utilities            | \$ 10.00               |            |
| Peter's Pence        | \$ 5.00                |            |
| Retired Priests      | \$ 5.00                |            |

### WEEKLY STEWARSHIP

**St. Edward + Weekly Stewardship Budget to Actual**

Sunday, August 2

Fiscal Year Budget \$40,350.00

| Budget<br>As of 8/02 | Received<br>as of 8/02 | Difference |
|----------------------|------------------------|------------|
| \$3,880.00           | \$5,180.00             | \$13000.00 |
| Stewardship:         | \$1,190.00             |            |

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Sunday, August 16 + 11:30am**

Proclaimer/Prayers of the Faithful  
Tom Super  
Commentator  
KayDell Super  
Organist:  
Cathy Erickson/Rachel Bukowski  
Usher/Sanitizer  
Nathan Bukowski

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Sunday, August 16 + 9:45 am**

Sacristan/Usher:  
June Kasprovicz  
Organist:  
Pat Larson  
**Announcements: Volunteer**  
Proclaimer/Prayers of the Faithful:  
David Cudnik

### 2020 DAA Status as of August 1

|              | Goal       | Donated    | % of Goal |
|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| BSC          | 13,818     | 16,941.00  | 126.31%   |
| St Edward    | 4,182      | 2,815.00   | 62.26%    |
| St Joseph    | 4,004      | 1,695.00   | 44.62%    |
| Diocese Goal | 900,000.00 | 750,678.93 | 83.41%    |

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- Enter Parish Access Code: **R7WRDC (Use Uppercase)**
- Enter your email and create a password (you need this to login later)



# Dear Padre,

## The Bible is critical to our Christian lives, but why is it so hard to understand?

The Bible is a unique piece of literature—perhaps the most distinctive in the world. In fact, it is not just one publication. The word *Bible* derives from a word meaning “library.” The Bible is a library of books—seventy-two books, to be exact—dating from antiquity, written and edited by authors known and unknown. It contains, as any library would, a vast array of literary forms and expressions. It covers more than 3,000 years of history. Reading and understanding the Bible, and living up to its precepts, is indeed a formidable task and will take us all a lifetime to do.

The first key to the Bible is noting that this isn’t just the work of human authors; it is the word of God. We acknowledge the human element of the Bible, the authors’ lived experience, the historical circumstances that form the background of the revelation. But we believe unequivocally that the truth and meaning of the Bible is the inspiration of God. The Catholic view is that God was able to reveal truth through the work of sacred writers.

The Scriptures are layered accounts. They begin with historical facts, followed by years of oral tradition, and ending with the author’s final version.

The best way to familiarize yourself with Scripture is to find a good Bible-study program or group. This will acquaint you with the history of Israel, the times and culture in which the Bible was written, and its rich variety of literary forms. Enjoy your biblical journey.

—Fr. Joseph Morin, CSSR  
[Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)



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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

**We must ensure that in the usual activities of every Christian community, in parishes, in associations, and movements, there actually be at heart the personal encounter with Christ who communicates himself to us in his word, because, as St. Jerome teaches us, “ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.”**

—ADDRESS TO CATHOLIC BIBLICAL FEDERATION, JUNE 19, 2015

## Calendar

### Monday

AUGUST 10  
St. Lawrence,  
Deacon and Martyr  
2 Cor 9:6–10  
Jn 12:24–26

### Tuesday

AUGUST 11  
St. Clare, Virgin  
Ez 2:8–3:4  
Mt 18:1–5, 10, 12–14

### Wednesday

AUGUST 12  
Weekday  
Ez 9:1–7; 10:18–22  
Mt 18:15–20

### Thursday

AUGUST 13  
Weekday  
Ez 12:1–12  
Mt 18:21–19:1

### Friday

AUGUST 14  
St. Maximilian Kolbe,  
Priest and Martyr  
Ez 16:1–15, 60, 63  
or 16:59–63  
Mt 19:3–12

### Saturday

AUGUST 15  
The Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
Rv 11:19a;  
12:1–6a, 10ab  
1 Cor 15:20–27  
Lk 1:39–56

### Sunday

AUGUST 16  
Twentieth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Is 56:1, 6–7  
Rom 11:13–15, 29–32  
Mt 15:21–28

## Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> Announcements

1. Reminder, that we still are following the social distancing guidelines when we attend Mass. This is an act of kindness and safety to each other.
2. Congratulations to Damien Miles Mooney son of Gabriel & Katelyn Mooney who was Baptized this past weekend. Welcome to our church family
3. The Evening Prayer Service and Mass of Christian Burial information for David Koehmstedt is in the bulletin.