

June 27, 2010 ~ 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses June 28 thru July 4

Monday, 5:30PM, Queen's

Tuesday, 7:30AM: Rudy Becerra
(Adoration all day until 5PM Benediction)

Wednesday, 8AM, Queen's

Thurs., 8AM: Tony Hoebelheinrich

1st Friday, 8AM: Virginia Eatherton
(Adoration all day until 6PM Benediction)

Saturday, 4PM, Queen's

Saturday, 5:30PM: Parishioners

Sunday, 8AM, Queen's

Sunday, 9:30AM: Deceased Members of Holy Family

Sunday, 11AM, Queen's

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

On June 24th, I celebrated my 16th year as a Catholic priest. What a joy and a privilege to serve the people of God. When people ask me what is your favorite part about being a priest, I tell them celebrating the sacraments for all of you and trying to help others know that God is with them. I sure have been blessed by the people that I have served. Thank you for all your prayers and example you have given me.

As we wind down the month of June, we prepare for the month of July. As June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, so the month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of our Lord. Have you ever meditated on the Sacred Heart of Jesus and have been reminded how much Christ loves you! Have you ever meditated on the Precious Blood of Jesus and how that Blood flows on us at every Mass, to heal us and to restore us! I invite all of us to reflect on these two powerful images so that we may always know the healing and forgiving love of Jesus.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the families who have pledged to the 2010 Diocesan Appeal. Thank you for your generosity and commitment towards the diocese and the parish. I also want to take this opportunity to once again ask who have not given to this Appeal of Faith to consider making a donation. May God bless you for your generosity.

In the Risen Christ ~ Fr. Dan Kirby

Campaign Phase 2 Update

This message is intended to bring you up to date on where we are at with our present campaign here at Holy Family.

We hope to offer the contract for resurfacing of our parking lot within the next ten days. We have chosen a company, but now we must get contracts drawn up and obtain Diocesan approval before we can actually award the official contract.

We have had a change of plans for the front step area repair and this has caused some severe time delays. A decision has been made to remove and replace the front steps and this has required us to ask existing bidders to redo their bids from repair to replace and it has also required the search for other companies to submit bids.

Hopefully, we will have all bids in hand within the next 15 days and will be able to make some decisions.

We have our bids in for the tuck pointing, but these companies will be asked to review their bids as they will no longer have the front step area included in work to be done.

I ask that you have patience as we must follow strict guidelines and we must have the Diocese approve everything along the way and are required to use specific contracts and obtain specific information prior to awarding any contracts.

Our Finance Council is working hard to obtain the best quality of work and do this within our financial guidelines. We are moving along and hopefully will bring things to fruition in the very near future. If you have any questions as to our progress or anything else please feel free to call me, at 366-5045. *Jim Martin*

Living the Faith booklets for July-Sept. are now available at the front entrances. Help yourself!

Open House on Sunday, July 4th, 2-4PM will be held to celebrate Bev Christiansen's 80th birthday. The Open House will be held at Harmony Court, 173 Bennett Ave, 3rd floor. All are welcome! Also, if you would like to send her a card, her address is: Beverly Christiansen 173 Bennett Ave. Apt. #2060, Council Bluffs, IA 51503.

Our children's liturgy of the word ministry, held during the 9:30 Sunday Mass time, is in need of volunteers. To find out more, call Laura at 345-1827. The children really love this time during the Mass. They go downstairs to hear the readings in their own setting. They return to the Church proper after the homily. Please call Laura to see how you can help with this ministry. Your time commitment would only be once a month.

Crayons needed: If you could donate a box, please leave them in the back of church or on the rectory back porch. Annette Konfrst is needing them for various organizations, hospitals, day cares, etc.

Please continue saving your pop tops for the Ronald McDonald House, collected by the Rosary Society. Also, St. Albert collects the Box Tops for Education (found on General Mills products). The SA Science Dept. is also collecting old ink cartridges from computer printers and used cell phones. All items may be left in the basket located in our narthex. Thank you!

Regional Events Bulletin: Eve Fazio, 323-1695. Deadline 1PM Wed. Mail announcements to her by Tues. delivery. (St. Peter's & Queen's deadline is Mon. Please call their offices.)

On June 30th, come to Gabriel's Corner, 11:30AM-1PM. KVSS Catholic radio will be serving a lunch. Visit the new chapel and pray for life.

Blessed Junipero Serra Feast Day Mass will be celebrated at Queen of Apostles on Thurs., July 1st, 6PM. The Serra Apostolate of Co. Bluffs invites everyone to attend.

You are invited: The Serra Apostolate of Co. Bluffs invites you to join our membership. Our mission is to foster and promote vocations. WE are looking for prayerful, dedicated people to join us. W will meet at Holy Family on Aug. 7th, 8:10AM, to offer a rosary for vocations, followed by Mass and a short business meeting with refreshments. Please join us. For more information, call Lois O'Gara, 322-8212.

The 11th annual Midwest Catholic Family Conference will be held this year on Aug. 6-8 in Wichita, Kan. The conference is offering programs for children, junior high and high school students, young adults and adults.

"It is a good program to support and strengthen family life, which is itself crucial to the life of the Church and society," wrote Wichita Bishop Michael Jackels in a letter to Des Moines Bishop Richard Pates. This year's conference features Dr. Ray Guarendi and Teresa Tomeo. Speaking on bioethics will be Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk. Speaking on marriage will be Dr. Richard McCord of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Speaking on stewardship will be Father John Lanzrath, the Wichita diocese's director of the Office of Stewardship. Additional speakers include apologist Tim Staples, catechist Sharon Lee Giganti, actor Eduardo Verastegui and more. The conference is sponsored by Catholic Resource Center and St. Joseph Communications.

For more information, call 316-618-9789, e-mail midwconf@conx.net or go to www.catholicfamilyconference.org.

Vocations Corner for June 26/27

Prayer is a moving force in vocation development. Prayer is effective; prayer is powerful; prayer is essential. Few are called to priesthood or religious life, but all are called to pray for vocations. "Lord, your Church is in need. Touch the hearts of many within our parish with the desire to serve you. Call forth from this community sisters, brothers, deacons, priests, and lay leaders. Help us to live lives that will nurture childhood trust into adult commitment. May this parish be a source of hope and a source of ministers for your Church, your people, and your world. Amen."