



August 4, 2019
Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

**Life is not defined
by what you have,
even when you have a
lot.**

Sunday Masses
9:30 am & 8:00 pm

Weekday Mass
Tues., Wed., & Fri. 12 pm
Thurs. 7:00 pm

Confessions
Sunday 7:30 pm
Friday 12:30 pm

This Week

Sunday, August 4
Food Shelf Sunday
9:30 am Baptism of
Ava Elizabeth Fischer
9:30 am †Katie Waletzko

Saturday, August 10
11:30 am Community Meal

Upcoming

Sunday, August 11
9:30 am Baptism of
Bowen Jordan Barten

Thursday, August 15
Assumption of
the Blessed Virgin Mary
12:00 pm Mass in the Chapel
5:30 pm Triple Play
(Mass followed by a potluck
and speaker—see back)

Harden Not Your Hearts

An antiphon refrain we often hear in the Psalms is "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts". This line offers a way to think about our Ordinary Time journey, to allow our hearts to be open and responsive to whatever the Lord tells us!

To respond to this refrain requires our conversion. The Greek word for conversion is *metanoia*, which literally means "turning around". To convert is to be reoriented, to change our focus. That means changing our focus from ourselves to others and to God's call. Ignatian spirituality reminds us that God also speaks to us through the desires of our hearts. As we grow in faith we become more aware that what God wants and what we most deeply desire are the same.

Hardening our hearts is a great temptation. To be human means we'll experience pain and suffering. Yet we can choose how to respond: do we harden our hearts to try to protect them, or do we follow the way of Jesus, and allow our hearts to be softened so we might better love one another?

At the start, we need to be able to hold tenderly our own pain and sorrow, and even reverence our anger. Over time, however, there is a different choice to make. How do I think about my own past experiences of suffering: do I view them as reasons for fear or as further opportunities to love? Think of our own sins in this way: how does my experience of my own shortcomings and failures allow me to show compassion and forgiveness towards others in theirs?

Today's readings remind us: do not get hung up on the stuff of life. When we choose to allow our hearts to be softened rather than hardening our hearts, we choose the way of life. When we choose to follow God's call with a trust in God that exceeds our trust in ordinary humans, we choose life.

Our hearts are softened when we listen for the voice of God and act responsively to it.

Blessings, Fr. Joe

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sunday, August 18
Academic Year Mass Schedule Begins
Sunday Masses: 9:00 am, 11:15 am, 8:00 pm
Weekday Masses:
Tues. & Fri. 12 pm Newman Prayer Room
Thurs. 8:00 pm Newman Chapel
Student Mass:
Wed. 12 pm Mass on Campus at Atwood

Wednesday, August 21
Summertime by George (see right)

Green-Thumbs Needed

Mike and Pat are "retiring" from their weekly ministry of watering the indoor plants at Newman. Beginning September 1, the indoor plants will need a new caretaker. Contact the office if you are interested!

Welcome Sherry!

Please welcome *Sherry Johnson* as our new REP Coordinator! Sherry will be coordinating the REP program for preschool through sixth graders.

**faith formation
registration open**

Parish Prayers

Anne Fields—Nancy Huber—Renee Miller—Waletzko's grandson Isaac—Kathy Williams—Penny Zook—Kevin & Melissa Kruger's brother Mark—Sharon Schmiesing's brother Mike—Jill Schultz's brother Jay Baune—Dave & Caroline Williams's son Jeff—Courtney Vorell's father Paul Snyder—Betsy Reese's friend Sallie Bellicot (and child Grace)—†Katie Waletzko—†Don Prom—Amy Laumeyer & Katie Hagen's dad †Al Hoffarth

Daily Readings

Sunday: Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23, Col 3:1-5, 9-11, Lk 12:13-21
Monday: Nm 11:4b-15, Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14, Lk 9:28b-36
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35, Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Nm 20:1-13, Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Dt 4:32-40, Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10, Jn 12:24-26

Assumption Triple Play Speaker

Join us after 5:30 pm Mass on August 15 for a potluck featuring Founder and Executive Director of Hands Across the World, Brianda Cediell. Hands Across the World is a learning community for new citizens in Central Minnesota, whose goal is to identify refugee's work skills and make these skills transferable to the American workforce. Brianda will be speaking about devotions to Mary here and in Colombia.

**St. Cloud Rotary's
SUMMERTIME
by
George!**

Summertime by George is a free festival each Wednesday at Lake George with live music, vendors, and a kid's zone with fun activities or arts and crafts. Visit our booth **Aug 21** from 5pm-9pm! Featured artist: Michael Shynes. We will also have a booth **Aug 28**, featuring the Fabulous Armadillos

Community Meal

Our Parish provides meals for those in need the second Saturday of each month. We need main-dish salads, salads, desserts, and several workers for the August 10th meal. Sign up in the lobby. Questions: Pat Ernst 252-7839



Bishop's Annual Appeal

The August edition of The Central MN Catholic magazine has information about how our communities benefit from your generosity. The magazine includes an envelope for those who would like to make a donation.

A Note of Thanks

My heart sings with jubilee joy for the spirit-filled celebration at Mass (or may I say liturgy) in honor of my Renewal of Life Vows. Thank you Joan and Stacy for planning it with me, the choir/musicians for leading us in song and you, Fr. Joe, for presiding in the spirit of Ss. Francis and Clare. I am abundantly blessed to be a member of your faith community! Peace and all good, Sister Ange Mayers, OSF

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