



Dear Parishioners,

I want to thank all who were involved with making the Totus Tuus week for our children and youth a success. Thank you to Carl and Ellen Weiss and Phil and Bridget White for providing room and board for the teachers/missionaries who presented the week. Our appreciation goes out to Mary and Iro Johnson, Lisa and Chris Dierking, and Chuck and Beth Chevalier for providing evening meals for them on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Thank you to Angie Krejci, Jane Ferrin, Lisa Dierking, Brenda Guenther, and Chris Hayes as well as Elizabeth Krejci and Isaiah Cacka for being present throughout the week during the day to help with various tasks. Of course, our gratitude goes to Sherry Huntwork, our Director of Religious Education, for coordinating the week and being present daily. Finally, a thank you goes out to the members of our Ladies Guild and Knights of Columbus who helped with the Wednesday evening potluck. As all who were present at the potluck on Wednesday evening witnessed, our 40+ children and youth have been blessed with having this week of instruction in the sacraments and the Glorious mysteries of the Rosary. As the number who participated this year doubled, I hope that it will grow next year likewise.


On another note, this coming week, from Monday to Friday, I will be up in Schuyler at the St. Benedict Center to carry out my duty of coordinating the second priest retreat of the summer for the Archdiocese. Further, I will be here next weekend for Masses, but then will have to travel to Chicago to receive some training that the Archdiocese wants me to receive that will take place at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary from August 4-9. I thank

you for your patience as you have to share me with the Archdiocese in regards to these other responsibilities that I have. Please pray for more vocations to the priesthood as it gets difficult for the Archbishop to fulfill all the various needs of the Archdiocese without having to give to priests a number of hats to wear.

Finally, just a quick update on the progress of getting to the point of being able to start the construction of the religious education center building: the architect had hoped to have bids in by now, but contractors are saying they need more time. Therefore it looks like it will be the end of the first week of August before these will all be in. I have told the architect that we want accurate bids, so, if this extension is necessary to receive such, then it is obviously best for us to have to wait a little longer. Thanks for everyone's patience as I know that the process seems to be a slow one, but in the end the not rushing of things will be to our advantage, I pray! Thanks for keeping this project in your prayers.

Have a blessed and grace-filled week.

God bless you all, Fr. Gutowski

*Mass*  *for the*  
*Intentions*  *Week*

#### **JULY 29 THRU AUGUST 4**

Monday	Msgr. James Cain
Tuesday	JoAnn Hrabik
Wednesday	Albino Klenda
Thursday	Loretta Patry
Friday	For Prayers Answered
Saturday	James Kocmick
Sunday	People of St. Joseph

**LIVE YOUR MARRIAGE SACRAMENT**

Want to learn the secret to living your marriage sacrament freely, totally, faithfully and fruitfully? Come learn Natural Family Planning; it's highly effective and can do wonders for your relationship. To learn more visit [www.live-the-love.org](http://www.live-the-love.org) or call 402-571-4111. A series of classes taught by The Couple to Couple League is starting in Omaha on Saturday, July 27 at 7 p.m. To register, visit [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org)

**K - College Scholarships**

The Knights of Columbus offer scholarships to members of the St Joseph's parish attending a Catholic school or university this fall in at any level from kindergarten through undergraduate studies. This offer includes Catholic home school programs. Applications are in the KOC mailbox. A limited number will be granted on a first-come basis until September 1st. Contact Tim Ihry, 592-6560, if you have questions.

**DEVOTI DOCUMENTARY PREMIERE**

Friday, August 9, 2013 | 7:30 PM  
 Joslyn Art Museum | Witherspoon Theater  
 2200 Dodge Street

Tickets available through Ticket Omaha

Web: [www.TicketOmaha.com](http://www.TicketOmaha.com)

Phone: [402-345-0606](tel:402-345-0606)

Box Office: 13th & Douglas

Four generations in the making, three years in production, **Devoti**, the documentary, will be unveiled at the Joslyn Art Museum August 9, 2013. It's a story of Catholic faith, and the relationship between two countries. **Devoti** uncovers the faith that binds the cities of Omaha, Nebraska and Carlentini, Sicily. A connection of spirituality that centers on their Patron Saint. A story every Omahan, Catholic and history enthusiast should know.

