

July 29, 2018

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 4:42-44

Ephesians 4:1-6

John 6:1-15

Something From Nothing

It's a harsh, heartless world we live in today. Read the papers or watch a newscast and you're likely to walk away disheartened and depressed. So much evil in so many places, and none of our human solutions solve anything. Children are hungry and abused, families are torn apart by disease and war, the old and ailing are left to suffer alone. And for all our social policies and programs the problems just seem to get worse.

With the world's troubles looking so monumental and you feeling so small, it's easy to say, I'm only one person, what can I do? Take a minute to listen once more to the lesson of the loaves and fishes. Five thousand hungry people and the disciples without a cent to buy food with. Then one small boy offers his five loaves and two fishes and a miracle is set in motion. Our God is a master of making something out of nothing, even the nothing that is one small human being. Take heart today and act in faith. Offer Him your loaves and fishes, and watch the multitudes that He can feed.

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Weekly Calendar

Monday, July 30

Memorial of Saint Peter Chrysologus, bishop and doctor of the Church

6:00 pm: Finance Council Meeting, parish office

Tuesday, July 31

Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, priest

7:00 am: Mass: Ethan Zachary Thomas

6:00 pm: Building & Grounds Meeting, parish office

Wednesday, August 1

Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, bishop and doctor of the Church

8:00 am: Mass: Ben Schwellenbach

Thursday, August 2

Memorial of Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop: Saint Peter Julian Eymard, priest

8:00 am: Mass: Alvin Ehlers

7:00 pm: Holy League Men's Group

Friday, August 3 – First Friday

7:00 am: Mass: Deceased Members of the Turczyn & Boyer Families

7:30 am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 pm: Benediction

Saturday, August 4

Memorial of Saint John Vianney, priest

4:00 pm: Confessions

5:00 pm: Mass: Sherry Rogstad

Sunday, August 5

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am to 7:30 am: Confessions

8:00 am: Mass: St. Mary Parish Family

10:30 am: Mass: Wallace Brey

11:30 am: Baptism, David Okpalaebuebe

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

July 22, 2018

Tithe \$3,009.00

Offertory 365.25

Student 9.30

Total \$3,383.55

Weekly Budget \$4,398.88

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday-Sunday, August 4-5

<u>Lectors</u>	(A)	(B)
Sat. 5:00 pm	Larry Hoeser	Mary Hartung
Sun. 8:00 am	Donna Kuhn	Rick Kuhn
Sun. 10:30 am	Bob Barth	Bob Barth

Extraordinary Ministers

Sat 5:00 pm	Bev Lavey/Greta Ross/Jared Thomas	
Sun. 8:00 am	Jack Hammond/Rick Kuhn/Cheyenne Thomas	
Sun. 10:30 am	Gary Veltus	

Cantors

Sat: 5:00 pm	Kathy Barth/Volunteer	
Sun. 8:00 am	Jeff McNeely/Rose Marie LaBarbera	
Sun. 10:30 am	Jody and Judy Conner	

Servers

Sat. 5:00 pm	Andrew Hoeser	Maggie Hoeser
Sun 8:00 am	Gabriella Kuhn	Gianna Kuhn
Sun 10:30 am	Cody Hart	Addison Moen

Ushers for August

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

Rosary Leaders

Sat. 5:00 pm	Larry & Mary Sue Kyle	
Sun 8:00 am	Wayne Thomas	
Sun 10:30 am	Mike & Kathy Hart	

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 fall

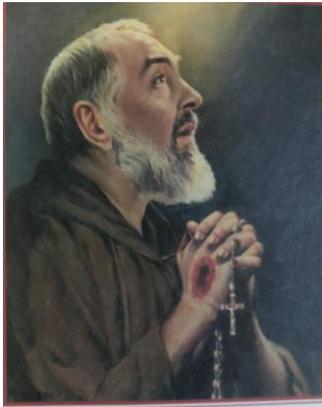
Parish Announcements

Growing in Holiness with Prayers from Padre Pio

“Pray, hope and don’t worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer. Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God’s heart. You must speak to Jesus not only with your lips but with your heart.” In fact, on certain occasions you should speak to Him only with your heart.” “If you can speak to the Lord, do so, praise Him, pray to Him, listen to Him. If you are unable to speak due to your clumsiness, don’t worry. In the ways of the Lord, stop in your room, like the courtiers, and pay Him homage. He, who will see this, will be pleased with your patience, will favor your silence, and on another occasion, you will be consoled.”

