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25 JULY, 2021

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

## FROM FATHER CHUCK

### A Magnificent Celebration.

I spoke about this on Sunday in my homily but it is an important reflection. One of the hardest things is to lose priests who are active in the ministry. This past week we lost two of our priests, Father David Smith and Father Dan Gehler. These priests served in Harlan, Earling, Defiance, Westphalia, Portsmouth and Panama, Iowa. The funeral celebration for Father Gehler was a great moment of God's grace. There were 82 priests who attended the service and forty deacons because Father Gehler had been a permanent deacon in our Diocese before he became a priest. There were over 600 people who attended the funeral. The thing about this funeral liturgy that was inspiring was to see the great love and appreciation that the people had for their priests. When I think about this I also think about the fact that it will be difficult to find replacements for these two wonderful priests. I said this Sunday and I will repeat this please pray for Bishop Joensen as he has the difficult task of finding priests who will serve the people of Shelby County. Please pray for all priests that they take good care of themselves.

### Minister Scheduling & Sign Up.

On the table in the front of the church are sign up sheets for the ministry of: Lector, Usher and Eucharistic Minister. If you already participate in these ministries you do not need to sign up. If you would like to participate in any of these ministries please sign up.

We will begin scheduling ministers at all the masses. My hope is that we will again have lectors, ushers, Eucharistic ministers and altar servers at all the masses. It has been a long time since we have had all of these ministers assigned.

### Year End Finance Report.

Each year in August I present the annual finance report. This is a reminder that I will give the report at the end of August. It is almost miraculous to be able to report this wonderful finance report this year. Thank you for your generosity.

### Welcome Back.

This is the first weekend that the obligation to attend mass is implemented. One of the altar servers asked me what does obligation mean? My response is that obligation means that we are called by Jesus to do what the church asks us to do. The beauty of our Catholic faith is that we are the only church that requires its members to attend mass each Sunday. This is not a burden but a marvelous way to have the voice of Jesus guide our lives to the heavenly kingdom. I will repeat this several times: "Good habit lead us to virtue." Celebrating the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is truly a gift from Jesus to all of us.

### Communion Pyx

One of the wonderful things about our church is that we can take communion to sick and home bound. The host is taken in a pyx. We have several of these pyx in the sacristy. If you have pyx that you are not using please return it to the church. We are very low on the number of pyx that we have and I don't want to spend money to buy new ones since we have so many that people have.

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Readings for August 1, 2021

1st Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Gospel: John 6:24-35

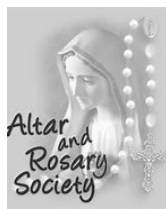
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ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY

The Altar Society will meet at 6pm on Thursday August 5 in the Social Hall for the Rosary, meal and meeting. The meal will be potluck so please bring a covered dish, salad or dessert if you are able.



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Next meeting will be held at St. Patrick Social Hall on Monday, July 26th. GIK is school supplies. We will pray the Rosary at 5:30 pm followed by the meeting. We welcome Catholic women, 18 years and older from all Council Bluffs parishes. Please join us or check us out at

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FATHER'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Several days ago a man from Denison, Iowa told me that he was at mass on Father's Day and was so impressed with the Father's Day gifts that we gave to all the men of the parish. He shared with me that he was so impressed with wonderful mass. My thought for the day is that we should always have our hearts open to the way we can bring Jesus' love to others.

MASS SCHEDULE

Tue July 27	5:30 pm	Margery Rallis
Wed July 28	8:00 am	Amelia Buhman & Lynn Ford
Thur July 29	5:30 pm	Jacquie Rallis
Fri July 30	8:00 am	Mary Claire Clark
Sat July 31	4:00 pm	Yvonne Hanneman
Sun Aug 1	8:00 am	Don Friedrichsen
Sun	10:00 am	Kenneth Finnegan
Sun	Noon	Richard Wise

LIFE'S LESSONS

- Tips on how to fall asleep in a living room chair:
  1. Be old
  2. Sit in a chair
- I'm not aging like a fine wine. I'm aging like milk-getting sour and chunky
- When I get old I'm not going to sit around knitting. I'm going to be clicking my "life alert button" to see how many hot firefighters show up.
- I remember being able to get up without making sound effects....Good times
- Getting older is not for the weak....I used to wake up feeling like a million bucks. Now it's more like a bounced check.
- Don't let aging get you down. It's too hard to get back up.
- I'm pretty sure that eating chocolate keeps wrinkles away because I have never seen a 10 year old with a Hershey bar and crows feet.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- July 26-Knights of Columbus meeting and dinner-6:00 pm
- August 5-Altar and Rosary Society meeting and dinner 6:00 pm
- August 11-Catholic Daughters Annual Salad Luncheon-  
In the Father Kottas Social Hall 11:00 am-1:30 pm
- August 15-Parish Picnic-Father Kottas Social Hall 1:00 pm

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