August 20, 2017
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 56:6-7
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Matthew 15:21-28

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A Humbling Experience

Self-esteem is the watchword of today's society. Media, music and literature all tout the virtues of building positive self-image. School grades and employee reviews have been over-hauled to avoid damaging this precious idea of self worth. Millions of dollars are spent on "I'm ok, you're ok" seminars and self help books, repeating the message that each of us is the equal of anyone. Is it any wonder humility is rare these days? How different the Canaanite woman in today's reading is! Desperate for her daughter's healing she abased herself, shamelessly begging Jesus for His healing touch. And when He denied her request, using a painful comparison of dogs and children, she was not too proud to accept this humble status. In fact the Canaanite woman used the analogy to voice her need again: "Lord, even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from their master's table." And her faith and humility gained His compassion. What a startling example for our ego-focused lives today. May this story remind us that while we are treasured children of God, we are also needy, humble servants, beggars for His divine grace.

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Weekly Calendar

Monday, August 21
Memorial of Saint Pius X, pope

Tuesday, August 22
Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00 am: Mass: Wallace Brey

Wednesday, August 23
Memorial of Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin
8:00 am: Mass: Wallace Brey
3:00 pm: Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

Thursday, August 24
Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle
8:00 am: Mass: Tammy Backaus

Friday, August 25
Memorial of Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, priest
8:00 am: Mass: Richard Tibbett
2:00 pm: Nursing Home Mass

Saturday, August 26
Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
4:00 to 4:45 pm: Confessions
5:00 pm: Mass: Parishioners

Sunday, August 27
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 to 7:30 am: Confessions
8:00 am: Mass: Dave Hoppa
10:30 am: Mass: Michael Hickey

General Parish Information

Father Varkey Emergency Cell Phone: 715-937-3664
New parishioners: You are most welcome to join the family of St. Mary's. Please contact the parish office.
Prayer Chain: Contact Jean Kuhn 937-1161
Meal Ministry: Please contact Mary Sladich 743-4466
Bereavement Ministry: Contact Annie Augustine 937-1432
Elizabeth Ministry: Contact Renee Schoen 743-4059
Marriage: Contact with the parish is required six months to a year before marriage. Preparation begins with the first contact.
Natural Family Planning: Please contact the Parish Office.
Baptisms: Baptisms are celebrated during the 10:30 am Mass on the fourth Sunday of each month. Baptisms following Mass can also be scheduled. Preparation classes are necessary. Please contact the office for further info.
Interfaith Caregivers Contact: 743-2885

Weekly Collection

August 13, 2017

Tithe	$3,375.17
Offertory	474.15
Student	7.25
Assumption	125.00
Total	**$3,981.57**
Weekly Budget	**$4,414.73**

August 15, 2017

Solemnity of Assumption of Mary	**$857.05**
Uganda Mission	$105.00
Mission Coop	$1,525.00

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday–Sunday, August 26-27

Lectors	**(A)**	**(B)**
Sat. 5:00 pm	Rogene Matuszak	Greta Ross
Sun. 8:00 am	Donna Kuhn	Rick Kuhn
Sun.10:30 am	Martha Opelt	

Extraordinary Ministers

Sat 5:00 pm	Greta Ross/Rogene Matuszak/Mary Kay Mills
Sun. 8:00 am	Rick Kuhn/Mary Luedtke/Jack Hammond
Sun.10:30am	Joel Feucht

Cantors

Sat: 5:00 pm	Michael Hart/Mary Ann Ingold
Sun. 8:00 am	Rita Kuchenbecker/Lyn Schoengarth
Sun.10:30am	JoAnn Blum/Lorraine Spencer

Accompanists: 5 pm Barb/ 8 &10:30 am Samantha

Servers

Sat. 5:00 pm	Charlie Schoen	Kaelyn Krultz
Sun 8:00 am	Gianna Kuhn	Gabriella Kuhn
Sun 10:30 am	Christopher Cortez	Logan Cullen

Ushers for August

Sat 5:00 pm.	Bill Krzyzanowski/Donald Kotcon
Sun. 8:00 am	David Bohac/Kent Luedtke/Rodney Schoen
Sun.10:30am	Louis Kessler/Larry Kyle/Ken Wirkuty

Rosary Leaders

Sat. 5:00 pm	Greta Ross
Sun 8:00 am	John Matuszak
Sun 10:30 am	Joel & Christine Feucht

Greeter Schedule – August
5:00 pm: Tony Langreck
8:00 am: Tom & Kelly Silbernagel
10:30 am: Karen Gilbert & Mary Hartung

Children's Liturgy of the Word
Will resume in September

Parish Announcements

Potluck

St. Mary's Parish Potluck is scheduled for Sunday, September 17, 2017

If you would like to help organize children's games, serve food, etc. for the potluck please contact the parish office.

Devotions for the 100th Anniversary of our Lady of Fatima The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet continues to be prayed at 3 pm in the Prayer Garden or church on Wednesdays. First Saturdays of the month will be celebrated as follows: Confessions will be available at 7:45 am, Mass will be celebrated at 8 am, Rosary and Divine Chaplet will be prayed following Mass. If you have any questions contact Rogene Matuszak 715-743-8138.

St. Mary's Pictorial: If you have not received your free copy of the pictorial for having your portrait taken, please contact the parish office. You can also contact the parish office to order a copy. The price is $10.

Sow Seeds, Share the Light, Grow in the Faith

CCD teaching and aide positions open for the 2017-2018 year. Seeking 4th grade and 10th grade Confirmation teachers and aides for 8th grade and 2nd grade. Please prayerfully consider sharing your love for Jesus and the Catholic faith with our youth. Contact Stephanie Hannasch at the parish office.

