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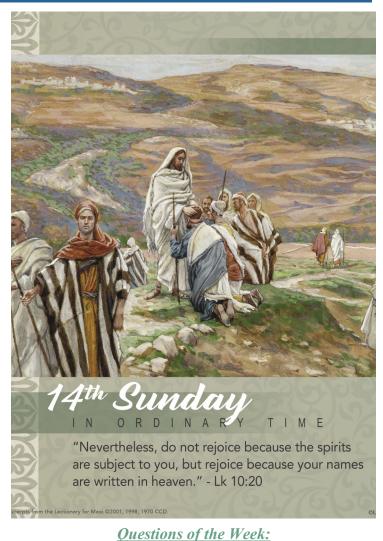
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ST JOSEPH 510 Tipton St., Salix, IA JULY 7, 2019

From Father Michael: <u>The Sign of the Cross</u>

In today's second reading from Galatians, Saint Paul asks that he may "never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." (6:14). More than anyone else besides Christ, Saint Paul knew the power of the cross. He called it a stumbling block and a source of folly and foolishness for those who do not believe (see 1 Corinthians 1:17). For those without faith, they only see a source of torture and death. Yet, for those of us with faith, we see the gateway to eternal life, a source of the new life that comes through Christ Jesus.

This is why the sign of the cross is so important as a ritual gesture. For those of us who have been "claimed by the sign of the cross" (see the introduction to the Rite of Baptism of Children), each time we trace it on our bodies we are reminded of Christ's sacrifice, which has brought us eternal life. Through the cross, Saint Paul reminds us today, one is created anew today's reading, in fact, is the basis of the great statement of faith that we hear at the beginning of the Triduum on Holy Thursday night: "We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our resurrection: through him we are saved and made free" (Entrance Antiphon, Holy Thursday, Roman Missal). It is quite fitting, then, that when we gather as the Church, the Body of Christ, we begin by first marking ourselves with this sign of our salvation. As well, when we finish our prayer, the Church calls us to once again mark ourselves with the cross, the pledge of our future glory in Christ.-Written by D. Todd Williamson. Copyright © 2006, Archdiocese of Chicago, Liturgy Training Publications; 1-800-933-1800; www.LTP.org



<u>Adults</u>: Where do you see the message of Christian faith being rejected in the world today? What is your response to that?

<u>Children:</u> What can you do when you are generous with others, and they do not want what you give them?

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WEEK OF JULY 7, 2019

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ST. JOHN JULY 14				
LECTORS	SERVERS	EMS	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
Bianca Derocher	Jaci Mcminamen	Fran Tramp- Elmwood	Randy & Jeannie Bottorff	Glen Coble, John
ROSARY	Nathan Mcminamen	Mary Tramp- Homebound	Greeters	Zink, Joe Kramer
Grace Fouts	Casey Mcminamen	Grace Fouts	Jeff & Terri Pratt	Joe Kaschmitter
ST. JOSEPH JULY 13~14				
LECTORS	SERVERS	EMS	GIFT BEARERS	USHERS
13-Al Stuhrenberg	13- Eli Gehling	13-Kathy Baker	13-Pete & Marge Rinaldi	13-Bert Ullrich
14- Greg Sample	J.T. Dewald Kaitlyn Skatges	Tom Becker Paula Olson	14-Laura Lewis Family	Aaron & Kelsi Skatges Landen Schuetz
13–Rosary Kathy Baker	14-Holly Skinner	14—Bev Weikel	13- Greeters Aaron & Kelsi Skatges	14—Robert Dandurand Family
14–Mike & Lori Donnelly	Charlie Clayton Jack Clayton	Kathy Jo Mitchell Greg Sample	14- Laura Lewis Family	John & Heather Hensley
Stewards	Mary Lander Julie Case	Homebound	Pam Eliason Mary Parker	Liturgy/ Word

ST. JOHN/ ST. BERNARD JULY 7, 2019 ST. JOSEPH

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES: Father Patrick O'Kane, Midge Stanley, Madonna Dodd, Shirley Turner, Esther Mac Clure, Darlene Ellis, Loretta Simoff, Doe Walker, Maryann Muller, Pete Mortensen, John Heisterkamp, Charlotte Zortman, Rosemary Kirby, Florence Ibsgaard, Gina Mortensen, Chris Metzger, Judson Bramow, & Sherry Wince. If you know of someone who is ill and needs our prayers, and would like to be listed, or if you no longer need to be listed, please contact Colleen @ office 423-1004

