



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we welcome Sr. Kate Brenner from the School Sisters of St. Francis of Milwaukee who is making the annual mission appeal in our parish. Please be generous in supporting the mission work of the Sisters. Envelopes were provided in last week's bulletin, which, if you did not return this weekend, can be placed in the collection the next couple of weekends. Please keep the School Sisters of St. Francis in your prayers as well.

Regarding another serious matter, Pope Francis has repeatedly called on the world community to pray for peace in Iraq. The Islamic State (ISIS) has occupied large sections of Iraq, destroying, burning and looting churches, homes and businesses. In response to the escalating violence in Iraq, Archbishop Lucas and our American bishops have called for a Day of Prayer for Peace to be held August 16-17, 2014. Please pray this weekend as well as at least this coming week a special prayer written by His Beatitude Louis Rafael Sako, Chaldean Catholic Patriarch of Iraq, for peace in the Middle East, but especially in Iraq:

Lord,
 The plight of Iraq
 is deep and the suffering of Christians
 is severe and frightening.
 Therefore, we ask you Lord
 to spare the lives of the Iraqi people, and to grant
 them patience,
 and courage to continue their witness of Christian
 values,
 with trust and hope.
 Lord, peace is the foundation of life;
 Grant Iraq and its people the peace and stability that
 will enable them
 to live with each other without fear and anxiety,
 and with dignity and joy.
 Glory be to you forever. Amen.

Also, our bishops in Nebraska are encouraging us to contact our Nebraska Congressional delegation to let them know of our concerns for Christians and other

religious minorities who are suffering in Iraq, Syria, Egypt and other countries.

Finally, over the next several weeks preparations will be made to carry out the Ignite the Faith archdiocesan capital campaign that will also include a parish campaign. The campaign will be kicked-off in September, but I just want to once again make mention of it to keep everyone aware that it will be taking place soon. Please pray for the success of the campaign, which provides not only for archdiocesan needs but will also benefit our paying down of the construction loan on our new Religious Education building.

Have a blessed and grace-filled week.
 God bless you,
 Fr. Gutowski

Mass Intentions for the Week

AUGUST 18 THRU AUGUST 24

Monday	Priest's Intention
Tuesday	Priest's Intention
Wednesday	Priest's Intention
Thursday	Priest's Intention
Friday	Priest's Intention
Saturday	Tina McDaniel
Sunday	People of St. Joseph

RE ANNOUNCEMENTS

RE registration is still in progress. You can find registration forms in the Narthex. The RE year begins on Wednesday, August 27 and ends on Wednesday, May 13. Classes for all grades will start at 6:15 and end at 7:30. If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Huntwork at 402-253-2949 ext. 4 or email at shuntwork@msn.com.

RE begins with Mass and Backpack Blessing on August 27 at 6:15 for all grades and their families. Following Mass there will be an informational meeting on the RE year and then cookies will be served in the social ha

The Archbishop will be out to bless the new RE building August 31 at the 9:00 am Mass. Please make plans to attend.