Kindergarten and New CCD registrations needed….
Children entering Kindergarten CCD and any family who wishes their child(ren) to attend CCD this year that didn't attend last year, please contact Stephanie Hannasch at the office this week.

All Catechists and Aides are asked to attend the Orientation Meeting on Wednesday August 30th beginning at 6pm in the Church Hall. There will be a potluck meal at 6:30pm and a brief meeting about the upcoming year. The required Annual Safe Environment Training will also be a part of the evening. Please bring a dish to pass. Drinks and main dish will be provided.

Boxes of Joy- With back-to-school sales on, a reminder that Box of Joy collection will be taking place again this fall the first week of November. Shoebox-sized boxes (provided in September) are to be filled with small items for children in impoverished countries for Christmas. Items can include school supplies, apparel, hygiene items and toys. A full list of suggested items is available in the Carport Vestibule.

Sharing
The Light of Faith
A Deanery Convocation
Sponsored by the Thorp Deanery
Wednesday, September 6, 2017
6:00 – 9:00 PM
St. Anthony's Parish
Loyal, WI

ALL parishioners of the eleven parishes of the Thorp Deanery are invited to the Annual Convocation on September 6th at 6:00 at St. Anthony's in Loyal. Parents, grandparents, lay ministers, religious education teachers, parish council and committee members will find topics of learning and of interest. Some of the topics include class management techniques, growing a super-abundant marriage, housing for the homeless in Clark County, discussing same-sex attraction with our children, finances in marriage, improving parish stewardship, spiritual growth and ways and means to involve everyone in parish life. **Please refer to bulletin insert for all the details and to register.**

4 Person Knights of Columbus Charity
9 Hole Scramble
Sunday, August 20 @ 3:00 PM

Hole in One Contest
Prize: $10,000.00
Cost $ 40.00 per person (cart not included)
Men and Women invited
Included are door prizes and a Steak dinner
Additional Steak Dinner tickets available at $15 each!!!
Raffle with a $250 1st prize and $50 BP Amoco Gas Card for 2nd
50/50 Raffle Too!
(Tickets will be sold following Masses this weekend)

Portion of Proceeds Go To Our Local Seminarians and Sisters
Contact Larry Hoeser (743-6913)
Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 4963

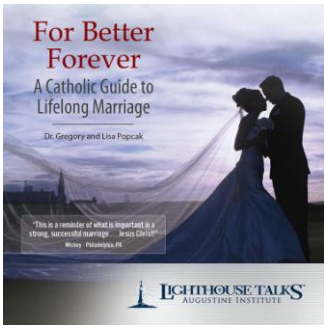
Diocese of La Crosse Parish History Book: A 350 page book including every parish's history and photos, and diocesan history celebrating the 150 year anniversary for the Diocese of La Crosse will be available for $33 and will arrive in October! Reserve your copy!!!!

Frances Schmidt celebrates her 100th Birthday with her parish family. Sunday August 13th at the 10:30 am Mass Frances received a birthday blessing and then the congregation joined together and sang "Happy Birthday". May God continue to fill her with His blessings.

Pictured with son and daughter in law, Jerry & Mary Ann Schmidt and good friends Wendell and Angie Ziegler.

Lighthouse Media

Dr. Gregory Popcak is a nationally-recognized Catholic psychotherapist and author of eight books. He and his wife, Lisa, host a daily program on Ave Maria Radio. Drawing from years of clinical practice, he integrates proven psychology with orthodox Christianity in a way that will surprise and challenge you, whether you are newlyweds or celebrating your Golden Anniversary.



Uganda Pilgrimage 2018: The dates for the 2018 pilgrimage will be June 4 to June 18 (approximately). Prior to our departure fund raisers will be held for the completion of a girls hostel at the Our Lady of Guadalupe School. The girls who have to travel too far to come to the school are currently sleeping in the school library. We will help with the construction during our time in Uganda and also have many opportunities to be with the people of Uganda and learn about their faith and culture. If you would like to join the group a $500 nonrefundable down payment is required to hold your spot. The cost of the trip will be approximately $3,000. Please contact Martha Opelt in the parish office with any questions.

Area Events

Holy Family Willard Church Bazaar
Sunday, August 27th

Mass is at 9:30 am, buffet style chicken dinner will be served from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Holy Family Willard Hall. Adults & Take Outs $10, Children 6-10 $5, 5 and under Free. Rummage sale, bucket raffle, religious articles, bake sale, produce will also be available. Music by Mary Ann Lesar & children's games at 11:30 am. Matching Funds provided by KSKJ LIFE.

Men of the Cross Conference – October 28th: The 2017 Men of the Cross conference will be held in Chippewa Falls at McDonell High School on October 28th. Speakers include John Pridmore, Fr. Richard Heilman, Jesse Romero and David DeWolf. For more information about the conference and to register, please go to:www.menofthecross.org.

St. Raymond of Penafort Parish Fall Festival
E10455 Mallard Rd, Fall Creek, WI

Friday, August 25 - KC's Fish Fry – 4 to 7 pm, Sanctuary Singers 7:30 pm
Saturday, August 26 - Golf Outing – Noon at Osseo Golf Course. Mass Time 6 pm
Sunday, August 27 - Mass 10 am, Chicken Dinner 10:30 am to 1:30 pm, KC's Punt, Pass & Kick Contest Noon, Variety Show 1 pm, Silent Auction until 1:30 pm, Nursery Stock Live Auction 2:30 pm. For Information go to: www.straymond.us or call 715-877-3400

American Red Cross – Neillsville Blood Drive
Monday, August 28, 2017
11:30 am to 5:30 pm
American Legion Post 73
6 Boon Blvd
Neillsville, WI

For an appointment call Pat at 715-743-3722.
Give blood…help save lives.