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CONFESSIONS:

Saturday - 9 AM

Other times by request, privacy is assured

BAPTISM: Please contact Sr. Joanne at the parish office

MARRIAGES:

Congratulations on your engagement! Please contact Deacon Gerry at the parish office at least 6 months before your planned wedding date.

MASSES:

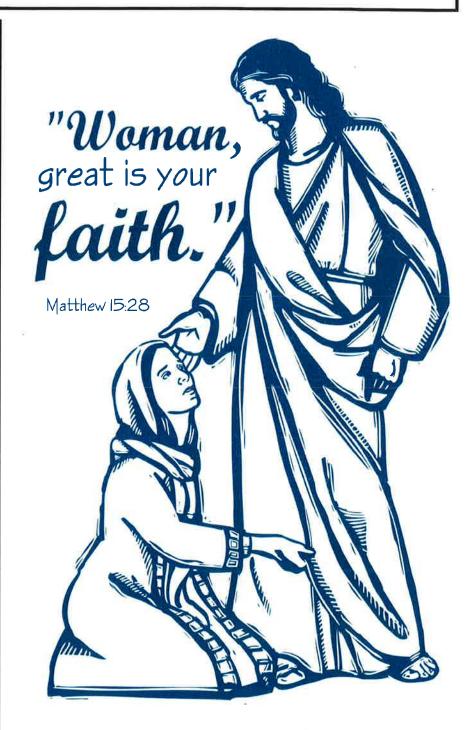
Daily: Tues. & Fri. 8:30 AM / Wed. & Thurs. 12:05 PM

Saturday evening: 4:30 PM Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM Holydays: see bulletin

Summer Mass Schedule:

Saturday evening: 4:30m, Sundays: 8:30 & 10:30 AM

A Catholic Community
to Call Home



August 20, 2017 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., August 21
Tue., August 22
Wed., August 23
Thurs., August 24
Fri., August 25
Sat., August 26
Sun., August 27

12:05 PM Robert Killick
12:05 PM For All Families
8:30 AM Sally Pendergast
4:30 PM Orvil Mueller
8:30 AM Bill Polley
10:30 AM For All Cancer Patients

WEEKLY CALENDAR

August 21 (Mon)

6:30 PM Warming Shelter Meeting/Large Conference

6:30 PM THEO/Community Room

8:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting/L6

August 22 (Tue)

8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel

6:30 PM Human Concerns Meeting/L4

August 23 (Wed)

12:05 PM Mass

August 24 (Thurs)

12:05 PM Mass

12:45 PM Church Mid-winter Makeover Information Session/Church

6:30 PM Church Mid-winter Makeover Information Session/Church

August 25 (Fri)

8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

4:00 PM Wedding — Keitha McCarthy & Tom Horan ♥

August 26 (Sat)

9:00 AM Confessions/Church

4:30 PM Mass

August 27 (Sun)

Masses: 8:30 & 10:30 AM

Coffee & Donuts in the Community Room





Contact Luanne Witthuhn (dlaawi@yahoo.com) or Anne Walkowski (830-1534) if you have a prayer need. Please remember the needs in our prayer baskets.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Office— \$1,710.00 Weekend— \$12,422.55 Children's Collection: \$15.00

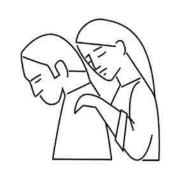
IN JOY & SORROW: Pondering Together the Treasures of Our Faith

After graduating from high school and working for two years in paper chemistry in Appleton, I became a student once again in the fall of 1979. studying theology at Saint John's School of Theology in Collegeville. Minnesota. This all seems like light-years ago. As a graduate student, I remember vividly, though, being among the minority as I ministered to the Native American community in Oneida for two summers. I never felt more of an outsider than when I needed to get an urgent telephone message to the tribal chairperson, who was leading an important listening session for tribal members. No white people were allowed in the room. I felt that all eves were fixed upon me - and they were all friendly eyes, by the way. I meant no disrespect. I remember, too, learning much about the Oneida culture. enjoying fry bread and corn soup and the colorful pageantry of "fancy" dancing. Those two summers were a good experience for me. I discovered that we fear what or whom we do not know. I grew to appreciate so much the goodness and holiness of the Oneida people by spending time with them.

It is rare for most of us to feel among the minority because we are not. But our Native American and African American brothers and sisters, our Hispanic and Asian brothers and sisters, our Jewish and Muslim brothers and sisters, and our LGBT brothers and sisters do know how difficult and painful that experience can sometimes be. To be on the receiving end of prejudice and discrimination, of hatred and intolerance can traumatize one for a lifetime. It is so hard to imagine being rejected because your skin is the wrong color or you speak the wrong language or choose to worship in a different manner.

