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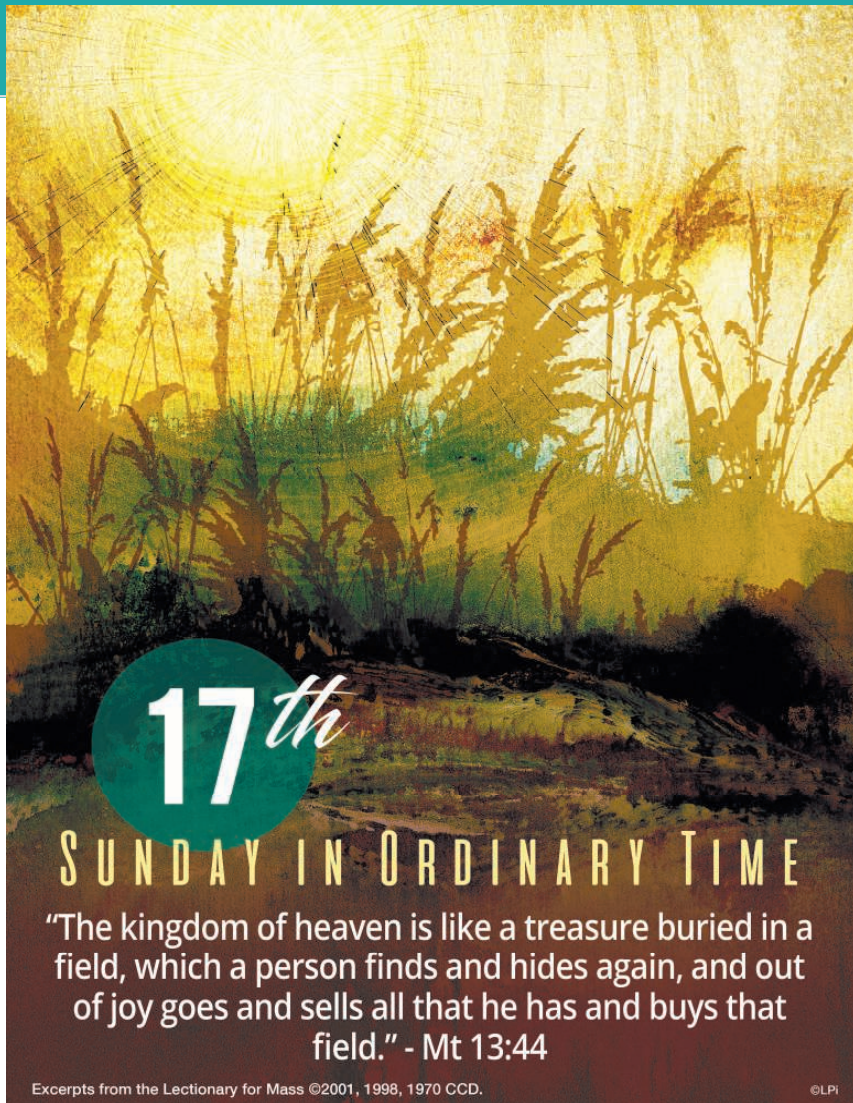
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Liturgy of the Eucharist

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

Weekdays

Wednesday 9:00 am

First Friday of each month 9:00 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Wednesday after 9:00 am Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

First Friday of each month 8:30 am

First Saturday of each month 3:15 pm – 3:45 pm

Or by appointment

July 30, 2017

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Today's readings are about discernment. How do we decide what to do when we have choices to make in our daily lives—at work, home and everywhere in-between? We need discernment. We need wisdom to look at our options and come up with the right decision, the decision that is most pleasing to God and most in line with God's purposes.

Solomon is renowned for asking God for the best gift, a gift God was very pleased to give him. Solomon could have asked for anything—God had basically given him a blank check. But he chose to ask for “an understanding heart, to judge your (God's) people and to distinguish right from wrong.”

God replies to Solomon, “Because you have asked for this—not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies... I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding...”

This passage reminds me of 1 John 5: 14, “And we have this confidence in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.” While I certainly believe that God gives us many good gifts that we don't even ask for, the thought of taking other Bible quotes at face value that state that God will give us anything we ask for has never set well with me. But I do believe, like Solomon's request and this passage from 1 John, if we ask for something that is perfectly in tune with God's will, we will definitely receive it. How do we discern this Holy Will? The closer we draw to God, the more we will know God's heart and be inclined to ask for the kinds of things Solomon asked for.

The second reading, from Paul to the Romans, contains one of my favorite Bible passages: “Brothers and sisters: We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.” When our children were young, we memorized some Bible quotes as a family and this was one of them, although we used a different translation. I can still remember the quote we used to recite with the kids, “For those who love God, God works all things together for good.”

What does this have to do with discernment? This does not so much concern decision-making, but rather discernment about what is going on in your life. It always gave me, and I hope my kids, great comfort, because it is saying, “Don't worry or get agitated when things don't seem to be going well. Just trust that in the end, or eventually, God will turn this trouble or problem into something good.” I have always believed that and have seen it lived out over and over in my life and in the lives of those around me. So, in this case, remember to discern that God is Love, and you are loved by God, and don't be engulfed by the emotion of the moment, whether that be disappointment or outright despair.

And the Gospel also is about discerning the true value of our spiritual reality. Jesus tells us to take notice of the spiritual pearls of wisdom and grace that are all around. Look for them, recognize them and value them. If we make them what we seek in life, we will lack for nothing.

