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**14th Week in
Ordinary Time
July 8, 2018**

Mass Schedule

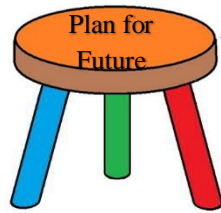
Saturday – 5:30 p.m. – St. Peter’s
Sunday – 8:00 a.m. – St. Peter’s
Sunday – 9:30 a.m. – St. Theresa’s
Sunday – 11:00 a.m. – St. John’s

Confession Schedule:

Saturday 4:45pm – 5:15pm – St. Peter’s
Thurs. & Fri. 9:30am-11:30am – Rectory St. Peter’s
before or after Masses (when possible)
drop-in and by appointment

PASTOR’S MESSAGE:

Continuing our discussion of the image I introduced of a 3-legged stool that is representative of the foundation of a plan for the future. Last week I gave a definition for the concept of a parish grouping, identified some concerns that parishes and parishioners have in drafting a plan for the future, and I began speaking about some of the Archdiocese concerns that need to be included in a successful plan for the future. This week I will continue to discuss archdiocese concerns and priest lifestyle concerns.



Leg 1: Parishes’ Concerns
Leg 2: Archdiocese Concerns
Leg 3: Priests’s Lifestyle Concerns

Leg 2 (Contd.): Archdiocese Concerns

The Archbishop does have a pastor's heart and wants us to thrive in the life of faith. This primarily happens in our parishes. The Archbishop's pastoral vision of "One Church: Encountering Jesus, Equipping Disciples, Living Mercy" reveals how much he wants us to meet and know the Lord. His vision also makes clear that the buildings and property that we have is not an end in and of itself... We don't have buildings just to have buildings. Rather, the buildings are meant to serve the mission. From his perspective, he wants to make sure that a vibrant community of believers who are supported exists in our area of the diocese. Buildings and parish structures are secondary to this.

The buildings do have to be maintained. The Archbishop is also chairman of the board and CEO of the Catholic Mutual Group, which is our insurance company for the church and school grounds of many dioceses around the country. Meeting spaces are evaluated for the services available. The Archbishop through his pastoral planning office has made clear that a meeting space in the 21st century should have a projector or TV for presentations and WiFi. Things that used to be luxuries or premium features at a site are now considered reasonable expectations. These expectations were part of the motivation for upgrades to our parish facilities over this last year.

Leg 3: Priest Lifestyle Expectations

Defining priest concerns as ‘priest lifestyle’ concerns is a way of trying to capture the overlapping layers in that priests have a calling from God in the form of a priestly vocation, priests have an identity as priests by ordination, priests live a celibate lifestyle that enables them to love in freedom, priests have jobs as pastors or associate pastors or chaplains, priests have workloads and residences that are related to the jobs to which they are assigned.

The priests are bringing concerns to the table that the roles and expectations of priests in this plan for the future are realistic. We want to make sure that the jobs we create for the priests are jobs where I want to go to work every day. In the past, when parish clusters were created or reorganizations took place, there was no study of the workloads that were made. One priest who was pastor of one church became pastor of two or three. In a sense, one full-time job became three full-time jobs and the pastor self-regulated his ability to fulfill the expectations and obligations.

The proposals of a plan for the future require us to become more interdependent and rely on each other. One proposal is that there could be one pastor and associate pastor(s) where we currently have multiple pastors. Another proposal suggests that office space and priest residences should be separated. This gives the priest the ability to go home from ‘work’ at the end of a workday. Another proposal suggests that priests should have an option to live together in the same residence. Another proposal suggests that priests could change some of the roles of administration, teaching, hospital, homebound, etc. Right now, many of our roles and tasks are unnecessarily duplicated around parish administration.

A proposal of a co-op style organization would allow for the requirements to be met without as much duplication. In all honesty, with three churches and updating our parish records on the computer, this past year I spent between 80% and 85% of my work time doing administration. In allowing the parishes in the parish grouping to function in a more unified way administratively, these tasks can be optimized in a way that allows me to focus time and energy on evangelization and making disciples. I don't have a shortage of things to do, but it is good to ask if my time and energy is always being spent on the right things. I'm not convinced that we can solve the challenges of vibrant parishes with fewer priest numbers by saying that I just need to work harder, faster, smarter, etc. From my experience, working faster sometimes gets you noticed when you don't want to be!

I've had a good vacation, but I'm happy to be home with you this weekend.

