

June 21, 2020 TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM OUR PASTOR

During my retreat this last spring I was able to spend some time reading. With so much on line and on our phone, when do we pick up a book that encourages or challenges us, especially in the area of faith? One of the chapters "Rediscover the Saints" by Matthew Kelly asks the question "What prevents you from surrendering yourself completely to God?"

There are parts of our lives that we hold on to even when we are aware they are hurting us spiritually or emotionally. But for some reason we will not let go. There are routines in our lives also that we do on autopilot or just don't feel we have the energy to change. Matthew Kelly uses the saints in his book to compare them to ourselves. To see what the saints have done to become saints or the journey they took to reach their goal of being with God and where we are today in our own lives.

The challenge is do we stay where we are, keep doing what we are doing, drifting along or do we challenge ourselves or accept the challenge that God has placed before us by surrendering to His will, His plan for us?

Matthew Kelly uses the example of an addiction recovery center to compare the two positions and the results they produce.

"But the thing I watch for is this: Many people come and they will do everything you ask them to do for twenty-one days or however long they are here. I call this compliance. They comply but the main driver behind their compliance, their motive, is not recovery but escape. They just want to get out of here.

The second type of response goes way beyond compliance to surrender. In my experience, unless someone is willing to surrender, recovery is unlikely.

It was a fascinating conversation. This paradigm applies in many settings, but especially to our practice of Christianity. There are millions of Christians who are reasonably compliant. They go to church on Sunday and participate in other Christian activities, but they never surrender to God.

Perhaps this is one of the defining differences between the saints and the rest of us: They go way beyond compliance and they surrender. They surrender themselves and their lives to God--and then amazing things begin to happen."

Summer can be a time for us to relax or step out of our routines by going on vacation. Maybe we can take some of our summer time to challenge ourselves or accept God's challenge to us of surrendering. That is: His will is done (on earth as it is in heaven). Does that last part sound familiar? How do we live out the Our Father, a prayer so familiar that it doesn't seem to challenge us all that much. Are we ready or do we want to be saints? Are we floating along in life or are we ready (with God's grace) to surrender to Him and His plan for us and so do amazing things?

Father John

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Our church will be open everyday 8:00 AM—6:00 PM for individuals who wish to spend time in prayer. Please be respectful of each other and maintain a safe distance.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays ~ 5 PM Sundays ~ 10 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Celebrated Privately

DAILY ROSARY

Cancelled

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays ~ 4 PM—4:45 PM

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

Fridays ~ 3 PM—4 PM Benediction at 4 PM

Mass Intentions for the week of June 21, 2020

Sat. June 20	5:00 PM For the repose of the soul of Mary Taylor
Sun. June 21	10:00 AM For our Parishioners
Mon. June 22	For the repose of the soul of <i>Leo Hamm</i>
Tue. June 23	For the health of <i>Peggy Holan</i>
Wed. June 24	For the repose of the soul of Jim Curran
Thu. June 25	For Amelia Gunther
Fri. June 26	NO MASS

Sat. June 27 5:00 PM For the repose of the soul of

Sun. June 28 10:00 AM For our Parishioners

LaVonne Kuwitzky

Pray for the health of Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Rosemary Lehnen, Patrick Lewis, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, William Roberts, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Tricia Demmin, Bernard Resch, Laverne, Karen Caple, Lis, Joe Dolphin, Mary Ann Witcraft, Bill Chase, Kathy, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Helen Eucolono, Ethel Passer, Sid Mead, Steve, Marie Hersil, Becky Fredrickson, Mary W., Sally Haas, Bob W., Therese, Mary Sauer, Pete Ruland, Audrey Gillen, Rita Kueppers, Cindy Mueller, Lucille Ryczek, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, Rosemary Wier, Jim Czajka, RM, Floyd Babcock, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, Eric Erskine, the Moore Family, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Fran Watry, Harold Smith, Caroline Christopher, the Johnston

Pray for those in the military serving our country: Jason Witkowiak, John Miller, Tera Walsh, Casey Chamberlain, Chris Dvorak, Paul Knudtson, Jon Taylor, Jessica Burch, Mandy Gardner, Aaron Hoogland, Janie Asberry, Jessica Tremain, Andrei Klika-Sampe, Zachary Bader, Will Post and Adam Field.

Family, Ralph Hamm, Millie Hovde, Bill Eisch, Mary Lech-

leiter, Bernadine Seitz, Dave Lewis, and Marie Boehm.

Diaconate ordinations will be on Tuesday, June 23, at 10 a.m. The private Mass will be live streamed at diolc.org/live. Please pray for these men as they are ordained as deacons.

Priestly ordinations will be on Saturday, June 27, at 10 a.m. The private Mass will be live streamed at diolc.org/live. Please pray for these young men as they enter the priesthood especially Fr. Sam McCarty.

If someone you know becomes hospitalized and would like a visit, please call Cassandra at the church office. To be included on the prayer line or to be listed in the bulletin prayer list, you may also call the church office at 847-6054.

