



Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate Independence Day this week, let us praise Our Lord for the blessings we have known in the United States of prosperity and freedom. Let us not take these for granted. Our bishops once again have asked us to pray for the preservation of religious liberty as we approach July 4th. We know that this is threatened by policies of our president has decreed and other various court decisions that attack the rights of conscience, especially in regards to the implementation of some immoral regulations in universal health care legislation. Therefore we need to join our bishops in prayer. To this end, following the 8:00 A.M. Mass on July 4, there will be a Eucharistic Holy Hour with the praying of the Rosary in which I encourage all to take part. Come to Mass and stay afterwards to pray before our Eucharistic Lord for our nation. There is no greater act of patriotism than to pray for our country. Further, this week especially, I recommend that the following prayer for the preservation of religious liberty, which is provided by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, be prayed daily:

O God our Creator,
from your provident hand we have received
our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of
happiness.
You have called us as your people and
given us
the right and the duty to worship you, the
only true God,
and your Son, Jesus Christ.
Through the power and working of your

Holy Spirit,
you call us to live out our faith in the midst
of the world,
bringing the light and the saving truth of the
Gospel
to every corner of society.
We ask you to bless us
in our vigilance for the gift of religious
liberty.
Give us the strength of mind and heart
to readily defend our freedoms when they
are threatened;
give us courage in making our voices heard
on behalf of the rights of your Church
and the freedom of conscience of all people
of faith.
Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father,
a clear and united voice to all your sons and
daughters
gathered in your Church
in this decisive hour in the history of our
nation,
so that, with every trial withstood
and every danger overcome—
for the sake of our children, our
grandchildren,
and all who come after us—
this great land will always be "one nation,
under God,
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Have a wonderful, grace-filled week and an
enjoyable holiday on July 4th.

God bless you, Fr. Gutowski

*Mass for the
Intentions  for the
Week*

JUNE 30 THRU JULY 6

Monday	Priest's Intention
Tuesday	Priest's Intention
Wednesday	Earl & Dorothy Hilleman 59 th Wedding Anniversary
Thursday	Priest's Intention
Friday	Priest's Intention
Saturday	Kenneth Kellogg
Sunday	People of St. Joseph

**K OF C FAIR FOOD BOOTH**

Well summer has arrived and with its arriving comes the annual Sarpy County Fair. Your St. Joseph Knights of Columbus have a food booth at the Fair and it is the BIGGEST fundraiser of the year for the Knights. The proceeds from this effort fund the majority of our activities for the year (examples: Scholarships for our Catholic Youth, High School Seniors, Seminarians, Easter Egg Hunt for youth of our Parish, OPPD/Food Basket Program at Christmas and many other activities on the Local, State and Worldwide.) This project cannot be a success without the help of everyone; (Men and Women) alike of the St. Joseph Parish Family. Everyone's help is appreciated by your Knights Council.

Fair Dates this year are: Wed July 30th thru Sunday Aug. 3rd. Sign up sheets are in back of church. Please help us out if at all possible by signing up for 1 or 2 shifts (there is approx. 225 time slots to fill) and if other Family members or friends want to help we will have them. Once again this is a Knights of Columbus activity BUT we will need everyone from the St Joseph Parish Family to make it a success.
Thanks Ralph Meister Volunteer Cord

Capital Campaign Survey Information

The deadline to return your completed survey is July 1st. You may return your survey to the office or place it in the Offertory basket at any of the Masses.

If you would like to complete the survey online, go to www.steiergroup.com, select "Client Log-In" from the "Our Clients" menu, click on St. Joseph and enter the password "Joseph".

Thank you for your participation in this survey. All parish households are encouraged to give their input.

JUNIOR CHOIR AT THE SHRINE

The Junior Choir will sing at the 10 a.m. mass at the Shrine on Saturday, July 12. Everyone is invited.