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30 JUNE, 2024

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## FROM FATHER CHUCK

### What A Wonderful Party.

This past Sunday was one of the most wonderful days that I think I have ever had. My farewell party was an absolute joy. I thank all of you for taking the time to come to the party. It was so enjoyable to be able to spend time with you and share our most wonderful memories of my 27 years at Saint Peters. We have such a marvelous parish family and it was the greatest joy to spend the day with you.

I wish to thank the altar society for serving the party. The cake and ice cream was wonderful. I was so touched by all of the kolaches that were served at the party. Thank you Susan O'Neill for creating this wonderful treat for us. It reminded me of my the many times that our grandmother made kolaches for us. I deeply appreciate all of you going out of you way to make this day so special.

The joy of being with you is immeasurable. There are so many memories here. If you had the opportunity to hear my thoughts last Sunday but I talked about all the facilities that we have built in my 27 years. It was fitting to have my party in our beautiful social hall. I did ask how many people remembered the old social hall. It was not a very nice facility. It's hard to believe that we have had this social hall for over 25 years. I said this last Sunday that the social hall changed the spirit of the parish because we have a wonderful place to gather as a parish family.

I thank all of you for being so generous to me. I couldn't begin to thank everyone for all of your generous gifts. Thanks to all of you for being so kind to me. I have been asked many times what I will miss the most about not being here and the answer is I will miss all of you. For 27 years I have gotten to know you and we have celebrated many wonderful times and we have also shared in many heart aches.

I will try to put together the number of Wedding baptism and funerals that I have celebrated here. I have said this many times that it has been my honor to celebrate so many funerals. The celebration of a funeral always gave me the opportunity to experience the faith life of so many wonderful people.

You are getting a wonderful priest. I have said this before that I told Father Jacob that he should succeed me at Saint Peters. One of the great things about him is that he is young and has tremendous energy. I know that you will love him as your pastor just like you did for me.

Once again thank you for a wonderful time last Sunday.

### Bible Study.

This past Wednesday was my last bible study. The bible studies have been a wonderfully rewarding experience for me. I am very proud that we have studied all of the books of the bible in my years here. I was an article that talked about the deaf people who came to bible study many years ago and how much they enjoyed the study. What pleases me the most is the tremendous knowledge that so many of you have about the scriptures. I am blest with a gift to teach. I have said many times that I am third, Jesus was the greatest teacher, my mother was the second greatest teacher and I was third. It bears repeating that teachers are made not born and I am grateful to the many people young and old who I have taught. I don't know what opportunities will be presented to me in the future but my hope is that I will be able to use my teaching skills.

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READINGS FOR: July 7, 2024  
1ST READING: Ezekiel 2:2-5  
2ND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10  
GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-6a

MASS SCHEDULE

Tue 7/2 8:00 am Catherine Epperson  
Wed 7/3 8:00 am Travis & Taylor Bettcher  
Thurs 7/4 5:30 pm Denny Teymer  
Fri 7/5 8:00 am Don Newberry & Family  
Sat 7/6 4:00 pm Terry O'Rourke  
Sun 7/7 8:00 am Kenneth Finnegan  
10:00 am Tom Delanty  
Noon Timothy Thompson

SATURDAY, 4PM July 6, 2024  
ALTAR SERVERS: Jim Beck, A J Smith, Ava Bussey  
LECTORS: Nancy Jones, Wally Bussey  
EUCH MINISTERS: Pat Shadden  
USHERS: Jack Gross, Linda Bonham, Fred Schaben, William Stosahl

SUNDAY, 8 AM, July 7, 2024  
ALTAR SERVERS: Oliver & Owen Juranek, Jack Veit  
LECTORS: Tyler Juranek, Nicole Juranek  
EUCH MINISTERS: Patti Ford  
USHERS: Keith Wirtz, Jim Havermann, Jeff Veit, Sue Brownlee

SUNDAY, 10 AM July 7, 2024  
ALTAR SERVERS: Carter Rossbund, Sarah Lighthipe, Aiden Gaul  
LECTORS: Jon & Maureen Garrigan  
EUCH MINISTERS: Mary Brockelsby  
USHERS: Dave Bristol, Dan Lighthipe, Bryan Carolus, Margine Henry

SUNDAY, NOON July 7, 2024  
ALTAR SERVERS: Keegan McCaffery, Mason Olson, Aubree Brandau  
LECTORS: Andrea Barnes, Anne Rohling  
EUCH MINISTERS: Grace Burroughs  
USHERS: Rob Peters, Trevor Yanovich, Chris Olson, Mickey Donovan

FATHER'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

This is a thought that I encountered in the past week. The thought for us to ponder is what is my spiritual IQ? When I thought about this it is an invitation for all of us to examine our spiritual life and to ask ourselves the question about our spiritual needs and to seek an answer to that question.

Birthright All Car Show with Wine Tastings, Friday, July 12, 2024 5:00 pm—8:00pm at St Patrick's, 4 Valley View Drive. On site food truck, pop, water, & snacks available. Free public admission, \$25 for 5 wine tasting. Car entry admission is \$15.00 and registration begins at 3pm day of event.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas®-next meeting is Tuesday, July 2, 2024 in St. Patrick social hall. Mass at 6pm, dinner at 6:30pm, meeting at 7pm. GIK is school supplies. All women from Council Bluffs parishes are welcome. Visit our website:www.cda330.org

Social Concerns Toy Drive is now until July 7. Please bring indoor or outdoor toys for the children at Children's Square for ages 3 & up. Boxes are in both entries.

PLEASE BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS WHILE IN CHURCH. We have had two incidents of strangers waking into church during mass, the first one was going through a ladies purse while she was kneeling after Communion. Her purse was sitting on the pew behind her. The other was a man who walked onto the altar during mass to hand Father a note. If you see anything suspicious, please don't hesitate to notify an usher.

LIFE ACCORDING TO JEAN.....

- Maybe I'm the problem...Never mind, that doesn't even sound right.
  - Don't expect me to stop if you're broken down on the side of the road. You were offered an extended car warranty several times.
  - You know you're getting old when it takes two tries to get up from the sofa.
  - I thought there was a spider on the rug...turns out it was just yarn. It's dead yarn now, though.
  - This just in...The National Weather Service has just published instructions on how to bake a lasagna in your mailbox.
  - A man who cooks is attractive. A man who does dishes is irresistible.
  - I don't do drugs and I don't drink. At my age, I get the same effects by standing up too fast.
  - I understand being a responsible adult...but every day...every single day...that seems a little excessive.
  - Counting to 10 only makes it premeditated.
  - Dear poltergeist, if you can move stuff around and flickers lights then surely you can use a mop.
  - Can you throw your back out by sucking your belly in? Asking for a friend.
  - And so ends another week of me not becoming unexpectedly rich.
  - The reality of parenting falls somewhere between "SWEET CHILD O'MINE" and "WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE."
  - I was meant to be rich. I can tell by the way I spend.
- HAVE A GREAT WEEK, STAY SAFE, BE NICE TO EACH OTHER

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, July 4-Offices for St. Peter's Church and St. Joseph Cemetery closed.  
Wednesday, July 10-Catholic Daughters Salad Luncheon

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