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| Mass Schedule | | | |
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| | | Umbarger | Happy |
| Mon, July 27 | | No Mass | No Mass |
| Tue, July 28 | | 7 PM - Marcella Brandt | No Mass |
| Wed, July 29 | St. Martha | 8 AM - Clara Grabber | No Mass |
| Thu, July 30 | St. Peter Chrysologus | 8 AM - Amy & Don Marshall | 7 PM |
| Fri, July 31 | St. Ignatius of Loyola | 8 AM - Christian Mothers | No Mass |
| Sat, August 1 | St. Alphonsus Liguori | No Mass | 5:30 PM - Parish Family |
| Sun, August 2 | The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9:00 AM - Parish Family | No Mass |

ST. MARY'S

Divine Mercy Chaplet: 1st Sunday at 10:30 AM
Anointing of the Sick: By Request
CYO 4th Sunday 6:00 pm. at the Hall
CCD: Sundays at 10:15-11:30

Until further notice: We will not have a liturgy list, but ask for volunteers to lector.

Live Mass Streaming: We will continue to live-stream mass for the time being. To access, follow our Facebook Page: StMarys Umbarger.

St Mary's Prayer Blanket Ministry: If you or a loved one suffers from a serious illness and would like a blanket, please contact Suzy Hicks or Fr Grant.

What is a diocese?

By Philip Kosloski

And more importantly, do you know which diocese you are living in?

For those new to the faith (or even those raised Catholic) there are countless words in Catholicism that are confusing. One of which is the word “diocese.” What does it mean?

The term comes from the Greek dioikesis, meaning the management of a household. In the Roman Empire the word was used for a territory governed by a central city. As the Empire was Christianized, the bishops located in these cities naturally adopted the term to describe the region they governed.

In the very beginning of Christianity bishops acted more like parish priests. Christian communities were small, located only in a handful of cities and there were enough bishops to govern each individual community. As Christianity spread, bishops were unable to minister to all the spiritual needs of the souls in a particular region and ordained priests to become local helpers. These communities led by priests later became known as parishes.

Each region, comprised of a bishop at a primary city with a collection of parishes throughout the countryside, became known as a diocese. This term continues to be used today and similar to parishes, each diocese has a specific geographical area.

When a bishop is placed in charge of a particular diocese he is given charge of the souls within his boundaries. To the best of his ability he is to make sure that all have access to the sacraments and that the laws of the Church are enacted. The bishop is the local authority in all matters of the Church and is entrusted with the task of preserving the apostolic faith.

It is important for each Catholic to know which diocese they are currently residing in and to know the boundaries, especially when moving to another location. When a person moves to another diocese they are entrusting to that bishop the general care of their soul. Above all things the bishop is your local shepherd and is greatly in need of your prayers. His job is not easy and we should always remember the difficulties he has to deal with on a daily basis.

An archdiocese, from the Greek suffix indicating “head” or “ruler,” is a diocese that includes a larger city or one with a large Catholic population. An archdiocese is headed by an archbishop, and the archbishop of the largest diocese in a region is known as a metropolitan archbishop.

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

What is a parish?

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Countless Christians use the term, but what does it mean?

As Christianity was firmly established in various countries, there arose a need to organize the communities of Christians into a manageable system. This task first began in the 4th century and was refined over the years, culminating in the 16th century with the Council of Trent.

It was at Trent that bishops were instructed to clearly define parishes and the priests who would serve them. Specific boundaries were established so that the priest understood to whom he was ministering. This was a geographical boundary determined by the number of souls present in a specific region.

The parish priest (also known as the “pastor”) had the care of all souls living within his boundaries. He was obliged to attend to their spiritual needs and provide the sacraments. As needs demanded, a pastor could be assisted by additional priests who would work under his instruction.

The current Code of Canon Law further specifies that a parish is “a certain community of the Christian faithful stably constituted” and established by a bishop.

While it is true that “as a general rule a parish is to be territorial, that is, one which includes all the Christian faithful of a certain territory,” Canon Law provides for groups of Christians that are not bound by territorial boundaries.

In the United States this has taken many different forms and since the invention of the automobile, parish boundaries are typically not enforced as a hard-and-fast rule. This means individuals who reside outside of a particular parish are free to enroll in any parish, regardless of location.

Parishes as ships

Spiritually speaking, parishes are meant to be “ships” that bear a specific group of souls to heaven. The word parish is derived from the Greek paroikos, meaning “a sojourner.” It is used in the Acts of the Apostles where Stephen speaks about the history of the Jewish people, explaining how they were “aliens in a land not their own” (Acts 7:6). In this way a parishioner is truly a “sojourner,” a pilgrim journeying towards his/her heavenly homeland.

It should then come as no surprise that we find in the Apostolic Constitutions, a document written in the 4th century, the following analogy.

When you call an assembly of the Church as one that is the commander of a great ship, appoint the assemblies to be made with all possible skill, charging the deacons as mariners to prepare places for the brethren as for passengers, with all due care and decency.

And first, let the building be long, with its head to the east, with its vestries on both sides at the east end, and so it will be like a ship.

Furthermore, it is no coincidence that the part of every church where the people sit is called a nave. This word comes from the Latin navis, or ship, and was meant to portray the reality that the Church is a ship, protecting those inside it from the waves and buffets of the world.

Each pastor then is the “captain” of his ship of souls, entrusted with the weighty task of guiding the souls in his boat to the Eternal Shores of Heaven. It is not an easy task! This is why the priest depends greatly on the involvement of his flock. Lay people, as well as deacons, help “man the oars” of the ship, taking leadership roles that propel the ship in the direction that the “breath” of the Holy Spirit is moving its sails.

So the next time you visit your parish, remember the analogy of the ship. It will help you understand the responsibility every pastor has, especially when they have been put in charge of 3 or 4 “ships”!

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

FOR BULLETIN NOTICES – Bulletin Deadline: Thursday @ noon. Please Contact Fr. Grant by email: frgrantspinhirne@gmail.com or Christina Wegman by email: cwegman696@yahoo.com or by phone: (806)499-3531.

Baptism or Wedding Please contact Fr. Grant at least 1 month in advance for baptisms and 6 months advance for weddings.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Umberger: Sundays at 8:30 am or by appointment. **Happy:** Saturdays at 5 p.m. and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. or by appointment.

To use or rent the church or parish hall, please contact Fr. Grant or Debbie Batenhorst at least 3 months before the event.

FOR MASS INTENTIONS please talk to Fr. Grant or leave the intention in the collection basket. There are envelopes available in the back of Church.

Please pray for all the sick in our parishes

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