**2013 HEARTLAND CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**

Join us Saturday, August 3, 2013 for the Fourth Annual Heartland Catholic Men's Conference at Sokol Arena on the Creighton University Campus. This year's conference will feature former All Pro NFL wide receiver, Danny Abramowicz, FOCUS Missionary Founder and President, Curtis Martin, Director of Formation for the Western Province Dominicans, Fr. Michael Fones, O.P. and radio personality, Dr. Ray Guarendi (Sponsored by Spirit Catholic Radio, KVSS). As always we will have morning prayer and Mass with Archbishop George Lucas and time for confessions. For more information call 402-557-5610 or see our website at [www.archomaha.org/mensconference](http://www.archomaha.org/mensconference)

**TRIP TO EWTN - AUGUST 15 - 20**

It's an event you won't want to miss! Spirit Catholic Radio is traveling to the Eternal Word Television Network's [Family Celebration](#) in Birmingham, Alabama-the home of EWTN Studios and foundress Mother Mary Angelica. Space is limited, so reserve your spot today by August 1, 2013. Departs from Omaha. Luxury bus travel, hotel stays and most meals included. Mass celebrated at beautiful shrines along the way! Call Ann for details at 855-571-0200, extension 27 or e-mail [ann@kvss.com](mailto:ann@kvss.com).



**17th Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Luke 11:9**

**Good News Reflection**

July 28, 2013

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gen 18:20-32

Ps 138:1-3, 6-8

Col 2:12-14

Luke 11:1-13

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus teaches us how to pray with faith. Notice that his parable does not say that we can get everything we ask for. Not everything is good for us; the "bread" that runs as a theme through this scripture is the life of holiness – the "Bread of Life" is Jesus. The gift of the Holy Spirit, the Giver of Life, is a holy life.

Notice also that the visitor in the parable is a friend of God, not a stranger, who wants to share the bread with another friend. This represents a baptized Christian who wants to share the friendship of God ("three loaves" – the Trinity) with others, but he or she is inadequate for the task.

When we knock on the door to God's heart seeking help for our inadequacies, the Father gives us his fully adequate Holy Spirit. And that's not all we get! Whenever we pray, this Holy Spirit connects us to the Father and to Jesus. Therefore, every prayer increases our holiness, brings us closer to God and empowers us to be more like Jesus. But holiness does not come quickly nor easily. We must be persistent in our prayer lives. We must continually rely on God's Spirit in order to resist temptations and grow in faith.

No matter what we ask God to share with us, including the material things that we need or desire, God wants to use it to nourish our souls. This is what we ask for when we pray, "Give us this day our daily bread." Be persistent. Receiving God's bread usually

doesn't happen overnight (we're slow learners).

It's the devil who says that we can have everything we ask for as fast as we want it. New Age and occult practices are fast-food spiritualities that are riddled with the unhealthy fat of false beliefs. They lack the growth in holiness that we can only receive from the Holy Spirit. Many people turn to the occult because they don't have the desire to do the hard work of holiness.

The supernatural adequacies of the Holy Spirit are ours for the asking, because we already received the Holy Spirit during baptism. However, to live in God's supernatural power, we have to pray persistently, identify our sins and repent, purge our lives of selfish motives, and humbly open ourselves to the holiness of the Holy Spirit.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

How much do you rely on the Holy Spirit's help in your daily life? How often do you humble yourself before the Lord in prayer and ask for an increase of holiness?

**Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:**

Describe your prayer life. How does it help you become holier in your daily activities? How has the Holy Spirit purified you?

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