



Dear Parishioners,

We congratulate those in our parish who graduate from high school and college this year. At the 9:00 A.M. Mass this Sunday we honor our high school graduates and commend them to our prayers as they have completed this milestone in their lives and move on to college or whatever other challenges they face.

Our parish has been blessed with the donation of a new votive candle stand by Dennis Gosch in memory of his wife Kay Gosch. It has been placed in the devotional chapel under the image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Kay had expressed before her death that she would like to see the availability of large-sized votive candles to light for prayer intentions, so we thank Dennis for memorializing Kay in this way that adds to the devotional opportunities of our parish.

Finally, to keep you updated in regards to the Religious Education Classroom Building project, members of the parish and finance councils met with the architect to finalize the overall plans this last Tuesday. Over the next couple of weeks the architect will meet with a committee to make choices in regards to the options that are available for the interior materials of the building, such as paint colors, carpeting, etc. We also have to replat the current plats that make up the property that the parish owns as it is now the building would straddle two different lots, so this is a technicality that needs to be taken care of for zoning purposes. Hence we are coming close to being able to put the project out for bid and, if bids come back favorably, the architect projects that we might be able to start construction by mid-to the end of July.

Have a blessed and grace-filled week.

God bless, Fr. Gutowski



MASS INTENTIONS

MAY 20 THRU MAY 26

Monday	Loretta Patry
Tuesday	Ann Boro
Wednesday	JoAnn Hrabik
Thursday	RC - Spec. Intention
Friday	Frank Kripal
Saturday	Joe Fibich
Sunday	People of St. Joseph



FAIR BOOTH HELP

Time goes quickly and it will soon be Sarpy County Fair time. We are looking for help to work in the Sarpy County Fair Food Booth which is run by your St. Joseph Knights of Columbus. If you are willing to help at the food booth please sign-up. Thank you. Ralph Meister

THE HOLY FAMILY SHRINE PRESENTS A CONCERT BY MICHAEL TUOSTO

On Sunday, June 9th at 7:30 p.m. Michael's first performance at the Shrine will give everyone a chance to enjoy his God-given, song writing and singing talents. CD's will be available after the concert. A reception in the Visitor Center will follow the concert. All free-will donations go to support the Holy Family Shrine.

To get to the Shrine take I-80 to Exit 432, go 1 mile South on Hwy. 31 to Pflug Rd, turn right and go 1 mile West.

**RE Happenings**

Confirmation retreat for all Confirmation candidates is July 15-19 from 1-4 in the social hall.

Totus Tuus is coming to St. Joseph's Parish again July 21-26!

Youth, grades 7-12, meet Sunday-Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:40.

Elementary children, grades 1-6, meet Monday-Friday from 9-3 (need to bring a sack lunch.)

Registration forms for Totus Tuus can be found by the RE office and in the Narthex. The cost is \$10 per elementary child or \$25 per family of three or more children and grades 7-12 are free.

We need volunteers to help with Totus Tuus!

We should only need about 6 volunteers every day, 4 in the classrooms (if needed) and 2 in the kitchen to help with making lunches for Totus Tuus staff and with snack times.

We also need to have 2 host families (one for the 2 girls and one for the 2 boys) that can offer them meals and a place to stay that is relatively close to the church.

**STORM CHASER SIGN UP SHEET**

Sign-up sheets are in the church for the Baseball game with the Storm Chasers on June 20th. Sign up and come on out to the

ballgame for a fun night with fellow parishioners.

MUSIC MINISTERS

There will not be a May meeting. Please begin using the Mass of Creation mass parts with the Mass of Redemption Gloria. If you need copies, please let Candy know.

**SOCIAL TO HONOR FATHER MATT**

Remember June 1 is the evening to celebrate Fr. Matt's 25th anniversary to the priesthood. A social will be held after the 5 p.m. mass. In lieu of gifts, Father has asked for donations to the Educational Building Fund.

COUPLE TO COUPLE LEAGUE

The Couple to Couple League is helping married couples to understand their vocation of love. CCL announces an upcoming series of natural family planning classes for married and engaged couples. Couples worldwide are choosing natural family planning for its healthful, moral, and marriage building qualities, as well as its usefulness to plan or postpone pregnancy. Classes begin Sunday, May 26. For more information, call [402-571-4111](tel:402-571-4111) or visit cclomaha.org.

SUMMER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Springfield Memorial Library needs volunteer helpers for summer programs. This is a great opportunity for ages 11 & up to earn community service hours or to just come and help with our fun programs. Programs are held Mondays, June 10 – July 22 at 1pm and Thursdays, June 6 – July 18 at 1pm. You may also join us for the Teen Program on Tuesdays beginning June 11 from 3-4pm. Programs include: Photography Class, Smoothie Challenge & more. To sign up for volunteer hours and/ or teen programs stop by the Library, phone: 402-253-2797, or email: sml665@charter.net

GOOD NEWS REFLECTIONS

May 19, 2013

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11

Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 (or Rom 8:8-17)

John 20:19-23 (or John 14:15-16, 23b-26)

John 20:19-23 is one of two possible Gospel readings for Pentecost Sunday. In it, Jesus says "peace be with you" twice. First, he gives his disciples the gift of peace so that they can take their focus off of their worries to look at him and recognize him standing in their midst.

Then he says it again while giving them the vocation of continuing the mission that he had started. This time, "peace be with you" is to be the fruit of a life lived in the Holy Spirit while serving God for the sake of the world.

It's one thing to feel peaceful because we know that Jesus is with us. It's quite a challenge, though, to feel peaceful when telling others about Jesus, for we feel inadequate and overwhelmed, and we're afraid of being persecuted and rejected. That's why he gave us his Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit gives us whatever we need for doing the work that the Father asks of us, and thus we are not really inadequate nor does God fail to comfort us when people reject us.

One of the fruits of partnering with Jesus in the power of his Spirit is an inner peace that does not depend on what happens, nor on what others do or don't do to us, nor on how they respond to the Good News that we share with them. Peace is the result of being alive in the Spirit. Peace is the Spirit's activity within us.

At the end of this Gospel passage, Jesus gives the Apostles (the first Catholic priests) the authority to forgive sins as his instruments of divine presence. He is instituting the Sacrament of Reconciliation in which Jesus himself comes to us in the form of the human priest.

The same forgiving power of the Spirit enables all of us to experience peace in a sinful, tumultuous world. Even when forgiving is most difficult, in the Spirit of Christ we can do it. We can forgive those who hurt us, even if they never repent. And this is what restores our peace.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What is causing you to feel unpeaceful? Whom do you need to forgive in those situations? If you've forgiven everyone and you still lack peace, do you need to forgive yourself? Or God? Consider going to a spiritual director or counselor for help in finding all the peace that Jesus wants you to have.

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

Give an example of how peace is a fruit of life in the Holy Spirit. What other fruits come from depending upon God and partnering with his Spirit?

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