That is why the events that transpired in Charlottesville, Virginia last weekend are so terribly traumatizing for all of us. Truth be told, I would not

have been able to muster enough courage to stand up against all of that hatred and violence. I would have been scared to death. Not so, for Heather Heyer, age 32, with many of her friends and others, who had the courage to say "No!" to all of what was transpiring on the streets of Charlottesville. She gave her life because she stood on the side of what is good and right and just. Her father, Mark, grieving the heart-crushing loss of her young life,



declared that he was so very, very proud of her and her stubborn streak that always found her standing on the side of the poor and the oppressed. He reminded us all of Jesus' words from the cross, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do", as he forgave the young man who allegedly ran her down, as he plowed his car into a group of people last Saturday evening.

Our bishops have spoken forcefully in response to last weekend's tragedy. Archbishop Sean O'Malley of Boston wrote this editorial letter:

"Nations live and flourish because of their ideas and ideals, not simply because of their material wealth or power. Our ideas and ideals express our identity and set the standards of our behavior as citizens. For the United States, a core statement of our identity is expressed in the phrase E Pluribus Unum, from many peoples, we shape one nation. This treasured civic truth reflects and is rooted in the biblical heritage of belief in the dignity of all people, and a shared humanity. We have not always as a nation reflected the best of our ideas and ideals . . . (cont.)

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We need to reassert and reaffirm the belief that one nation is meant to include all: the multiple races, ethnicities, and religions which make up our country. The angry and violent mob which gathered in Virginia this past weekend, by word and deed, contradicted our national creed and code of conduct. As a nation in the past century we led the struggle against the pagan ideas of Nazism. Those who seek to resurrect a new form of Nazism and extreme nationalism, those who denigrate African Americans, who preach and practice anti-Semitism, who disparage Muslims, those who threaten and seek to banish immigrants in our land - all these voices dishonor the basic convictions of the American political and constitutional traditions. They must be opposed in word and deed. As a Catholic bishop, I welcome the opportunity to stand with other religious leaders of the land in opposition to the voices of fragmentation and hatred."

Let's promise each other that we will do our best to examine our hearts to make sure our words and actions are grounded in the fundamental tenet of our faith that every human being is wonderfully created in the image and likeness of God! Father Bill +

Come & See

Are you a member of a different Christian church who has been attending Mass with your Catholic spouse for years? Have you thought about making the decision to be in full membership in the Catholic church? Call Sister Joanne at 739-5119.

Time to Register for IPRF!

Religious Education classes are filling up for some grades at certain times. Please register soon so that we can recruit catechists, gather materials and finalize class lists. A printable registration form can be found on our website (www.interparish.org) or at the IPRF Office on the second floor of St. Joseph Parish Center. Questions? Call the IPRF Office at 738-7413, or email iprf@inter-parish.org.

The Bells of St. Mary Choir Needs Ringers!

Come to an Open House on Monday, August 28 from 6-8 PM to meet some ringers, check out the bells and music, and see what it's all about! For more information contact Martha Paalman at mpaalman@stmaryparish.org or 920-420-6481, or visit our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/bellsofstmary.

Seminarian Collection 2017

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Ricken asking that you participate in this year's Seminarian Collection. So far this year, our parish has raised \$3,445.00. Thank you!

Have you made your gift? Mail in your pledge card or visit

www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give.



Baptized in water, this precious child has been clothed in Jesus.

+ James Timothy, son of Tim & Jennifer Trzebiatowski

Mid-Winter Makeover Information Sessions:

Thursday, August 24 - 12:45 PM in Church Thursday, August 24 - 6:30 PM in Church Sunday, September 10 - after all Masses 9:00 AM in the St. Anne Room 10:30 AM in the St. Anne Room Noon in Church Tuesday, September 12 - 6:30 PM in Church

Our church needs to be spruced up and we want to hear from you! Please make plans to attend one of these sessions to share ideas and discuss details.

RCIA Faith Companions

Several people will begin their search with us into membership in the Catholic Church beginning the end of September. If you are interested in being a companion (sponsor) to one of these persons, please call Sr. Joanne at 739-5119.



Join us Sept. 7, 2017 at Royal St. Patrick's for a fun day of golf. We will start the day at 9:00 AM with a light breakfast of bagels, donuts, and coffee and hit the links at 10:00 AM. We'll have a quick lunch at the turn and dinner at 3:30 in the Club House. We'll have raffles, prizes, contests, and great food! Our monthly meeting will immediately follow the event. Cost: \$80 (includes 18 holes of golf, cart rental, breakfast, lunch, and dinner). Sign up at kofc607.org.



In Loving Memory

In the spirit of Christian charity, please pray for the family of Ramon Rodriguez. May fond memories comfort you during this difficult time.

If you have lost a loved one and would like to have him or her remembered in the bulletin, please call the office at 739-5119.



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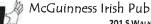
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