

**July 2, 2017**  
**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Matthew 10:37-42

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**Courting Disaster**

There's no harm in avoiding trouble is there? Common sense teaches us to endure the problems we already have and then avoid the rest. No one in their right mind purposely courts disaster. Or do they?

For the early church, there was no way to proclaim Jesus and avoid persecution. Believers made a willing, active choice to step out into trouble, welcoming the harshest of penalties, even death. And that willingness to sacrifice is still part of our Christian walk today. Jesus tells us we must "take up" our cross to be worthy of Him. It is not enough to merely endure the small troubles of life and living. We must be willing instead to reach down and lift Jesus' cross of self-sacrifice and self-denial to our shoulders, willingly accepting the sorrows it may bring. As we carry our cross faithfully behind Him, we proclaim ourselves true believers, loving Him and His gospel more than our own comfort and security. Courting disaster? Maybe, but the end reward is more than we could find in any other way

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## Weekly Calendar

### **Monday, July 3**

*Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle*

### **Tuesday, July 4 – Independence Day**

**Office Closed**

No Mass

### **Wednesday, July 5**

*Memorial of Saint Anthony Zaccaria, priest; Saint Elizabeth of Portugal*

8:00 am: Mass: Wallace Brey

3:00 pm: Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

### **Thursday, July 6**

*Saint Maria Goretti, virgin and martyr*

8:00 am: Mass: Michael V. Joseph

7:00 pm: Holy League Men's Group

### **Friday, July 7 – First Friday - Office Closed**

7:00 am: Mass: Dr. Nazario Capati

7:30 am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 pm: Benediction

### **Saturday, July 8**

*Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

4:00 to 4:45 pm: Confessions

5:00 pm: Mass: Parents of LaVerne & Delores Schmitt

### **Sunday, July 9**

*Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:00 to 7:30 am: Confessions

8:00 am: Mass: Belle Mazola

10:30 am: Mass: Parishioners

## 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

### **June 25, 2017**

|              |                   |
|--------------|-------------------|
| Tithe        | \$3,274.17        |
| Offertory    | 547.07            |
| Student      | 10.00             |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$3,831.24</b> |

### **Weekly Budget**

**\$ 4,414.73**

Uganda Relationship

\$150.00

## Liturgical Ministries

### Saturday–Sunday, July 8-9

#### Lectors

(A)

(B)

|               |                |                |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Sat. 5:00 pm  | Betty Jo Smith | Larry Hoeser   |
| Sun. 8:00 am  | Sherry Hickey  | Wayne Thomas   |
| Sun. 10:30 am | Janet Dolle    | Phyllis Carney |

#### Extraordinary Ministers

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Sat 5:00 pm   | Mary Sladich/Bonnie Langreck/Mary Kay Mills |
| Sun. 8:00 am  | Wayne Thomas/Sherry Hickey/Clint Hannasch   |
| Sun. 10:30 am | Gary Veltus                                 |

#### Cantors

|               |                                   |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sat: 5:00 pm  | Jeff McNeely/Rose Marie LaBarbera |
| Sun. 8:00 am  | The Conner Family                 |
| Sun. 10:30 am | Kathy Barth/Gina Krzyzanowski     |

**Accompanists:** 5 pm Barb / 8 & 10:30 am Vincente

#### Servers

|              |               |               |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Sat. 5:00 pm | Maggie Hoeser | Andrew Hoeser |
| Sun 8:00 am  | Jared Thomas  | VOLUNTEER     |
| Sun 10:30 am | Allison King  | Maria Cortez  |

#### Ushers for July

|               |                                     |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| Sat 5:00 pm.  | Russell Ratsch                      |
| Sun. 8:00 am  | Jim Langreck/John Langton/Al Spaete |
| Sun. 10:30 am | Eric Backaus                        |

#### Rosary Leaders

|              |                             |
|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Sat. 5:00 pm | Marian Ball                 |
| Sun 8:00 am  | Rick & Donna Kuhn           |
| Sun 10:30 am | Rick & Gretchen Fitzmaurice |

#### Greeter Schedule – July

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|-----------|-------------------------|
| 5:00 pm:  | Louis & Shirley Kessler |
| 8:00 am:  | Dr. Greg & Linda Foster |
| 10:30 am: | Larry & Mary Sue Kyle   |

#### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Will resume in September

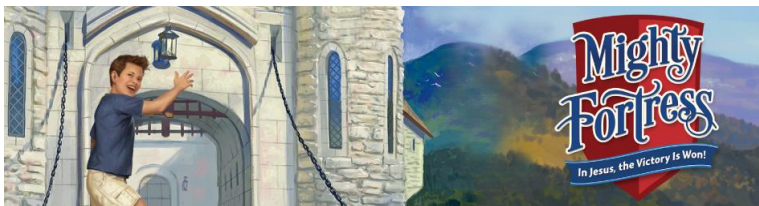
## Parish Announcements

### Our Lady of Fatima said ...



*"I promise to help at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, whoever, on the first Saturday of 5 consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite 5 decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the 15 mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to my Immaculate Heart."*

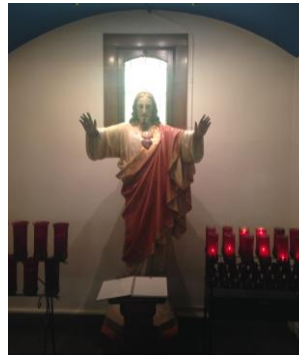
**Devotions for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Lady of Fatima** The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will continue to be prayed at 3 pm in the Prayer Garden or church on Wednesdays. First Saturdays of the month will be celebrated as follows: Confessions will be available at 7:45 am, Mass will 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.



