

Welcome to the Holy Family Parishes of

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish  
Lost Nation & Toronto

Sacred Heart Parish ~ Oxford Junction

Ss Philip & James Parish ~ Grand Mound



July 28, 2019— 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



*17<sup>th</sup> Sunday*

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." - Lk 11:9

## Sacrifice of the Mystery Flu

When we think about communion, we should think about the story of the antidote of the Mystery Flu. In the story, a worldwide mystery flu epidemic is killing thousands of people all over the world. Doctors finally find a cure: a vaccine can be created from the blood of someone who hasn't been infected and has the perfect blood type. Everyone has to get tested, and doctors find that **your** young son has the right type of blood for the vaccine. Everyone is so joyful, but soon you're told that doctors need **all** of your son's blood - your son must die so that everyone else can live. Your son dies, and the vaccine created from his blood saves everyone from the flu.

People decide to have a ceremony to honor your son. At first, people are fervent and caring, but as the weeks go on, people stop caring as much – pretend to care, or don't even show up at all. You stand there, heartbroken, screaming, "My son died for you! Don't you care?" After thinking about this, maybe now we can fully understand the scope of God's love for us.

Does this make you wonder that *God wants to say the same thing to us? "MY SON DIED FOR YOU. DOES IT MEAN NOTHING? DON'T YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I CARE?"* How often do we really stop to think about the sacrifice God the Father made in sending Jesus? It's easy to think about Jesus' life and death as a story. But we know it is so much more than that. It's the Gospel, the Good News, the very reason we are saved!

God loves us more than we can even imagine. He died so that we may have life, and if we eat of his Body and drink of his Blood, we may have eternal life. One way to describe this as "the greatest love story ever told": Jesus loved us so much that he died a most painful death on the cross so that you and I may have eternal life

Yet, we take this for granted. How would we feel if we were the parents in the story? How would we feel if we watched others take this enormous sacrifice for granted? Is that how God feels? He *did* give us His only son so that we could live. Without Him, we have no hope; we *need* him.

We seem to emphasize this during Easter time, when we remember Jesus' life and death, but we need to remember and celebrate the importance of communion every single week. It may not be Easter but today, we are called to remember how deep the sacrifice Jesus made for us. Can we offer the same sacrifice for others?

Fr. Tommy Lane



## Our Lady of the Prairie Upcoming Retreats

To register contact: **563-336-8414** or **olpretreat@gmail.com**

**August 2-4 | Fri 5:00pm-Sun 11:00am**

**Sound Healing Retreat**

**Natalie Brown**

Sound Healing is a powerful and practical experience helping a person to heal. Benefits include reduction of stress and anxiety and encouragement of physical, mental and emotional well-being. We will explore Tibetan and crystal bowls, gongs, tuning forks, the voice, percussion and other sonic tools. You will also enjoy sound meditation and music healing performances. **Fee \$125 overnight / \$45 commuter**

**Tues, August 6 | 9:30am-3:30pm**

**Knit One, Pray Too**

**Karen Brooke, Ann Green & Anne Johnson**

Seasoned knitters and novices are invited to bring projects for a day of needlework, sharing and praying while enjoying the seasonal serenity of The Prairie. **Fee \$20**

**August 9-11 | Fri 5:00pm-Sun 11:00am**

**12-Step Centering Prayer Retreat**

**Rev. Paul Witmer**

A time to explore Centering Prayer as an integral part of the 12-step recovery program. Prior knowledge of Centering Prayer or other silent meditation practice is desirable, but not required. This retreat is 12-step supported and will include at least one (open) 12-step meeting. **Fee \$125**

## PARISH CLUSTER NEWS

### General Information

Please forward all bulletin information to Colleen Burke beginning July 21. Diana will be gone until 08/15/2019.

Father Francis is taking his annual leave from July 25—August 19. He will be visiting his family in Ghana, meeting the new Bishop of the Diocese of Ghana, and overseeing the Project of Hope water wells project. Contributions from our cluster parishes have funded the installation of water wells. Please take time to pray for Father Francis's safe travels and safe return.

During Father's absence, there will be no daily Mass in our cluster parishes. Please welcome the visiting priests during Father Francis's absence. For your information, a schedule of priests is on the door of each church.

The Knights of Columbus 16694 collected \$950 for the Pregnancy Center. Thanks, everyone, and God bless.

### SS Philip & James Church Grand Mound

#### School Supplies Collection

The Social Action committee annual collection of school supplies is underway until Sunday, August 18 as school begins on August 23. These items will be distributed to the Calamus-Wheatland and Ekstrand Community elementary schools. A basket is located in the vestibule.

#### August Coffee Hour

The August Coffee Hour will be hosted by the Bill Tague family and assisted by the families of Peter Whitman, Marvin Flammang, Jean Maher, Michael Weih, William Looney, and Marty Traver.

#### August Landscaping Committee

- Peter & Lydia Whitman
- Josh & Morgan Fox

#### Fall Religious Ed Program

All children Ages 4 years thru 8th Grade are invited to attend our Religious Ed Program. Classes will begin in September. In order for us to plan for the year ahead, please call or text Maureen Schrader @ 563-659-9545 and provide the name and grade of your children.

#### Our Church Anniversary

Surely, you have "general photos of past priests, resurrection of the current building, gatherings of our parish in the past 50 years? A church anniversary is a reason to celebrate that focus' on the historical life of the church. Please contact a committee member and forward a copy for them to display on August 25. Committee members are Paul Rock, Joe Dierickx, Diane Skinner, and Camilla Lancaster.

