

FROM THE PASTOR

Parish Picnic: It was my first experience of being at the Parish event and it was really wonderful. Everything moved smoothly without any hiccups and that was the beauty of working together in a responsible way on a common program. We were blessed to have a good weather except some sprinkling a couple of times to assure us that God was blessing our efforts. The persons I interacted with in the dining hall said they all loved the food and they would like to come again. It was indeed a real compliment and those who prepared it deserve our applause. Children's games, Mexican stall and Bingo stand had steady flow of people. Beer garden was added this year. Mobile Vaccination Clinic was pretty successful to the extent of 33 people receiving shots as reported. It also brought KMOU media person to the picnic to work on a television program. I express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all those who participated in our common program and those who worked in different committees. **We together made the day wonderful!** My special thanks go to the Chairpersons of different committees who generously used their time and talent to keep different programs going smoothly with the help of dedicated volunteers. Finally, I put on record a note of special thanks to **Josh Frank and Cindy Tuttle** who walked extra mile as it were to get everything moving as planned by **Ruth Ann Jobe**, the Chief Chairperson of the Parish Picnic 2021. 'A big thank you' to her for getting everything organized well for others to run it smoothly.

Virtus Training: As planned, Connie Schepers from the Diocese conducted a training on Child Protection on Wednesday, June 9, at 6:30 pm in our hall. It had two video presentations followed by discussions which highlighted the behavioral traits of perpetrators of Child Abuse. It made the 23 participants aware of the evil of abuse leading the victims to different psychological problems such as shame, guilt, suicidal and withdrawal tendencies. It also gave a chance for the participants to get their doubts clarified. If there are more people interested, Connie is willing to come again on an afternoon to run the same training. Please contact Letitia Sangster if you so desire a training in person. She will also assist you with online training. On behalf of the Parish, I extend **very special thanks** to Connie for running the program for our Parish and Letitia for getting it organized so well.

Moderate Dress at Mass: As the weather is getting warmer day by day, there are several people coming back to Mass in causals. It used to be that people always put on the best when they came to Mass. Now over the years, the influence of secularized culture is becoming more obvious in churches, chiefly when attending Mass, the sacred act of worship. So it calls for certain mortification and moderation in dress as it is a participation in the redemptive act of God made present at the altar. Hence I would like all who come to Holy Mass dress up moderately lest the type of dress should take the focus out of the Sacred Liturgy. It would also give good examples to our younger generation and they also need to be instructed. This would indeed be a collective effort of everyone to put on moderate dress when attending Mass. A Protestant minister who is a convert observed 'people put on dress to church as if they were going to picnic or watch a game'. He says, "when we go to Mass every Sunday, we go to Heaven. And this true of every Mass we attend, regardless of the quality of music or fervor of the preacher. Every Mass is – heaven on earth" (Scott Hahn)

All liturgical ministers, chiefly the Lectors and Eucharistic ministers, must follow the dress code strictly so that the attention of the congregation that should be given to the Word of God and Jesus being present in the Eucharist may not be taken away.

Finally, as a congregation we must help each other to be focused on Holy Mass avoid giving all kinds of distraction during Mass. I would highly appreciate your cooperation in this regard so that we can worship God in good spirit and prayerful atmosphere.

Offertory Gifts: Now that we are back to the normal way of celebrating Mass, it is time to bring gifts to the altar, the bread, wine and the collections. The understanding is that the gifts brought in by the congregation along with the prayers are offered to God. Therefore, it is recommended that the gifts are brought up by a family on behalf of the congregation. The ushers may kindly find a family before Mass that will bring the gifts.

Mary's Meal: It is an international program that provides mid-day meals to the children who are attending schools with hungry stomachs in Asian and African countries. It was started by a family from Scotland in one of the African countries and has spread to other countries in Africa and Asia. It is run in my missionary Diocese in north India and I know how it has transformed the lives of the poor children who attend school on a regular basis. We are blessed to have a group of dedicated volunteers in our diocese who are trying to raise money through different activities to support this noble cause. Michelle Keller from St. Peter's Parish, JC will be here to talk to us about the program at the Weekend Masses on June 19 and 20. You will find details in the flyer given with bulletin this weekend.

Reminders:

1.CSA Update: The given parish goal for Catholic Stewardship Appeal has been \$17,000.00. As of today, our Parish members have pledged \$17,045.00 toward it. But the total money that has been received by the Diocese is \$15,265.00. In order to get a rebate from the Diocese, all those who have pledged have to pay off the amount they have intended by June 30, 2021. May I request them to turn in the pledged amount by the set deadline to keep our Parish in good standing with the Diocese!

2.Need of Volunteers: We are looking for volunteers to serve on the following areas **1.** Set up things for Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays **2.** To unlock and lock up the church in the morning and evening. **3.** To attend phone calls on Wednesdays in the Parish Office. **4.** To count money on Mondays. Different persons can serve on different days. Anyway, I would like to involve as many people as possible in the life of the parish which our Bishop is recommending time and again. If some of you so desire to give your time, please contact the Pastor.

