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PARISH SPIRITUALITY

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am Mon - Fri: 8:35am

Holy Days: 9:00am & 7:30pm

CONFESSION: Saturdays 4:15pm - 4:45pm or by appointment.

REGISTER: Please contact the parish office to register

when you move into the parish. Only registered parishioners, in good standing, can receive a Certificate of Eligibility to act as a Godparent or sponsor.

BAPTISMS: The Sacrament of Baptism is administered on the fourth Sunday of every month. Parents are encouraged



to invite family members to the 10:30 Mass as the Sacrament of Baptism takes place immediately following the Mass. Parents and Godparents must attend an enrichment class approx. 1 month prior to the Baptism. You will need to call the Parish Office to register for this class. A Godparent must

be a committed, practicing Catholic, and if from another parish, must provide a certificate of eligibility from their pastor. This certificate should be brought to the enrichment class. A Christian of other denominations may serve as a Godparent along with a practicing Catholic.

MARRIAGE: A Saturday Mass for the Sacrament of



Matrimony may be celebrated no later than 1pm. Couples planning marriage are to contact the parish office & schedule a meeting with our wedding coordinator no later than 6 months in advance of the wedding. Shorter preparation

periods must be approved by our Pastor. Couples will meet several times with the Pastor throughout the preparation process. Couples are to attend a Pre-Cana program approved by our Pastor.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please call the rectory at anytime



for the Sacrament of the Sick. Also the Holy Eucharist will be brought to the sick and shut-ins upon request to the Parish Office. We celebrate a Communal Anointing of the Sick in June, near the Feast of St. John the Baptist.

Week of Monday July 9 – Sunday July 15, 2018

Mass Intentions

Morning Prayer in St. Joseph Chapel, Mon. - Fri. at 8:15am

Mon. - Fri., 8:35am in the Chapel

Monday: John Sabath (loving wife)

Tuesday: Robert Leimer (Brian & Susan Middleton)

Wednesday: Maria Meier (Ron Meier)

Thursday: Elizabeth Petritsch (Your Loving Family)

Friday: Betty Wismer (Loving Husband Ed)

Weekend Masses in main Church

Saturday: 5pm: John Reidler (Reidler Family)

Sunday:

8:00am: Parishioners' Intentions 10:30am: Fred Pacitti (Richard & Anita)

Ministry Meetings

Tues. July 10: Choir Practice, 7pm - church Thurs. July 12: Baptismal Enrichment, Marian Rm, 6pm Sat. July 15: Men of Faith, 8am - Marian Room & Chapel

Sunday Mass Collection from July 1st

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This week's Cleaning Team is # 3:

Janice Bebb, Joanne Peters, Betty White Your parish Thanks You!

Today's Mass READINGS may be found in the JourneySongs Hymnal:

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Parish Office Summer Hours

Mon – Thurs: 8:30am – 5:30pm; Fri: 8:30am – 12pm

Gospel Reflections Mark 6:1-6

"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place."

Today's Gospel reading is a simple and short exposition on faith. Jesus' human origins form a road block to the belief that should follow from experiencing the extraordinary wisdom and healing power exercised by Jesus.

Jesus has stepped out of the role in that he had in his village of 1,600 to 2,000 people.

Mark, in this Gospel, passes on the account of the hometown folks' rejection of Jesus for a special reason: to provide an important transition and a surprising contrast at this point. Jesus is Rejected at Nazareth.

Jesus left Capernaum and travelled southward into the hill country until he came to the village where he had spent his youth and the early years of his maturity. While Mark does not name Nazareth, he has indicated that this was the village from which Jesus came, and it is undoubtedly in view under the phrase "his native place." Jesus returned to Nazareth as would a rabbi, accompanied by his disciples. The reference to the disciples is important, for during this period Jesus had been concerned with their training in preparation for the mission.

On the Sabbath day Jesus attended the synagogue and was given the opportunity to teach.

The entire congregation was astonished at his teaching, which prompted questions concerning the source of his doctrine and wisdom and of the power which had been exhibited elsewhere in miracles of healing and exorcism. "Is he not a carpenter, the Son of Mary, and the brother of James, and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" This remark tends to emphasize the offense taken by others in the synagogue. His immediate family were well known to the villagers, who judged that there was nothing extraordinary about them that would have led them to expect something so unusual such as these teachings from Jesus.

