

June 25, 2017
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jeremiah 20:10-13
Romans 5:12-15
Matthew 10:26-33

Join the Club

People today are thrilled by exclusivity. Clubs, restaurants, resorts appeal to our ego by telling us we're part of the "select membership", the "chosen few". It boosts our self-esteem to think that the society we've joined isn't just for everyone. Our world especially loves a secret society, where not even members know all the other members. It makes us feel a cut above those who don't know the secret password or handshake, who aren't one of "us".

How different God's "society" is! With God there are no exclusive clubs to join, no special knowledge reserved only for the initiated, no secrets. Jesus tells us in the Gospel today, "what I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light, what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops." Christianity is a tell-all, see-all faith, where everyone is welcome on equal terms and God's wisdom is available to all. How freeing to know that by God's grace each of us are already a part of the most select group in creation: His chosen children who have been redeemed by the blood of Christ.

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You are worth more

Weekly Calendar

Monday, June 26

Tuesday, June 27

Memorial of Saint Cyril of Alexandria, bishop and doctor of the Church

7:00 am: Mass: Tammy Backaus

Wednesday, June 28

Memorial of Saint Irenaeus, bishop and martyr

8:00 am: Mass: Wallace Brey

3:00 pm: Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

Thursday, June 29

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

8:00 am: Mass: Michael V. Joseph

Friday, June 30

Memorial of First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

8:00 am: Mass: Joseph & Bernice Boh

2:00 pm: Nursing Home Mass

Saturday, July 1

Memorial of Saint Juniperio Serra, priest; BVM

4:00 pm: Confessions

5:00 pm: Mass: Kenneth Carl

Sunday, July 2

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am to 7:30 am: Confessions

8:00 am: Mass: Parishioners

10:30 am: Mass: Mrs. Henry (Mary) Langreck

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 18, 2017

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| Tithe | \$2,701.17 |
| Offertory | 317.35 |
| Student | 13.75 |
| Total | \$3,032.27 |

Weekly Budget \$ 4,414.73

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday–Sunday, July 1-2

Lectors (A) (B)

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| Sat. 5:00 pm | Rogene Matuszak | Greta Ross |
| Sun. 8:00 am | Rick Kuhn | Donna Kuhn |
| Sun. 10:30 am | Bob Barth | Phyllis Carney |

Extraordinary Ministers

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| Sat 5:00 pm | Rogene Matuszak/Greta Ross/Beverly Lavey |
| Sun. 8:00 am | Rick Kuhn/Caitlin Hannasch/Mary Luedtke |
| Sun. 10:30 am | Jeanette Bymers |

Cantors

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| Sat: 5:00 pm | Rita Kuchenbecker/Renee Schoen |
| Sun. 8:00 am | JoAnn Blum/Lorraine Spencer |
| Sun. 10:30 am | Mike Hart/Mary Ann Ingold |

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

Servers

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| Sat. 5:00 pm | Maggie Hooser | Andrew Hooser |
| Sun 8:00 am | Gianna Kuhn | Gabriella Kuhn |
| Sun 10:30 am | Jayden Bymers | Aubrey Matuszak |

Ushers for July

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

Rosary Leaders

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| Sat. 5:00 pm | Greta Ross |
| Sun 8:00 am | Russ & Annie Augustine |
| Sun 10:30 am | Mike & Kathy Hart |

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

Diocesan Annual Appeal 2016-2017

Thank you to everyone who supported the Diocesan Annual Appeal this year. The target for pledges has been reached for 2016-2017. Congratulations St. Mary's!!!!

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.

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 100th 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. Beginning July 1st 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.

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 20th at 3 pm. Portion of proceeds go to our local Seminarians and Sisters.

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.

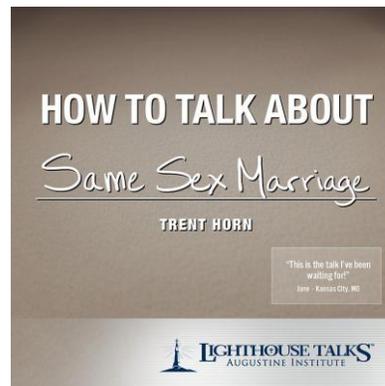


Summer VBS!!- July 10-14

This year's theme is A Mighty Fortress. We will learn from Bible stories how God has won the victory! We are in need of adult and teen volunteers to make this year's VBS great!! **Registration is open until Monday! Please find registration forms in the Narthex and return them to the parish office with fee ASAP.** Please contact Stephanie Hannasch with any questions or if you are interested in helping.

ST. MARY'S PCCW SALAD LUNCHEON

Thank you to everyone for another successful salad luncheon. It was well attended and, again, we were blessed with beautiful weather. The silent auction bids will close this Sunday at Noon. With the funds raised, we intend to buy a new over-the-range microwave, a couple of new six-foot tables, some new coffee mugs and new water glasses. We want to especially thank the gals that helped set up and worked the day of the luncheon. Thank you to Brenda Larson for making the adorable centerpieces. Remember to pick up your dishes. Again, thanks, JoAnn & Lyn



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.

Vocation Office News

July 14-16 THRESHOLD RETREAT - Three days of prayer, conversation, and reflections on the priesthood, as well as plenty of recreation. This is geared toward young men age 17-20.

Area Events

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*

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.**

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 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. Registration materials will follow in July/August.

IGA LABELS: We are no longer able to collect IGA UPC Labels for our CCD Program. We are still collecting the Our Family Brand UPC, Kwik Trip Milk Moola and Box Tops for Education. Thank you for your continued support of our CCD Program.

Reach Beyond Presents Phil Stacey in Concert at the Neillsville High School on Thursday, June 29th at 7 pm. Phil is a former American Idol contestant from season 6. He is currently traveling the country spreading the Good News through song and his own testimony. This concert is sponsored by Hillside Community Church. The event is free of charge; however, offerings will be accepted.

Neillsville Blood Drive Monday June 26, 2017

11:30 AM to 5:30 PM

American Legion Post 73

6 Boon Blvd

For an appointment call Pat at 715-743-3722

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.