3.Totus Tuus: It is scheduled from July 18 – 23, Sunday to Friday. For 7-12 grades, it will be Sunday – Thursday, July 18 – 22, from 7:30 – 9:45 pm. For the grades 1- 6, it will be Monday – Friday from 9 am – 3 pm for our children. Letitia Sangster is coordinating this program. Parents, please contact her and get your children registered. I would like all the newly confirmed young and women to join the evening program as I will be helping out.

Weekly Collections

1st week: \$ 4,341.51

Catholic MO: \$ 84.00 Bldg. Fund: \$ 45.00

Mustard Seed: \$ 230.00

Totus Tuus - Mark your calendars!

July 18-23 we will host Totus Tuus for faith and fun filled Vacation Bible School. Young kids will attend in the mornings, older in the evenings. More details as we get closer. You don't want to miss this! Questions contact Letitia Sangster

The 4th Saturday Night Potluck and Game Night is back!!

With Father Alex's permission we will resume the potluck and game night. Vickie Schroeder will host the first night!

Please bring your potluck dish down to the parish hall before the 4:00 Mass. After Mass, we will gather to eat, visit, and play games or continue to visit. We hope new people will join our group!! Everyone is welcome!! For information, call Vickie at 913-669-2979.

Ladies Sodality

The June 22nd monthly Sodalities meeting will be hosted by Bev and Jo Ann. The theme is PICNIC!! They will provide the makings for sandwiches, apple pie and ice-cream. The ladies are asked to bring a side dish to go along with the picnic theme.

Come about 6:15 for a bit of socializing. We will eat at 6:30. Father James will be our guest for this Spiritual Meeting. Bring a friend.

Food Bank Thanks

On May 28 the Food Bank truck came to the Annunciation parking lot and served about 40 families. Thank you to the Confirmation candidates: Brodie Schuster, Maryah Hoback-Blair, Wyatt Loethen, Faith Romano, and Eli McCumber as well as parishioners Peggy Borgmeyer, Jaime Johnston, Joyce Ziehmer, Letitia Sangster and El Puente for helping to serve.

We served about half as many this month as we did in April, but this is normal as a community learns about the service. Please note, this service is for ANYONE in need within Moniteau County. Deliveries can be scheduled for those unable to meet the truck by contacting the church office.

The next Food Bank truck will come on June 24 at 4:30-6:30pm and future visits will always happen on the fourth Thursday of the month so mark your calendars and spread the word.

Volunteers are needed for serving and delivering. Contact Letitia Sangster, 573-576-0300, to learn more.

Liturgical Roles

Saturday – June 19

Lector: Elaine Anderson
Servers: Need Volunteer
Song Leader: Larry Dahler
Organist: Ruth Ann Jobe
Rosary: Margaret Reynolds

Sunday – June 20

Lector: Mickie Bolinger
Servers: Shane & Seth Bax
Song Leader: JoAnn Bestgen
Organist: Ruth Ann Jobe
Rosary: Charles Roll

Saturday – June 26

Lector: Tammy Korte
Servers: Need Volunteer
Song Leader: Ted Munsterman
Organist: Betty Pringer
Rosary:

Sunday – June 27

Lector: J.D. Gattermeir
Servers: Nicki Frank/Olivia Marriott
Song Leader: Marian Fleischmann
Organist: Betty Pringer
Rosary: Marian Fleischmann

Picnic winners

\$500 cash -- Letitia Sangster
Handmade Embroidered Quilt – Bridget Frank
\$289 Chimney Inspection -- Katie Luebring
4 Big Surf Tickets (Mike Lutz) -- Bob & Sherrie Walter
\$50 certificate hat shirt (Brocks Tire) -- Emily Johnson LaValle
\$50 Community Point Bank – Mike Taube
\$50 gift certificate (Central Bank) -- Vicki Glenn
\$50 gift certificate (Commerce Bank) - Virgil Koechner
\$50 (Peoples Bank of Moniteau Co.) - Maria Garcia
\$25 Gift Card & Large Gift Bag -- Fr Alex
\$50 gift certificate Mr G(Spieler Ins.) -- Jim Irey
Garden Décor (Longfellows's) -- Joan Colozza
Decorative Wreath (Sandy Hill) -- Letitia Sangster
Gift Basket (Coopers Candles) -- Don Vanderfeltz
Hanging Basket (Clennins Farm Supply) -- Lisa Knipp
\$30 Gift Certificate (Orschelen's) - Laura Munsterman
5 Oil changes (California Tire) -- Roger Pringer
Gift Card Stainless Steel Tumbler – Shirt (The Grind) - Letitia Sangster
\$49.95 Alignment Gift Basket (Nathan Tire) - Connie S
2 weeks Unlimited Classes & Hat (Elevate Fitness) - Rita Thompson

Prayer List

Please Pray for these and all who are in need of prayer. Call the office to add someone or take someone off.