~by Cindy Murphy McMahon

PARISH NEWS

Upcoming Meeting

Tuesday, August 1 at 7pm is the Finance Council meeting.

Father Shane will be in Colorado August 8-17 visiting his mother.

Money Counter Needed to help count the weekend parishioner donations on the 4th Tuesday of each month beginning July 25th. Counting of the previous weekend's collections is done at the Parish House beginning at 9:00 am and takes from 1-2 hours to complete. Training is provided with the added benefit of being paired with a seasoned veteran. Please call the office if interested.

A Place for You will be holding a Bass fishing contest on August 19, 2017 to raise money for A Place For You transitional homeless shelter. Visit <http://apfy.org/> for more information.



Save the Date! Our Fall Festival will be Sunday, September 17.

The next planning meeting for the Fall Festival will be Wednesday, August 9, at 7:00 pm in Wey Hall.

Sign up sheets are in the back of church for many different activities for the festival. We need everyone's involvement to make the festival a success. Please sign up with your name and number where you would like to volunteer. Coordinators will then contact you.

We will need donations for prizes for children's games and bottles of pop (2 liter size). Bins are in the back of church for these donations. If you would like to make a monetary donation, envelopes are in the pews, and your donation can be dropped in the offertory baskets.

If you or your business would like to donate items for the Silent Auction, please contact Phyllis Keating at 651.307.8448.

MASS INTENTIONS



August 2 Open
August 5 Open
August 6 Open

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you or a loved one are ill in any way and would like to have your name included in the Sunday Prayers of the Faithful, contact the Parish office. Also, any prayer request or needs can be written in our Parish Intercessory Book in the back of church AT ANY TIME.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Totals for the week of 7/25/17

Plate	174.91
Envelopes.....	1396.00
Food Shelf	10.00
Fall Festival	290.00
EFT Money.....	490.00
Schlangen Family.....	20.00
TOTALS	\$ 2380.91

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Colleen Najewski
Lenny Anderson

Please advise the office if any of these names can be removed. Thank you.

"Loving God, we ask that you enfold in your tender compassionate care all those in our community whose hearts are breaking and whose worries consume them."

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, August 5 at 4:00 pm

Lector: Kevin Smith

Communion: Mary Petschl, Ginny Thorn

Gifts: Thorn Family

Ushers: Al Petschl, Dick Ordner

Servers: TJ Roth

Sunday, August 6 at 9:00 a.m.

Lectors: Al Walz, Mary Jane Dahl

Communion: Audrey Larson, Clarence Larson, Beth Churchsmith*

Gifts: S. Larson Family

Ushers: Rodney Swanson, Craig Peterson, Don Belland

Servers: Brodrick Larson, Cadence Morris

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 2

Fr. Shane	Sacred Heart	9:00 am
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Saturday, August 5

Fr. Shane	Sacred Heart	4:00 pm
Fr. Chuck	St. Gregory's	5:00 pm

Sunday, August 6

Fr. Chuck	St. Gregory's	8:30 am
Fr. Shane	Sacred Heart	9:00 am
Fr. Chuck	St. Gregory's	10:30 am

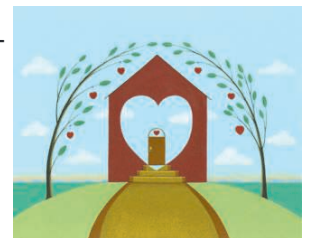
Daily Prayer This Week

This whole week could be a time for each of us to grow in a sense of what we most deeply desire. If we let Sunday's gospel open our hearts we might find ourselves asking, begging God for what we need.

And we can let the daily gospels renew our hope. Have we become cynical and jaded a bit? The world does seem to be like a field someone sowed weeds into. God's reign in this world doesn't seem to be growing, and the seeds seem so small. This is a good week to get in touch with what is discouraged in our hearts and to let the courage the Lord is offering us renew us. He promises that even small seeds work and that even a little yeast allows dough to grow. The process is sometimes imperceptible, but that's why Jesus reminds us to place our trust in him. Our own hearts might be full of weeds, but the Lord doesn't want us ripping ourselves apart. He is full of mercy and healing reconciliation. Jesus does not want us to be scandalized by the evil we see in the world. God is patient. And, God alone will judge.

So every day this week, we can begin our day, establishing a focus. This might be while standing next to our bed for a brief minute, or while pouring ourselves a cup of coffee, or while in the shower or getting dressed. This is the time that can transform any busy day into a more focused time of connection with our Lord. Using all sorts of background times throughout the day will take no "extra" time for prayer, but will make it possible to let these powerful scriptures interact with the daily events and relationships with which we are involved.

One morning we might begin our day, simply by saying, "Lord, thank you for this day. Help me to pay attention to what and who I'm treasuring today." Or, "Lord, be with me this day and help me check my need to judge others. Help me place my trust in you today." While in the shower or driving to work I might talk with the Lord about the day ahead, asking for particular help, focus, or a new way of valuing during that difficult 10 a.m. meeting or with the clients or students or patients I will see. While doing the wash or shopping or preparing meals or while taking time with my family or friends in the evening, I can let myself have these 30 second friend-to-friend conversations with the Lord. The readings provide a compass for our daily journey, but it is the continual practice at connecting with our Lord that carries us through the day. Looking back and saying "thank you" every night, if even for 30 seconds, will gradually transform us and give us more courage and hope.





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