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12 MAY, 2024

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FROM FATHER CHUCK

Mother's Day.

A very blessed and happy Mother's Day to mother's. I was amused when I read where there is a discussion with Pope Francis about increasing the role of women in the church. What amused me the most is that the role of women in the church is very dynamic and very inspiring. One of the great things about the Second Vatican Council was that the Council opened up many opportunities for women to be involved in the church. One of things that I often hear is that many of the women of our church regret that they were not able to serve mass. One of the great blessings of our church is that there is an equal number of boys and girls serving mass today. The very important aspects of our church are the many ways that women are involved in all of the ministries of our church. I do reflect on the time growing up and having to go with mom to the church to help her clean the church, if I remember correctly we were the only boys in our parish who had to help clean the church. I remember helping mom put up the hymns every week because she was the organist in our parish for 41 years. I hope this day that we all appreciate the wonderful wisdom and guidance that the women of our parish share with us each day.

When I think about Mother's Day the one gift that all mothers give us more than anything, is the love and care that they gave to us. There is no greater gift than to be the recipient of a mother's love. I encourage all of us to make some quiet time and reflect on all the joys and blessings that our mother gave to us.

I wish all the mothers and all the ladies a very special prayer of thanksgiving for all the goodness and blessings that you shower on us each day.

Special Thank You.

One of the most wonderful things about our Knights of Columbus council is that they prepare and serve the Mother's Day brunch. This year was another of the wonderful moments of the Lords blessing with the Mother's Day brunch. A special thank you to all of the Knights who worked so hard to make such a special meal. I encourage every man in the parish to become a member of our Knights of Columbus Council it will be one of the best decisions you will ever make.

A Special Thank You.

This past Wednesday the burglar alarm went off late Wednesday evening. That is a very frightening event because I never know what is happening. I wish to thank the two police officers who came and searched the buildings. Their quick response is greatly appreciated. We have a wonderful police department in Council Bluffs.

Bible Study.

I will be offering a bible study on Wednesdays of June. One of the books that we have not studied extensively are the letters of Saint Paul and the other letters in the New Testament. This will be my last bible study with you after 26 years of bible studies. I hope you will come and share in the joy that is the study of the scriptures.

Pentecost.

The great tradition of Saint Peters is that we wear red on Pentecost to remind us that the holy spirit comes upon the Apostles and also that the holy spirit comes upon us.



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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings for May 19, 2024
1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
Gospel: John 20:19-23

Remember to sign up for VBS. This year VBS is June 10- June 13 at St. Albert Catholic School from 5:15pm— 8:30pm. Light dinner will be served. VBS also needs volunteers. See attached flyers for both registration and volunteering opportunities.

MASS SCHEDULE

Table with 4 columns: Day, Date, Time, and Celebrant. Rows include Tue 5/14 8:00 am Stephen Osier, Wed 5/15 8:00 am Bill & Ione Spitznagle, Thur 5/16 5:30 pm Arlene McDermott, Fri 5/17 8:00 am Bill & Marilyn Ryan, Sat 5/18 4:00 pm Denny Teymer, Sun 5/19 8:00 am Frank & Ruth Holzer, Sun 10:00 am Mary Claire Clark, Sun Noon Linda Schmitt

SATURDAY, 4PM May 18, 2024
ALTAR SERVERS: Jim Beck, John & Evelyn Duitsman
LECTORS: Dylies & Erik King
EUCH MINISTER: Pat Shadden
USHERS: Jack Gross, Linda Bonham, Fred Schaben, Brody Pellett

SUNDAY, 8 AM, May 19, 2024
ALTAR SERVERS: Noah & Dawson Smith, Velda Ring
LECTORS: Joan Goeser, Sean Dunphy
EUCH MINISTER: Roger Harvey
USHERS: Jonna & Lindsay Andersen, Sue Brownlee, Russ Goeser

SUNDAY, 10 AM May 19, 2024
ALTAR SERVERS: Carter Rossbund, Kyla Brockelsby, Anna Paterson
LECTORS: Nathaniel Biederman, Grace Veit
EUCH MINISTER: Jennifer Lighthipe
USHERS: Piper Trescott, Jill Clevenger, Margine Henry, Margine Henry

SUNDAY, NOON May 19, 2024
ALTAR SERVERS: Mike, Jean, Adam, & Edna Thomas
LECTORS: Andrea Barnes, Mike Noon
EUCH MINISTER: Grace Burroughs
USHERS: Chris Olson, Rob Peters, Trevor Yanovich, Emry Honkomp

LIFE ACCORDING TO JEAN.....

- Shout out to all the people who forgot where they put their coffee while holding it. Mornings can be rough.
I'm never wrong. I'm just different levels of right.
It appears I have a very promising career as a chaos coordinator.
My ducks are absolutely not in a row. I don't even know where some of them are...and I'm pretty sure one of them is a Pidgeon.
One day I'll do amazing things. Today I'll be satisfied if I manage not to spill food down the front of my shirt.
I tried the Japanese method of decluttering where you hold every object that you own and if it doesn't bring you joy, you throw it away. So far I've thrown out all the vegetables, the electric bill, the scale, a mirror, and my treadmill.
There are times when my greatest accomplishment is just keeping my mouth shut.
Having an empty laundry basket is the best 5 seconds of the week.
I just realized why this month is called May. It may rain, it may snow, it may be 70 degrees, it may be 20 degrees.
Knowing your wife if in the wrong is one thing...Proving she's in the wrong is just plain stupidity.
After all the eating I did this winter I'm happy to report my flip-flops still fit.
No matter how big and bad you are, when a two year old hands you a toy phone, you answer it.
My mom always said she didn't have a favorite child, which is rough because I don't have any brothers or sisters.
The fact that my eyes are open is not evidence that I'm awake.
Taking naps sounds so childish. I prefer to call them horizontal life pauses.
I wish everything was as easy as gaining weight.

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

FATHER'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

This weekend is the celebration of Mother's Day which I am certain that most everyone knows. My thought for the week is this one. If I were to ask you what was the favorite meal that your mother made what would you say? My favorite meal that mom made was kolache pizza. I am certain no one ever has made it like my mother did.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Tuesday, May 14-Women's Prayer Group 6:30pm Hall
Sunday, May 19-Coffee & Rolls after 8 & 10 masses.
Monday, May 20-Knights of Columbus meeting 6pm Hall
Monday, May 27-Memorial Day-Office Closed
Tuesday, May 28-Women's Prayer Group 6:30 Hall

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