Carlos Hoback; Joan Colozza; Linda Bardwell; Darrell Bolin; Judy Boyle; Chris Schoenthal; Larry Hoback; Kim (Gailey) Moss; Sister Leona Bax; Kim Haisemeyer; Roger Borgmeyer; Carol Baker; Loretta George; Thomas Imhoff (son of Jim and Lita Imhoff); Hazel Boss (mother of Pauline Forck); Frankie Bolinger (mother of Jake Bolinger); Sandy Crawford; Keith Connell; Cody Schmidt; Amanda Imhoff; Connie Sack; Shirley Sack; Jeff Johnson; Gary Fleischmann; John & Barbara Reichl (parents of Bill Reichl); Parker Wood (grandson of Tim & Pauline Forck); Terry Carlson; Melissa Cox; Bob Winkler; Gary Rackers (Margaret Reynolds son-in-law); Special Intention; Rachel Frank; Abe Baepler; Andrea Tilbury; Delores Bardwell; Carol Rackers;

THIS WEEK AT ANNUNCIATION

Saturday, June 12	<i>The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
‡Mass 4:00 PM	Annunciation Parish
Sunday, June 13	<i>Celebrating the Immaculate Heart Of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
‡Mass 10:00 AM	Sylvia & Herman Hoellering
‡Mass 12 NOON	Spanish
Monday, June 14	
‡ 5:45-6 PM	Prayer of the Holy Rosary
‡ 8:00 PM	AA-ALNON
Tuesday, June 15	
‡ 8:00 AM	The Hentges Family
‡ 6:30 PM	Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wednesday, June 16	
‡	Mustard Seed
Thursday, June 17	
‡Mass 8:00 AM	The Van Loo Family
‡	Quilting
‡ 7:00 PM	Holy Hour
Friday, June 18	
Saturday, June 19	<i>Saint Romuald; Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
‡Mass 4:00 PM	
Sunday, June 20	<i>12th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
	FATHER'S DAY
‡Mass 10:00 AM	Paul Hoellering
‡Mass 12 NOON	Spanish

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

We celebrate today the Immaculate Heart of Mary. For your information, the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary follows the day of the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus which was yesterday. Both devotions are closely linked with each other because "Mary's role in the Church is inseparable from her union with Christ and flows directly from it.... This union of the mother with the Son in the work of salvation is made manifest from the time of Christ's virginal conception up to his death," (CCC nos. 964, 1172).

Historically, this devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary grew up in parallel, but at a lesser intensity than that of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, only starting to become more prominent during the time of St John Eudes. John Eudes was born in 1601 in Normandy, France. He died on August 19, 1680 and was canonized by Pope Pius XI on May 31, 1925.

The main difference between the devotions to the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary is that the Sacred Heart of Jesus emphasizes His divine heart as being full of love for humankind, while devotion to Mary's Immaculate Heart is essentially concerned with the love that her heart has for Jesus, our God and Savior. Therefore, Mary's heart is meant to be a model for the way we should love God. She is the only human person who is able to fully and really love God in the way that He should be loved since her heart is immaculate which means sinless. It is because if Mary did not respond generously with a loving "yes" to God's proposal of being the Mother of his Son, then we would not have had a Savior and we would not be saved. For us, our daily mantra should be also: "Thy will be done."

Honoring Mary's Immaculate Heart is our way of honoring her as being chosen to be the Mother of God, recognizing her extraordinary holiness, called to share in and co-operate in His redemptive sufferings, and the immense love she bestowed on Jesus as His mother.

When we talk about consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, during second world war Pope Pius XII put the whole world under the special protection of our Savior's Mother Mary by consecrating it to her Immaculate Heart, and in 1944 the Pope decreed that in the future the whole Church should celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Today's gospel is about the finding of Jesus in the temple. When Mary and Joseph find him, Mary says to Him: "Son, why have you done this to us?" (Lk 2:48). When Jesus answers her that He must be in his Father's house, Mary does not just remember things; she ponders over the events and experiences in her life. And as she ponders, the mystery of God is slowly revealed to her, the will of God is slowly made known to her.

Therefore, the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary invites us to have a contemplative heart. It is only with a contemplative heart, one priest says in his homily, that we can recall our past in retrospection and see the hand of God in our personal history. It is with a contemplative heart that we become more aware of the presence of God in the present, and that will deepen our hope and confidence in God to journey into the future.

In addition, what kind of heart do you have? Do you have a stony heart, a wooden heart, or perhaps a plastic heart? Another question is: What are the sins in your heart? There is no real peace in your heart as long as you hold in it the