## Summer VBS!!- July 10-14 9 am to Noon

This year's theme is A Mighty Fortress. We will learn from Bible stories how God has won the victory! Please contact Stephanie Hannasch with any questions regarding VBS.

**New Liturgical Schedules** are available in the carport vestibule. Please take a moment to pick them up.



### Parish Book for Prayer Intentions

A book has been placed in front of the statue of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, to record your prayers, whether seeking intercession or offering thanksgiving to our Lord. As Catholics, we know that intercessory prayer is powerful and necessary in our faith lives.

St. Mary's has a strong Parish Prayer Chain, adding voices praying to God for those intentions. When we see the votive candles lit, we know that someone has a particular prayer in their heart. It is no coincidence that this book, like the votive candles, is placed before our Lord's Sacred Heart, which is exposed, to remind us of His unfailing love and mercy.

As we add another invitation to remember the prayers of others to the life of St. Mary's Parish, you will notice an added intention during the Universal Prayer (intercessions) at Mass. We will be praying for those on the Parish Prayer Chain and the intentions inscribed in the Book of Intercessions. Please add your prayer requests to the book as they arise and if you wish them to remain anonymous, "for a special intention" is a way for the rest of the parish to know there is a request and our Blessed Lord knows exactly what that request is.

When you leave your prayers, spend a few moments with our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament, remembering to thank our Lord for His many blessings, even when you are having a difficult time seeing them. Consider requesting a Mass Intention, whether for the repose of the soul of a loved one, in thanksgiving for a particular blessing, or even for the intentions of another person (what a beautiful gift for that person who has everything). Infinite graces flow from the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and this tradition has been handed on to us from the earliest times of the Church. In your generosity, remember the souls of those who have gone before us, begging our Blessed Lord to unite them to Him, through our humble prayers.

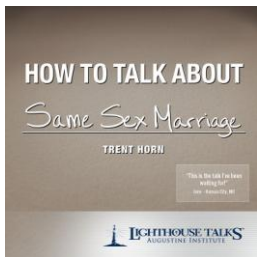
### PCCW Salad Luncheon

Thank you to the 185 parishioners who in some way contributed to the success of the luncheon. We also appreciate everyone who attended. The luncheon raised \$3,400. Of this amount the Silent Auction and Raffle raised \$1,386. Marcia Gross was the lucky winner of the Wine Basket Raffle. Many of the same people donate items each year and we are very grateful. The money raised will be used to purchase a new microwave for the church kitchen, coffee mugs, glasses, and tables. Thank you to JoAnn Blum and Lyn Schoengarth for their dedication to the event each year.

## Knights of Columbus News

**Knights of Columbus Food Drive:** The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a food drive every weekend in July. Non-perishable food and monetary donations will be greatly appreciated. Collection containers are available in the narthex.

**4 Person Knights of Columbus Charity 9 Hole Scramble Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm.** Portion of proceeds go to our local Seminarians and Sisters.



Catholic Apologist Trent Horn carefully considers same-sex marriage and provides an in-depth discussion that addresses the misconceptions held by many in our society today. This examination of what marriage really is, and what it is not,

provides a truly gracious and persuasive response to the debate surrounding this important topic.

**Uganda Pilgrimage 2018:** The dates for the 2018 pilgrimage will be June 1 to June 15 (approximately). Our first blessing when arriving will be to attend the Feast of the Ugandan Martyrs at Namugongo on Sunday, June 3rd. 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.

**Air Conditioning:** Just a reminder that the air conditioning is running in the church and the narthex. If you see the doors opened to the outside of the church, please close them and help save money.

**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 arrive before Christmas 2017! If you would like to reserve a copy please contact the parish office.

## Area Events

**Sowing Seeds of Mercy "Hope for the Homeless" Fund Raiser, Saturday, July 22, 2017:** The event will be held at the Allan & Connie Walter Farm, W4077 Heintown Rd, Loyal, WI beginning at 10 am. Join clergy, county leaders, and concerned community members as hands and hearts are joined together in the work of ending homelessness in Clark County. All proceeds will benefit the House of Mercy; a homeless facility serving women and children in Clark County. **If you would like to volunteer to help serving lunch or clean up, please contact the parish office.**

**Witnesses for Christ Conference  
"Basic Catholic Principles for Healing the Culture  
Starting with Yourself"  
August 11-12, 2017**

**Camille Pauley**, the President and CEO (co-founder with Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J.) of Healing the Culture, will be the keynote speaker on Saturday. Camille will unfold the four levels of happiness and basic Catholic principles that help us to experience the deepest happiness. These principles and insights will provide us with a steady compass for navigating the mainstream culture when we encounter bad ideas and values. Camille's presentation will include engaging, interactive exercises for small group break-outs. Every Catholic is in need of these principles that give a solid underpinning to debates about marriage, pre-marital sex, abortion, assisted suicide, and so many other issues. *Hosted by: Office for Catechesis and Evangelization and Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry*

**Mark Your Calendar.....  
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 6<sup>th</sup> 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. Registration materials will follow in July/August.

### **Pilgrimage to Mexico, Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Join Fr Peter Manickam on a trip to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexico - September 18-22, 2017. The 5 day 4 night trip cost is \$1,550.00 Dbl Occupancy \$800.00 due by July 15th, 2017. \$750.00 due by August 1st, 2017. Bus travel to O'Hare is extra. For more information contact Ruth Blume, St. Mary's Church, Colby cell 715-223-5074 or home 715-223-3182.