Totus Tuus_

Thank you to all who helped in any way with Tous Tuus this past week. Your help with housing, meals, snacks and supervision are greatly appreciated. This program is such a worthwhile event for our children, but it takes a lot of volunteers and help for it to be a success. Thank you for being here for our children and contributing to the success of the program. A special thanks to Pat Heisterkamp & Doug & Pauline Zima for housing the team. Meals were provided by Larry & Amy Christensen, Doug & Pauline Zima, Pat Heisterkamp, Darin & Vanessa

Crawford , John & Colleen Maule & the Knights of Columbus

MONONA COUNTY FAIR

JULY 9-14

MONONA COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP WITH THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD BOOTH. PARISHIONERS, FAMILIES & FRIENDS ARE NEEDED TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESS. SIGN UP SHEETS ARE IN THE CHURCH GATHERING AREA... THANKS! **REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH-ES:** Father O'Kane, Fran Mitchell, Nainna Gnat, Jeri Greiner, Mike Franken, David Bogenrief, Linda Donnelly, Sue LaCroix, Pam Dailey, Bryson Harder, Justin Lamoureux, Sophie Helvey, Doreen Becker, Kathy Spohr, Glenda Ullrich, Roger Huot, Tristan Parks, Colleen Ebner ,Bailey Cleveland, Christian Case, Brady Worrell, Cal Worrell, Connie Wagner, Kathy Clayton, Helen Martin, Carter Lucas, Deb McLarty, Stella Serviss, Gerrie Lamoureux, Rita Brassfield. For all who travel, grieve, those in the military, veterans, their families and our nations leaders. The candles burning on the Blessed Mother's altar are for the military serving in foreign lands

Prayer Chain list is in the vestibule of the church if interested please sign up, Thank you.

Last call for Donations for Raffle Prizes, if you want to please let me know soon, Thank you.

Just For Laughs

A Scout Master was teaching his boy scouts about survival in the desert. "What are the three most important things you should bring with you in case you get lost in the desert?" he asked. Several hands went up, and many important things were suggested such as food, matches, etc. Then one little boy in the back eagerly raised his hand. "Yes Timmy, what are the three most important things you would bring with you?" asked the Scout Master. Timmy replied: "A compass, a canteen of water, and a deck of cards." "Why's that Timmy?" "Well," answered Timmy, "the compass is to find the right direction, the water is to prevent dehydration..." "And what about the deck of cards?" asked the Scout Master impatiently. "Well, Sir, as soon as you start playing Solitaire, someone is bound to come up behind you and say, "Put that red nine on top of that black ten!"

""PROUD TO BE CATHOLIC" is the theme for the Summer Series at Trinity Heights. Please mark your calendars for the series on consecutive Wednesday evenings in July after the 7:00 rosary at the Mound of Mary. All talks will be held in the Marian Center. There is no charge. Bring the whole family! Speakers for the series include: Father David Hemann on July 10th Father Shane Deman on July 10th Father Vern Smith on July 24th Brendan Burchard on July 31 Joanne Fox on August 7 *Hear stories about Charismatic Leaders*,

G.K. Chesterton, Msgr. Eugene Kevane Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

St. Benedict is believed to have been born around 480, as the son to a Roman noble of Norcia and the twin to his sister, Scholastica.. Afraid for his soul, Benedict fled Rome, gave up his inheritance and lived in a small village with his nurse. When God called him beyond this quiet life to an even deeper solitude, he went to the mountains of Subiaco.

Although becoming a hermit was not his purpose in leaving, there he lived as a hermit under the direction of another hermit, Romanus.After years of prayer, word of his holiness brought nearby monks to ask for his leadership. He warned them he would be too strict for them, but they insisted -- then tried to poison him when his warning proved true. The story goes, the monks attempted to poison Benedict's drink, but when he prayed a blessing over the cup - it shattered.So Benedict was on his own again -but not for long. The next set of followers were more sincere and he set up twelve monasteries in Subiaco where monks lived in separate communities of twelve.But it was in Monte Cassino he founded the monastery that became the roots of the Church's monastic system. Instead of founding small separate communities he gathered his disciples into one whole community. His own sister, Saint Scholastica, settled nearby to live a religious life.Benedict died on 21 March 543, not long after his sister. It is said he died with high fever on the very day God told him he would. He is the patron saint of Europe and students.St. Benedict is often pictured with a bell, a broken tray, a raven, or a crosier. His feast day is celebrated on **July 11**.



"Do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven." - Lk 10:20