Peace, Fr. John

Priest Notes: Looking Ahead on the Calendar

July 7-8 (14th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- Mass for 1st Saturday is scheduled 8:30AM (ST)
- Regular weekend schedule of Masses

July 14-15 (15th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- **Fr. Kramper will be here for the weekend**
- Fr. John will be at the Steubenville Conference
- Regular weekend schedule of Masses

July 21-22 (16th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- **There will not be daily Mass July 2-6**
- Regular weekend schedule of Masses

July 28-29 (17th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- Regular weekend schedule of Masses

August 4-5 (18th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- **Fr. Gary will be here for the weekend**
- Fr. John is at Fathers & Sons Retreat in Schuyler
- Mass for 1st Saturday is scheduled 8:30AM (ST)
- Regular weekend schedule of Masses

FOR ALL HAVING SPECIAL NEEDS

St. Peter's: Sister Joseph, Mary Edwards, Jessica Hobbs, Florence Vandersnick, Jeanette Tomjack, Vicki (Miller) Keck, Sherry Steffl, Mary Jo (Lofquest) Shemek, Sharon Ward, Leo Hawk, Duaine Bollwitt, Yvonne Duggan, Marie Vandersnick, Caeden Wright, Myra (Rotherham) Schwebel, and Dennis Vandersnick.
St Theresa's: Nate Thiele, Regina Krebs, Cindy Brown, Mary Ann Thiele and Jeanne Hoffman.
St. John's: Jackie Bartak, Rita Funk, Darlene Schueth, Carl Ernesti and Georgine Funk.

Financial Stewardship

ST. PETER'S

July 1 - \$987.00
Peters Pence - \$252.00
Building Fund - \$50.00

ST. THERESA'S

July 1- \$1344.00
Peters Pence - \$283.00

ST. JOHN'S

July 1 - \$1807.00
Peters Pence - \$128.00
Cath. Comm - \$10.00
Building Fund - \$10.00

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Mon	9	7:00 p.m.	SJ	Devotions
Wed	11	8:30 a.m.	ST	+Clarence & Jo Halbur
Thur	12	8:30 a.m.	SP	+Frank & Bert Noffke
Sat	14	5:30 p.m.	SP	+Irene (Kaczor) & Raymond Downs
Sun	15	8:00 a.m.	SP	Living Members of SP, ST, SJ
Sun	15	9:30 a.m.	ST	+Delores Hankla
Sun	15	11:00 a.m.	SJ	+Fr. Bauer

July 9-10 Fr. John has training course in Bellevue, NE
July 13-15 Fr. John is priest chaplain on Steubenville High School Youth Conference.

Religious Education Notes:

Confirmation has been scheduled for Sun Oct 7 @ 4PM; St. John's is hosting with meal to follow.

Gratia Retreat for Girls. Incoming 4-6th grade girls are invited to a retreat just for them at Tintern Retreat Center, Oakdale. When: Fri-Sat, July 13-14, beginning Fri at 9:00 a.m. Girls see Mary as a model to be 'full of grace'. Contact: Chelsea Preister acpreister@gmail.com 402-270-7250. Forms also available on stbonparishes.com.

An 'Enlightening' Note from Elgin:

No Masses will be held at St. Boniface, Elgin July 2-13, due to a Lighting Project. Weekend Mass Schedule for July 7-8, 2018 will be as follows: Saturday, July 7: 5:30pm Mass at St. Bonaventure, Raeville; Sunday, July 8: 8:00am Mass at St. Bonaventure, Raeville; Sunday, July 8: 10:00am Mass will NOT be held.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 14 – 5:30 P.M. – St. Peter's

Ushers: Aaron Hoke & Kevin Schrunk
 Servers: Ashley Koenig & Tiana Thramer
 Lector: Candi Hoke
 Gifts: Aaron & Candi Hoke Family
 EMHC: Aaron Hoke

Sunday, July 15 – 8:00 A.M. – St. Peter's

Ushers: Frank Funk & Pete Funk
 Servers: Dylan Rotherham & Garret Napier
 Lector: Karen Funk
 Gifts: Butch & Carol Rotherham
 EMHC: Leanne Tomjack

Sunday, July 15 – 9:30 A.M. – St. Theresa's

Ushers: Dean Thiele & Fred Thiele
 Servers: Lynae Kester & Aislynn Kester
 Lector: Sonia Rittscher
 Gifts: Shane & Regina Krebs Family
 EMHC: Tom Kester

Sunday, July 15 – 11:00 A.M. – St. John's

Ushers: Brent Schmidt & Josh Mlnarik
 Servers: Emily Kurgeweit & Jaidyn Schindler
 Lector: Cathy Palmer
 Gifts: Allen & Kelsi Schueth Family
 EMHC: Jeanne Knievel

Saturday, July 21 – 5:30 P.M. – St. Peter's

Ushers: Kevin Koenig & Dan Koenig
 Servers: Allison Schrunk & Danielle Schrunk
 Lector: Tammy Summers
 Gifts: Terry & Connie Kaczor
 EMHC: Mike Summers

Sunday, July 22 – 8:00 A.M. – St. Peter's

Ushers: Mike Thramer & LeRoy Napier
 Servers: Wyatt Napier & Keenan McAllister
 Lector: Ed Nordby
 Gifts: Gene & LaVonne Sisson
 EMHC: Kathy Arens

Sunday, July 22 – 9:30 A.M. – St. Theresa's

Ushers: Gary Thiele & Joe Thiele
 Servers: Dillon Moser & Logan Mueller
 Lector: Connie Cronin
 Gifts: John & Barb Mlnarik
 EMHC: Dianna Kester

Sunday, July 22 – 11:00 A.M. – St. John's

Ushers: Jake Schindler & Tom Mlnarik
 Servers: Sharon Bartak & Emily Mlnarik
 Lector: Jami Schmidt
 Gifts: Doug & Beth Schueth
 EMHC: Sonja Bartak