What was the source of his wisdom, and who had empowered him to speak and act with such authority?

To these questions two answers lie close at hand: the source was either God, or demonic.

Not knowing the source of his wisdom, they find his office as a teacher offensive.

In spite of what they heard and saw they failed to penetrate the veil of ordinariness which characterized this one who had grown up in the village. Notice that they neither dispute that he has wisdom or that he performs mighty works; they are just dumbfounded that it comes from a hometown boy like Jesus. More than just a matter of familiarity breeding contempt, this comes from the ancient mentality that geographical and heredity origins determine who a person is and what his capacities will always be. They see Jesus as someone who is not merely exceeding expectations but rather is overreaching.

The refusal -- or inability -- of Jesus' neighbors to accept his status confirms what the story has suggested thus far: the world's standards of judgment appear to run headlong into God's ways.

Reflecting on this passage, we can see that a central message of the story is that Jesus can preach with wisdom, despite the fact that he is not a Pharisee or rabbi. That Jesus is a tradesman is simply part of the divine plan. It shows that the knowledge and wisdom of Jesus are not of earthly, but rather of divine origin.

Mark tells us that Jesus is unable to perform any might deed there, not because he is incapable of doing so, but precisely because of the dishonor and rejection of "his own kin in his own house." Mark even tells us that Jesus "was amazed at their lack of faith." Jesus now intimates his own eventual rejection by the nation in view of the dishonor shown him in the synagogue.

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ENGAGING OUR CHILDREN IN THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Below is next Sunday's Gospel reading along with a simplified explanation for school age children. The purpose of this column is to teach our children to listen to the Word of God, and help them understand His message in the Gospel. Encourage them to also listen carefully to Father's homily. Many times it is then that we hear God's word speak to us more clearly.

Gospel for July 15, 2018 ~ Mark 6:7-13

Jesus instructs his disciples and sends them to preach

(Explain) Jesus sent out the Twelve. These twelve were selected from among Jesus' disciples, these twelve are also called "apostles." The word apostle means "one who is sent." The number twelve is a symbolic number, representing the twelve tribes of Israel. By naming twelve apostles, Jesus shows his mission to be in continuity with the mission of God's people, Israel. Jesus' instructions to the apostles are very specific. He repeats the mission that they are sent to preach and to share his authority to heal and to drive out demons. Jesus sends them in pairs, establishing his mission as a communal endeavor. Jesus also instructs them to travel lightly, without the customary food, money, and extra set of clothes. These instructions mean that the Twelve will be dependent on the hospitality of others, just as Jesus depended on others to provide for his needs. Jesus continues to send us into the world as his disciples. But like the first disciples, we are not sent alone. Jesus has given us the community of the Church, which strengthens our life of discipleship. (Talk about) Families who work together and share daily tasks accomplish more, and also build relationships that last—and it's a lot more fun! Jesus sent his disciples in pairs to minister in his name and his mission was accomplished more authentically. The Christian message can only authentically be proclaimed in and through the community of faith. In our work with others, we build this community of faith and can invite others to share in it. Mention some of your families' chores talk that are more easily accomplished when two or more people work together. Talk about how working together not only makes the job easier, but also makes the task more fun because we are able to spend time together. Bring to their attention that Jesus continues to give us a community with which we share our life of discipleship our family and the community of the Church.

(Pray together) Prayer intention - that we will continue to rely on the support of the community of the Church in our life of discipleship. Together pray the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.



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Pope Francis: 'Catholic education gives soul to world and radiates the promise of Christian salvation.

Pope Francis last week spoke to participants in the *Gravissimum Educationis Foundation's* conference entitled, "To Educate is to Transform." The Holy Father encouraged the group in their efforts to coordinate between Catholic educational institutions, and offered them three suggestions.

Increase networking- Pope Francis first urged the Foundation to network among institutions, so as to make them more effective by drawing on each one's intellectual and cultural strong points. He said networking means uniting fields of study, creating spaces for cultural encounter and dialogue, and making schools "educating communities". This, he said, means uniting students and teachers in mutual sharing through "a curriculum of life and experience." Given the global challenges facing the human family, Pope Francis said Catholic education "recognizes that humankind's moral responsibility today does not just extend through space, but also through time, and that present choices have repercussions for future generations."