Stewardship Corner ~ June 13 & 14, 2020 (530 Registered Families)

ACTUAL
\$ 4,087.00
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72.00
\$ 5,506.00
\$ 375.00
\$ 565,582.39 \$ 481,768.32

^{*}Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 to current date

We ask you to join us in praying sincerely for guidance and success in helping to meet the temporal needs of our Church so that we can carry on our spiritual mission.

Formed

PICK OF THE WEEK: LUKAS STORYTELLER ~ In our newest kids addition, Lukas and his old friend Noah, a turtle survivor of Noah's Ark, gather and tell the greatest stories of Jesus and all the Saints that Lukas met through

You can watch with your free parish subscription by simply selecting our parish's name during registration at formed.org/signup.

For those subscribing to "The Word Among Us", your July / August issue is available on the rectory porch. Please stop by and pick it up. If you would like it mailed to you, please give the rectory a call.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES: If you have an email address that you would like to share with rectory, please let us know and we'll add you to our "Parishioner E-Mail List" so that we can keep you up-to-date with the happenings in the parish and school. Also, if you have disconnected your land line recently, please call the rectory and let us know your cell number. Thank you!

Fall Festival 2020—Yes! We are planning to have the Fall Festival. It will be changed up for this year, but we're still planning on it! The date is Sunday, September 13th. Please mark your calendars and continue to pray for the end of the pandemic and the recovery of our country.

200 Envelopes Fundraiser

Total Collected—\$9,315.00

We still have envelopes left on the bulletin board in the gathering area! The money raised this year will be used toward the Gym Roof Replacement Project at the school in July. The cost of this project is \$84,000. We have already raised over \$31,000 (including the 200 Envelopes donations, donations from the Gala and Hunters' Night Out Committees and other generous donations) toward the cost. We are grateful for any help that you can provide. Thank you for supporting our parish and school!

A Year Devoted to St. Joseph: May 1, 2020 - May 1, 2021

diolc.org/year-of-st-joseph



The Importance of St. Joseph ~ God the Father chose Joseph, from among all men, to take care of and nurture Jesus – the Son of God!

During our diocesan Year of St. Joseph, we want to grow in understanding the importance of Joseph in our own lives as spiritual father. One significant way is to undertake a 33-day consecration, which involves 15 minutes of compelling reading about St. Joseph during those days. This is available in a new book entitled *Con*-

secration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father, by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC.

If you are interested in forming a parish group to embark on this initiative, visit <u>consecrationtostjoseph.org</u> for information and to purchase a book and speak with your pastor. For further assistance, you can also contact diocesan curia staff members Ann Lankford <u>alankford@diolc.org</u> or Christopher Ruff <u>cruff@diolc.org</u>.

Please mark your calendars!

Everyone is invited to come to St. Patrick's on Friday evening, **July 17th at 5:30 PM** for our summer parish picnic. Food, libations, music and socializing. We are planning to have this event on the church lawn following the necessary guidelines to help ensure your health and safety. Hope to see you there!

The godly walk with integrity; blessed are their children who follow them.

Proverbs 20:7 NLT

Happy Father's Day!

Chrism Mass Live Stream: This year the Chrism Mass will be celebrated privately on Friday, June 26 at 10 a.m. The Mass will be live streamed at <u>diolc.org/live</u> and on the diocesan Facebook.

We are hoping to be able to add the 8:00 AM Mass back to our Sunday Mass schedule in July. In order to do that, we will need additional volunteers help ensure the safety and health of our parishioners by cleaning and disinfecting after the 8:00 AM Mass. If you would like to volunteer to help and are not in one of the vulnerable categories, please contact Gina Boppart or Rae Ryan or give the rectory a call.

Fall Festival Raffle—We will still be holding our Fall Festival Raffle. However, we have scaled it back. Prizes will be smaller this year and ticket prices are \$5.00 each. We have tickets available for each family to pick up in the church gathering area. There is a labeled envelope for each family which contains 2 books of tickets (each book is 6 tickets). Please pick up your family's envelope. If you would like more tickets, we will have them available on the rectory porch or you may call the rectory office and we will get more out to you. You can return your ticket stubs and money to the rectory office, put them in the collection boxes in church or mail them back to the rectory.

Annual Appeal Year End – June 30, 2020: The Annual Appeal year-end is fast approaching. Please remember that donations must be postmarked by 6/30/20 in order to be applied to this current Appeal year. Our goal for this year is \$37,940.00. As of June 18, we have \$28,395.00 pledged from 110 families. If you need a pledge card, please call the rectory office. Thank you for supporting the many ministries of the diocese.

Religious Freedom Week—June 22-29: Religious Freedom Week, proclaimed annually by the U.S. Bishops, begins on June 22, the feast of St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher, two great saints martyred for upholding their Catholic faith and consciences. For information and resources, visit www.usccb.org and click on Religious Freedom Week 2020.

ON LINE GIVNG—If you have not tried on-line giving, please check it out! It's safe, secure and simple! You can find the link on our website: <a href="style="style-type: style-type: sty

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