If you have not returned your RSVP by now, you must not be reading the bulletin or interested in participating. It is important you return the RSVP by August 1 as an accurate head count for catering purposes is critical.

### Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Lost Nation / Toronto

#### Farm to Table Event

We are in need of helpers and food donations for the Farm to Table Event (Sunday Aug. 25, 4:00-6:30). Please sign up in the back of the LN or Toronto location and also think about what you can donate to the Farmers Market tent (fresh produce, baked goods, home canning, craft items).

#### School Supplies Collection

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary will be collecting school supplies during July and August. Toronto school items will be for the Calamus-Wheatland School District, and Lost Nation will be collecting for the Midland School District.

### Sacred Heart Oxford Junction

#### August Liturgy Assignments

The sign-up sheet for August liturgy assignments has been posted. A reminder that if you wish to sign up for a certain weekend in September, please do so, otherwise Karen will assign jobs. Thank you to all of you for your continued commitment to helping and volunteering for the various ministries.

#### Religious Ed Classes

Religious Ed classes are scheduled to begin Wednesday, August 28.

#### Church Cleaning

Remember that beginning in August, we members will be doing the cleaning inside our church. The supplies have been organized and lists have been made regarding rooms to be cleaned and what needs to be done in each room. These jobs are very similar to the cleaning we would do in our own home. We hope to have full participation from our church family. As we've been saying this is a work-in-progress, we'll reassess at the end of December, and we'll welcome suggestions and ideas to make the process go as smoothly as possible. Nadine will be around to help and guide us through this process.

#### Fall Festival

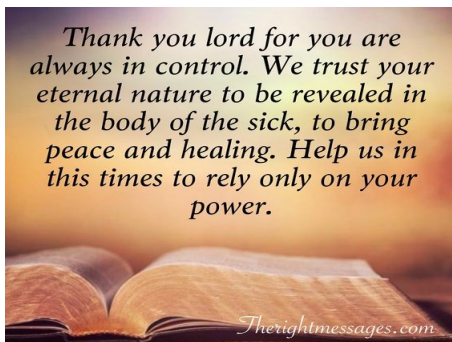
SAVE THE DATES: September 14 and 15. Our annual fall festival is coming up on September 15. In August there will be letters going out regarding your jobs and other information. This is a day we really count on all our members to participate, as this is a very important money-making project to help with the many ongoing expenses the church has. September 14 is the kolache baking day, and there will be a sign-up sheet for donations of various supplies needed to make the kolaches. We also count on many of our members to help that day. MORE TO COME!

#### Sanctuary Guild Meeting

The next Sanctuary Guild meeting is scheduled for August 5 in the church library at 7:00 pm. Serving Committee is Carolyn Zaruba, Glenda Leeper, and Shirley Curley.

## Please pray for...

- **Our Lady of Holy Rosary:** Jeanene Cavey, Dick Nodurft, Melvin & Irene Duwa, Richard Vens, Steve Benischek
- **SS Philip & James Church:** Deacon Mike Sheil, Sandy Crosthwaite, Natalie Regan, Elmer Hasenmiller, Grace Kinney, Betty Forret
- **Sacred Heart Church:** Betty Anderson, Rich Kleineck, Brad Manuel, Dennis Koppes, Wendy Larive, Jerica Christensen, Marilyn Stevenson, Rhonda Murphy



### SS Philip & James Church Ministries

*August 4<sup>th</sup>*

Ushers: Mark Hahn, Bill Tague, & Paul Rock  
 Lector: Tom Kinney  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Bill Tague & Barb Morrissey  
 Servers: Ellen & Olivia Olson, & Isabel Shockey

*August 11<sup>th</sup>*

Ushers: Bill Tague, Dick Bumann, & Craig Schanze  
 Lector: Barb Morrissey  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ann Schanze & Jean Moffit  
 Servers: Vivian & Mary Clare Browne, & Ali Swanton

*August 18<sup>th</sup>*

Ushers: Roger Green, Mark Hahn, & Joe Dierickx  
 Lector: Jean Maher  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Bill Tague & Barb Morrissey  
 Servers: Natalie & Nathan Butler, & Mitchell Maher

*August 25<sup>th</sup>*

Ushers: Bill Tague, Phil Butt, & Tom Walter  
 Lector: Maureen Schrader  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Maureen Schrader & Jean Maher  
 Servers: Zachary, Jacob, & Andrew Weih

## MASS INTENTIONS 4A

Saturday	07/27/19/Toronto
05:00pm	Dean Schneider
Sunday	07/28/19
08:00am	Grand Mound/Ray Denahy
10:00am	Oxford Junction/Rosine Regennitter
Monday	07/29/19 <b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday	07/30/19/Grand Mound
08:00am	Communion Service
Wednesday	07/31/19 <b>No Mass</b>
Thursday	08/01/19/Lost Nation <b>No Mass</b>
Friday	08/02/19/Oxford Junction <b>No Mass</b>
Saturday	08/03/19 Lost Nation
05:00pm	Betty Marcucci
Sunday	08/04/19
08:00am	Grand Mound/Chris Forret
09:30 am	<b>NO MASS</b>
10:00am	Oxford Junction/Monk & Marguerite Coon

### Readings for the week of July 28

Monday:	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23 or Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Tuesday:	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-11; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday:	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8, 11; Mt 13:47-53
Friday:	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday:	Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