“Make a particular effort to practice sweetness and submission to the will of God, not only in extraordinary matters, but even in the little things that occur daily. Make these acts not only in the morning, but also during the day and in the evening, with a tranquil and joyful spirit. And if you should fail in this, humble yourself, make a new proposition, get up and continue on your way.”

“I end here because the bell is calling me and urging me. I am going to the church, to the holy altar.... There, and you know I cannot do otherwise, I will present you to the Heavenly Father, in union with His Son, to whom, for whom, and through whom I am totally yours in the Lord.”



VBS Thank You!!!! I want to offer my sincere and heartfelt gratitude to everyone who made VBS such a success last week. Thank you to our dedicated adult volunteers Phyllis Carney, Bonnie Langreck, Mary Miller, Kim Swita, Alexis Wanish, and to the teens who made the week run smoothly. Your hard work is appreciated! I also want to thank our generous parishioners for their donations of money and items needed for the week. God bless everyone connected with VBS as we all grow in the love and service of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. ~Stephanie Hannasch, CRE

Knights of Columbus

The **Annual Knights of Columbus Food Drive** is being held during the month of July. Please bring nonperishable food and paper products to the narthex of the church. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

Knights of Columbus August Meeting will be held following the Vigil Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Vigil Mass will be at 6 pm on Tuesday, August 14th.

4 Person K of C Charity - 9 Hole Scramble

Sunday, August 19 @ 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!**

Portion of Proceeds Go To Our Local Seminarians and Sisters

Contact Larry Hooser (743-6913) to sign-up.

Please sign up by August 13, 2018

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 4963



Mary's Prayer Garden Needs Your Help... We have a few very dedicated people who are working hard to beautify the Prayer Garden and could use your help. If you and your family would like to adopt any part of the garden to help out, please contact the Parish Office. You would be able to volunteer at a convenient time for you. The current volunteers would be happy to give any direction for the work that needs to be done. Any help you are able to give would be greatly appreciated.



Enrollment for CCD - Please call the office to enroll any children entering Kindergarten or First Grade in our CCD program. Please also call to enroll any student new to our CCD program. CCD will begin September 13th.

Building & Grounds Meeting - Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at 6 pm in the Parish Office.

***Save the Date, Thorp Deanery Convocation,
September 5, 2018***

The Thorp Deanery Convocation is an annual gathering of Catholics from Abbotsford, Colby, Owen, Thorp, Loyal, Greenwood, Willard, Neillsville, Alma Center, Fairview and Fairchild. We come together to grow in our faith and to strengthen the ministries of our parishes. The evening begins with a keynote speaker on a topic of concern to all of us. Then there are two rounds of 45 minute workshops. Each participant is able to pick two different workshops from the 8 offered. The evening ends with a social, giving everyone the chance to share what they learned and meet new friends. ***Please take a brochure placed in the church entrance.***

***Altar Server Day Trip to Rivers
Edge Park!***

WHO: ALL altar servers and students interested in serving. Grades 4 and up!

WHERE: Rivers Edge Campground and Water Trampoline Park.

WHEN: TUESDAY, August 7th. We will meet at Church at 10:00AM and plan to return around 4PM.

**** NO CHARGE** as admission and lunch is provided by St. Mary's Parish**

***LIFE JACKET** required as there are no life guards!

For more information or questions please contact

Scott or Kim Swita 715-937-1092 or switaka@yahoo.com.

Please think about your child joining this ministry and give your child his/her 1st experience of volunteering and serving his/her parish!



Signup in Carport Vestibule by
Sunday, July 29, 2018

Ping Pong Table: St. Mary's has a regulation size table that is not being used and would like to sell it. If you would like to purchase for \$20 please contact the parish office.

Area Events

Want a more joyful marriage? Take part in the Domestic Church evangelization retreat at the La Crosse Diocesan Center, August 16-19. Couples attending will experience a renewed love as spouses together in Christ. Take your marriage to the next level of happiness. Register today at diolc.org/marriage-enrichment/ or call 608-791-2673.

Men of the Cross Conference



The 4th Annual Men of the Cross Conference is slated for Saturday, October 27th at Logan Middle School in La Crosse. More information is available at <http://menofthecross.org/details> or contact Dan Kitzhaber at mensmin@diolc.org.

Church Parking Lot: For safety reasons and traffic flow please park in the marked stalls in the parking lot.