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7 JULY, 2024

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM FATHER CHUCK

80 years of life.

Today is my 80th birthday. I don't know what is happening but I begin to reflect on many of the things from my past. I will be forever grateful to my parents for living in Milligan, Nebraska. What was so wonderful about living there was that life was so simple. I was able to be involved in all the sports, football, basketball and track. I played the saxophone in the band and I sang with the choir. One of the music minister said to me you read music and I told her that playing the saxophone for 10 years helped to develop that skill. I was blest athletically and I did play football and basketball in college for a year before I went to the seminary. One of the things about that experience was the I was able to play with and against some tremendously talented athletes. I wish I could tell you that I was the best of the all but that would be pushing my abilities. I say this so often that being a priest is one of the greatest vocations in life. I am so blest to experience so many wonderful people of faith. Saint Peter's has been the most wonderful experience of living the Catholic faith. I said this two Sundays ago that I was at the right place at the right time. I would never have believed when I was in the seminary that I would do all of the things that I have done in the priesthood. We do smile

The music stops.

The month of July is the month that we do not have any music at the masses. This is done for two reasons; one it gives the musicians a break from the playing each Sunday. This break also gives them an opportunity to go to other churches and see what other churches are doing with their music ministry.

Thoughts

Next week will be my final bulletin. I want to share some thoughts with you and next week I will have some other thoughts. I said this at mass on Sunday but it bears repeating. Father Jacob said that one of the reasons that he is excited about coming to Saint Peter's is because we have altar servers. I was so pleased on Sunday when we had six altar servers. I hope that this parish never loses the gift that our altar servers are to all of us. It has to be inspiring to see so many young people wanting to be on the altar. I am most pleased to see how they take care of each other and when one of them is shadowing. I am also impressed by the young men who always give up the kneeling pad when one of the servers is a young lady. I always thank the parents for teaching their young men to be so kind to the young ladies.

I have said many times that teaching the faith is one of the greatest way to grow in our understanding of our wonderful Catholic faith. There will never be sufficient words to thank all of you who taught religious education to our children. What is most impressive is how many people have taught religious education for many years. One of the best things we ever did was to make the worship center into the religious education center. The availability of the worship center makes it so much easier for our teachers to work with our children.

I stated this Sunday that our confirmation program is the best in the universe and I will always be grateful for all of you who helped me teach confirmation. Those were truly the glory days.

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Readings for: July 14, 2024
1st Reading: Amos 7:12-15
2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14
Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

Catholic Daughters of the Americas® Court St. Anthony #330 Annual Summer Salad Luncheon WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 11:00am –1:30pm at St. Peter’s in the Father Kottas Social Hall. \$10/plate which includes 2 raffle tickets. See attached flyer.

This is the last week for the Social Concerns Toy Drive for Children’s Square. Indoor and outdoor toys for ages 3 and up accepted.

Birthright of Council Bluffs fundraiser is July 12. Car Show and wine tasting 5pm-9pm at St. Patrick’s, 4 Valley View Dr. See attached flyer for more info.

MASS SCHEDULE

Tue	7/9	8:00 am	Philip Burke
Wed	7/10	8:00 am	Linda Schmitt
Thurs	7/11	5:30 pm	Vince Leber
Fri	7/12	8:00 am	Bernie Erickson
Sat	7/13	4:00 pm	Shirley McConnell
Sun	7/14	8:00 am	Joan Bunten
		10:00 am	Deceased Members of Altar Society
		Noon	John Cardenzana

SATURDAY, 4PM July 13, 2024
ALTAR SERVERS: Ella Bussey, Nicholas Rodenburg, Jack Limpp
LECTORS: Wayne Stangl, Kelly Stangl
EUCH MINISTERS: Mike Sommer
USHERS: Jack Gross, Linda Bonham, Fred Schaben, Josie Limpp

SUNDAY, 8 AM, July 14, 2024
ALTAR SERVERS: George & Audrey Garst, Evan Veit
LECTORS: Jean Coughlin, Joan Goeser
EUCH MINISTERS: Roger Harvey
USHERS: Dennis Coughlin, Russ Goeser, Andy Juranek, Gary Juranek

SUNDAY, 10 AM July 14, 2024
ALTAR SERVERS: Ben Rosenberger, Leighton Finnegan, Alyssa Brockelsby
LECTORS: Nathaniel & John Ross Biederman
EUCH MINISTERS: Patty Gantt
USHERS: Keith Wirtz, Zachary & Jill Clevenger, Mike Nielsen

SUNDAY, NOON July 14, 2024
ALTAR SERVERS: Ben & Payton Johnson, Emma Thompson
LECTORS: Mikayla Yanovich, Mike Noon
EUCH MINISTERS: Michael Koricic
USHERS: Rob Peters, Trevor Yanovich, Chris Olson, Emry Honkomp

FATHER’S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We begin a new month, July. One of the thoughts that I have is this: At the beginning of this month write down what your spiritual goals are for this month. Then at the end of the month go back and review those goals to see how you have done. This is a wonderful way for all of us to deepen our relationship with Jesus and to deepen our relationship with the church.

LIFE ACCORDING TO JEAN.....

- In first grade, Catholic school, Mike asked his teacher why she wore the same dress every day. She replied, “it’s a habit.”
- My two goals for today were to get out of bed and drink coffee. So far, I am a success.
- You can walk around Walmart eating grapes and nobody will bother you, but as soon as you eat a rotisserie chicken, here comes security.
- At my age, my number one fashion question is...Can I sleep in it?”
- People born in the 1950’s have lived in 8 decades, 2 centuries, and 2 millennia. We had the fastest cars, best music, drive-in theaters, and soda fountains, and we’re not even that old yet, we’re just that cool.
- If by “camping” you mean my hotel room will face the woods, then yes. I’m up for a camping trip.
- I divide my wardrobe into 3 categories: Winter, Summer, In case I ever lose weight.
- Having a little nap on the sofa before taking myself up to bed for my main sleep: I call that a snor d’oeuvre.
- Over the space of 11 years, 115 people died in weightlifting accidents at the gym. In the same 11 years only one person died eating donuts. Make good choices.

Seventeen years ago Father Chuck called me at the accounting firm I was working at and asked me to come to work at St. Peter’s. I jumped at the chance. It not only gave me the opportunity to work at my church but to work for the man I truly admired. I have never, in all these years regretted my choice. Father Chuck is truthfully the kindest and most gentle man I have ever worked for. He never came to the office in a bad mood. He never lost his temper. We would talk about what was happening in our lives and in local and national events. At 10:45 each day we would watch THE PRICE IS RIGHT final spin off and guess at the prices of the prizes at the end of the show. We became very good and most of the time we would have won, if we had been on the show. He knows car prices and I knew travel. It was our morning break and it’s a memory that will forever bring a smile to my face. Thank you Father Chuck for seventeen years of incredible memories. I enjoyed every minute of it.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Wednesday, July 10-Catholic Daughters Salad Luncheon
- Sunday, July 14-Coffee & rolls after 8 & 10 masses
- Monday, July 22-Knights of Columbus meeting 6pm Hall

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