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18 JUNE, 2023

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM FATHER CHUCK

Father's Day Celebration

There are many things for us to ponder on this Father's Day weekend. The first thing to ponder is to remember all of our fathers both living and deceased. One of the wonderful things to remember are the many things that our fathers taught us about living our Catholic Faith and being a great person in the sight of God. Second, this is a time to think what it means to accept the vocation of being a father. One of the questions that I would like to ask all fathers is what do you believe are the most important things to teach your children. I would love to have this discussion with all the dads in our parish. I say so often that we have marvelous children in our parish and they are wonderful young people because of the virtues and values that are being taught in their home. The third aspect to ponder, is not only for fathers but for all Catholic men, is how do we live our Catholic faith so that it is an inspiration to others. I read an article recently that talked about the decline in the number of people who attend church. The article was interesting because it gave a reason for when people will be returning to church. The article stated that as long as the number of men that attends church continues to decline the number of people attending church will continue to decline. The converse to this statement is also true. When the number of men attending church begins to increase the number of people attending church will increase. I have said many times that the faith of the father is the greatest influence on the faith life of the family. So please pray for all father and all Catholic men that they are true followers of Jesus and that all Catholic men live their Catholic faith to the fullest.

On this fathers day weekend please pray for all priests that they are blest in their ministry.

Father's Day Brunch

The Saint Peter's Altar Society will be serving a brunch from 8:00 a.m. to noon next Sunday in the social hall. This brunch is a free will offering and all families are invited to participate in the brunch. The Altar Society always has a wonderful brunch so please go over and enjoy this wonderful meal.

Bible Study

The Bible Study class will be this Wednesday June 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the social hall. The bibles, synopsis and the Book, "The Bible From Scratch" are provided. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the scriptures and to spend an evening with the nicest people in the world.

End of Fiscal Year

June 30th will be the end of the fiscal year for our parish. I will have the final numbers to review this year. My fear is that this will be the first year that we will not have a monetary surplus but will end with deficit. If we end with a deficit it will be the first time in 26 years we have had a deficit.

A Wonderful Visitor

Doctor Dan Allen, a friend of mine for 35 years, visited our church this weekend. He always remarks what a wonderful celebration of the Eucharist he experiences with us. It is always enjoyable to have visitors remark what a wonderful place of God's presence Saint Peter's is.

Vacation Bible School

Our Vacation Bible School was another wonderful success. I will write more about it in next weeks bulletin.

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Readings for June 25, 2023
1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13
2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-15
Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

Catholic Daughters of the Americas®. Court St. Anthony #330-Next meeting is June 26, 2023 at St. Patrick Social Hall. Communion Service at 5:30 pm followed by dinner then meeting. Visit our website at www.cda330.org. Women 18 years and older from all Council Bluffs parishes are always welcome to join us.

Don't forget the FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST, Sunday, June 25 after the 8am and 10am masses in the Father Kottas Social Hall. Biscuits and gravy, sausage, ham, yogurt and granola, cinnamon rolls and fresh fruit will be served.

MASS SCHEDULE

Tue	6/20	8:00 am	Linda Schmitt
Wed	6/21	8:00 am	Pat Hudek
Thur	6/22	5:30 pm	Dr. R. Duane Harris
Fri	6/23	8:00 am	Bill Fritzsche
Sat	6/24	4:00 pm	Frank & Ruth Holzer
Sun	6/25	8:00 am	Dennis Kirlin
Sun		10:00 am	Fr. Paul Monahan
Sun		Noon	Roger Wood & Mary & Richard Burroughs

SATURDAY, 4PM June 24, 2023
ALTAR SERVERS: Rod & Annette Nuss, Rowan Jackson
LECTORS: Jim Beck, Christina Beck
EUCH MINISTER: Pat Shadden
USHERS: Jack Gross, Linda Bonham, Fred Schaben

SUNDAY, 8 AM, June 25, 2023
ALTAR SERVERS: Oliver & Owen Juraneck, Anthony Busch
LECTORS: Jean Coughlin, Joan Goesser
EUCH MINISTER: Patti Ford
USHERS: Jeff Veit, Jonna & Lindsay Andersen, Sue Brownlee

SUNDAY, 10 AM June 25, 2023
ALTAR SERVERS: Nathaniel Biederman, Carter Rossbund, Aiden Gaul
LECTORS: Stephanie Grover, Theresa Jozwiak
EUCH MINISTER: Marian Brown
USHERS: Craig Menges, Paul Schmitz, Dave Bristol, Andrea Nelson

SUNDAY, NOON June 25, 2023
ALTAR SERVERS: Keegan McCaffery, A J Smith, Theo Oswald
LECTORS: Michelle & Terry Oswald
EUCH MINISTER: Janet Hogsed
USHERS: Chris Olson, Rob Peters, Trevor Yanovich

LIFE ACCORDING TO JEAN.....

- Aging gracefully is an art. Aging disgracefully is an absolute blast.
- I wonder what the part of my brain that used to store people's phone numbers is doing nowadays.
- You know you're getting old when you look at the clock to see if it's late enough to go to bed.
- I have tons of things I need to do but my body just said, "slow down there sparky, not gonna happen!"
- If you eat an entire cake without cutting it you technically only had one piece.
- They say what doesn't kill you will make you stronger. At this point, I should be able to bench press a mini van.
- For my summer diet, I start with a nice big Salad Bowl and then fill it with ice cream.
- It's never too late to be what you want to be. Unless you want to be younger, then you're out of luck.
- I don't understand why people have to "get ready for bed." I am always ready for bed.
- You can only be young once, but you can always be immature.
- In every relationship there is a person who stacks the dishwasher like a Scandinavian architect and a person who stacks the dishwasher like a racoon on meth. (Guess which one Mike is!!!)
- Believe in yourself! If cauliflower can become pizza, you can do anything.
- There should be a summer camp for adults where you just go and sleep for 3 weeks.
- I'm going to try and act like a normal, happy, mentally balanced person today. Wish me luck.
- I run like I'm winded.
- All my life I thought air was free, until I bought a bag of chips.

HAVE A GREAT WEEK, STAY SAFE, BE NICE TO EACH OTHER

FATHER'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

This past week has been especially difficult because of the suicide of one of the members of our parish family. My thought for this week is for all of us to pray for those who struggle with depression. I am certain that everyone knows of someone who suffers from depression. Please pray that everyone experiences the great love that Jesus has for them.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, June 20-Women's Prayer Group 6:30 pm
Sunday, June 25-Altar Society Father's Day Brunch
Monday, June 26-Knights of Columbus meeting 6:00pm
Tuesday, July 4-Office Closed
Wednesday, July 5-Bible Study 6:30pm
Thursday, July 6-Altar Society meeting 6:00pm
Sunday, July 9-Coffee and rolls
Tuesday, July 11-Women's Prayer Group 6:30pm

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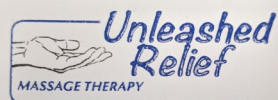
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