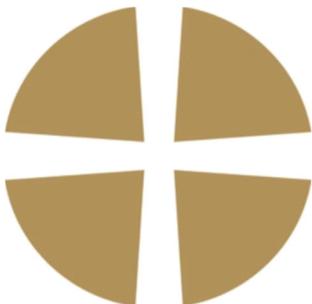


FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

JULY 14, 2019



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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM and 11:15 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - Friday, 12:15 PM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday
10:00 AM-4:00 PM



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Dear Friends,

The relocation of the Mission of Yahweh monthly food drive drop boxes to just inside the Church proper, beside the statues of Mary and Joseph respectively, worked like a charm last weekend. The food donations are far safer there under the gaze of everyone who comes to worship here and well away from the sticky fingers of those who would like to steal, as sadly happened a month ago. It is one of those "live and learn" moments where we realize what worked for so long doesn't anymore, and we just need to adapt accordingly. For those of you who volunteer to take the donations after the last Mass on the weekend to Mission of Yahweh itself, we have a cart to help you take the food items to your car. As you also saw last weekend, the ushers who are younger and more able-bodied than some of you, are more than willing to help. There are always plenty of people after Mass who are likewise ready and willing to lend a helping hand.

At last, the planets are aligned in a row! We now have our full complement of parish staff, so we will be up and ready to get the year off to a great start beginning in September when CCE resumes after Labor Day. As you read in the bulletin two weeks ago, our newest staff member to join us is Cathy Busald, the Coordinator for CCE. Janie Morales will continue as Business Administrator until the end of the calendar year as she promised, but she also wants to take her retirement from the Archdiocese a little more seriously and is already headhunting for her replacement. Betty Vitek continues in her role as Assistant Administrator, and we are now joined by Michelle Smiley who is going to take on the role of Communications Coordinator to look after the bulletin and the parish webpage and keep it current so you will be informed of the parish's comings and goings. Until now, Adolfo Reginato looked after the bulletin and parish webpage while we were searching for the right person to take his place and let him get on with the rest of his busy life. A big "thanks!" to Adolfo for helping us get this far and for developing and improving the webpage in its present easy-to-use format. Michael Varona is our photographer who takes those wonderful shots you see on the cover of the bulletin most weekends, and as time moves along, we hope to expand our photo library and have more of his work on the inside of the bulletin (and on the webpage) as well. After all that updating, I hope your life is going equally as well as our parish and that you are enjoying your summer.

God bless,

Fr. Niall

July 14, 2019

Treasures from Our Tradition

On a summer day, with the windows open, we may hear the sound of church bells. Bells seem to have come into church life in Irish monasteries around the seventh century, and spread around the Christian world by Irish monks on missionary journeys. By the eighth century, bells were standard equipment in even small parish churches. An ancient ceremony, once called the "baptism of the bells," recognizes that the church bell has a voice to call people to awareness and summon them to worship, and even bestows a name on the bell.

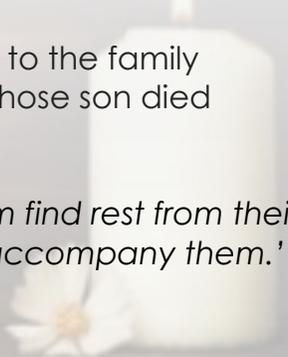
In a world without clocks or watches, the bell had an indispensable role. For calling monks in from the fields for prayer, or alerting far-flung visitors, the bell's voice was enhanced by hoisting it high into a tower. Soon it was learned that the sound of several bells clanging together in harmony imparted a sense of joy to great celebrations, and bell towers prospered, some chock full of bells. Different combinations of rings could indicate a death, a Mass, a wedding, a fast day, the curfew at the end of day, and the Angelus. Before electricity, bell-ringing was hard work indeed: the biggest bell in the Catholic world, in Cologne, Germany, weighs twenty-seven tons! There's no substitute for the resonant roar of a mighty bell; electric chimes are not eligible for blessing!

Condolences

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Judy Murphy who died on the 4th of July 2019 in St. Luis. She was employed here in St. Catherine of Siena and taught C.C.E. for students with special needs for several years.

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Adel Herold whose son died recently.

"Thus, says the Spirit, 'let them find rest from their labors, for their good works accompany them.'"
Rev. 14:13



PARISH CALENDAR

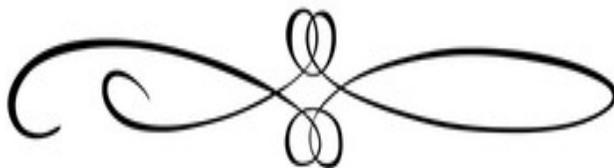
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- SAT 13 5:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass**
St. Vincent De Paul society Black Bag Annual Collection
- SUN 14 8:30 AM Sunday Mass**
11:15 AM Sunday Mass
St. Vincent De Paul society Black Bag Annual Collection
- MON 15 No Daily Mass**
OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- TUES 16 12:15 Weekday Mass**
OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- WED 17 12:15 Weekday Mass**
OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- THURS 18 12:15 Weekday Mass**
OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- FRI 19 12:15 Weekday Mass**
OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- SAT 20 5:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass**
- SUN 21 8:30 AM Sunday Mass**
11:15 AM Sunday Mass



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