Face social change optimistically. Secondly, Pope Francis invited the Foundation's members to teach people to face social change optimistically. The goal, he said, is for men and women to "immerse themselves in reality with the light that radiates from the promise of Christian salvation." The Pope said Catholic educators must not lose hope but offer it to today's world. "We need to give a soul to the global world through an intellectual and moral formation that can support the good things that globalization brings and correct the harmful ones," he said. Focus on: identity, quality, common good

Finally, Pope Francis offered the *Gravissimum Educationis Foundation* three criteria in order to be effective. Identity, quality, and care for the common good, he said, are essential to the Catholic educator's task. Schools and universities need to be consistent and show continuity between their foundational mission and the Church's mission of evangelization, the Pope said. By focusing on the quality of their education and the common good, he said educators can help all understand that "we belong to one human family".

"To fulfill your mission, therefore, you must lay its foundations in a way consistent with our Christian identity; establish means appropriate for the quality of study and research; and pursue goals in harmony with service to the common good."

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Please remember in your prayers our parishioners, who are sick, homebound, in the hospital, and under hospice or residential care.

Susan Ackerman, Lillian Appleman, Patricia Baker, Nancy Beans, Loretta Bodisch, Emmalee Bryan, Patti Bucci, Libby Chapman, Anne Colyer, Charlene Cornell, Matthew Crance, Jim Crawford, Chrissy Davis, Joy Davis, Maria DeLuca-Lorenzo, Larry & Joanne Diehl, Terry Dunn, Arlene Eichlin, Marvin Eichlin, Loretta Farrell, Charles Fees, Jr., John Finn, Patricia Fite, Crystal Fleck, Sarah Fleck, Thomas Fleck, Herman Fleck, Janet Galen, Kathi Gallegher, Kathleen Claire Fratrik, Gaughan, Dylan Geroni, Kathy Geroni, Marie & Rosalyn Giardullo, Anna Giebler, Mary Halwski, Florence Hancharik, Bill Heinor, Joyceann Heley, Michael Heuston, Sharon Horvath, Charles Houston, Martha Juchnowicz, Georgine Kocher, Valerie Korbar, Ryan Leven, Kathy Lightkep, Charles Lutcavage, Loretta Malloy, Jill Martindell, Adelaide McElderry, Bridget McHugh, Anne McNichol, Harvey Mueller, Charlie Murphy, Emma Michael, Joseph Moore, Nancy Moreno, Lorraine Mosolgo, Wanda Muth, James O'Hanlon, Gabrialle Otero, Jonathan Ott, Gary Palmer, Helen Pepkowski, Victoria Pepkowski, Nicholas Powell, Don Raman, Mike Ramos, Rachael Rice, Carol Reardon, Gregory Rickert, Joy & Teddy Rodman, Sandy Romaszewski, Sam Rothman, Frederick R. Rude, Dolly Rutherford, Zina Sauerwine, Lana Schell, Ronald Schultz, Sr., Frank & Joyce, Joe Shuman, Mary Jane Shuman, Baby Ella Stack, Shane Stroup, Nick Tscheschlog, Sean Thatcher, Baby William Patrick Thomas, Maddie Tomaszewski, Douglas Toner, Betty Ventresca, Helen Wall, Diane Wesoski, Maryjane Whealton, Tamara Widmer, Edward Wismer, Baby Logan Yoder, Liem Zbyszinski

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Ministry Schedule for July 14th & 15th 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music
SATURDAY 5PM	John Becker Jim Black Joan Black Cathy Leidtke	Helene Bell	Not Filled Not Filled	Amletto Pucci Karen Parash
SUNDAY 8AM	Marianne McEvoy Kevin Murphy Bea Romaszewski Ron Watson	Patti Keyser	Samantha Froman Brigid Froman Tommy Loughran	Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Dolly Kovacs Jackie Litzenberger Leona Russell Donna Sciacca	Christina Crews	Dakota Campbell Audrey VanHaute Caius VanHaute	Denny Nio