St. Henry's Catholic Church

June 21st, 2020
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Reflection by Deacon Richard J. Quistorff

My sisters and brothers in the Lord,

"Fear no one." — The words of Jesus from today's Gospel according to St Matthew are so strong! *"Fear no one."* We can only be free from fear and from fears if we truly believe in the Lord and live for everlasting life.

The first reading today is from the prophet Jeremiah. He had lots of people trying to end his life and to make his life difficult if he lived. He tells us that even his friends had been working against him. Yet he knows that God is with him and that he need not fear. Of course, sometimes his enemies made his life difficult. So, to have God with us is not magic and we can still encounter very difficult situations. But if our trust is in the Lord, we know that in the end, all shall be well. That end may be after our death! But the challenge is simply to cling to the Lord!

The second reading today is from the Letter to the Romans. This reading tells us that sin has entered the world through one man, Adam, but that through another man, Jesus the Christ, the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one-man Jesus Christ overflow for the many. The message is the same: sin and evil and bad things will not triumph in the long run. Rather, God will triumph and will defeat all sin and evil. To stick to this promise of the Lord is the challenge of our spiritual life!

Today's Gospel is from the Gospel of Matthew. We return to the words of Jesus: *"Fear no one."* In today's world, the Church and yes even us Christians are more and more likely to encounter problems, even the Coronavirus Epidemic has affected us all. The values of Jesus, the teachings of Jesus and of the Church, are now being spurned in our world and called into question. If we cling to these teachings and words, we are accused of being people of hate and of promoting "hate speech." This condition in our world will most likely only increase. Christians are already the most persecuted group in the world.

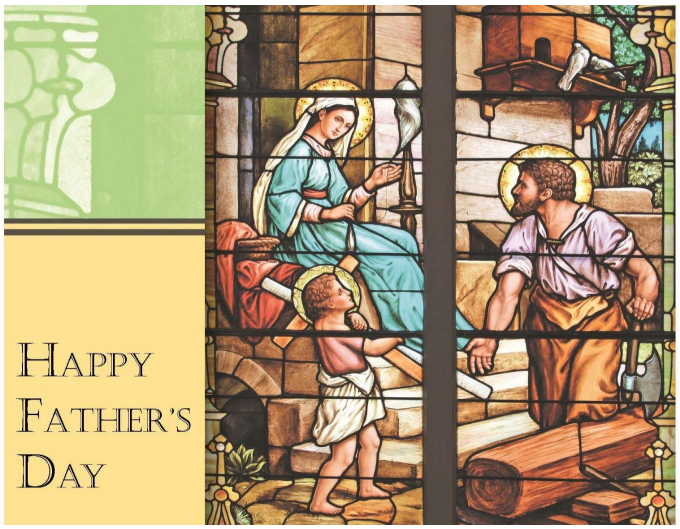
We should not want to abandon our faith in order to avoid being rejected, mocked, scorned and judged by others. Most of us want a simple and quiet life to live in peace. That simplicity and quietness may well be taken away from us today. The challenge for us is to hold fast to the words of Jesus: *"Fear no one."* That also means that we must cling to the teachings of the Lord Jesus without any fear or even without concern for what may happen to our lives.

Let us be ready to walk with the Lord to suffering and death, rejoicing that we are found worthy to suffer for clinging to the words and the teachings of our Lord Jesus.

May God Bless Us All … Always!!!
Deacon Richard J. Quistorff

Today's Readings: Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15
Mt 10:26-33

Congratulations to the second graders who received First Communion this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers! Aaron Aanenson, Beckham Bunkowske, Tatum Christopherson, Brynn Guck, Diana Guzman Pacheco, Arabella Holzer, Juliette LaFond, Francisco Lopez Gonzalez, Kes Novotny, Brandon Olstad, Philip Sautter, and Harper Schmitz.



Parish news & events

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus,

Thank you for all of your gifts, cards, and kind words as I celebrate 10 years as a priest of Jesus Christ. It has been a whirlwind ride, but a source of great joy and fulfilment all the same. I have been blessed to be part of your families' celebrations and sorrows. Together we have celebrated the Eucharist and Adored our Lord for countless hours. We have blessed your homes and your families, and in these moments, you have been great blessings to me. I have physically felt the support of your prayers, and I know that the graces you have begged of God for my sake and for the sake of our parishes have borne great fruit in our communities.

I am greatly encouraged by your faith and especially your hunger for Jesus in the Eucharist. I am sorry for any hurt that my faults and failings may have caused along the way, and I pray that God's grace has and will continue to make up for my weakness. Priests are as human as everyone else, and I am no exception. But for ten years I have seen God's grace work through my sinful hands and this striving sinner has been blessed to witness many miracles, great and small.

Most of all, I am grateful for the work of our Deacons and parish staff, past and present. Anything great we have achieved has been mostly their doing. I am humbled to work with such good and prayerful people, who daily remind me of God's presence and action in my life. Our many dedicated volunteers, too, have made great use of their many gifts, and for this I am eternally grateful.

My favorite Sacrament to celebrate as a priest has always been Reconciliation. A good confession was the turning point in my young adult life that set me on the path to priesthood. I love watching the tears of joy on your faces as you receive God's mercy and are made whole again by His love. I am proud of the forgiveness you show to one another—a true miracle in our world today.

My only regret, if it can even be called such, is that I haven't done more to encourage priestly vocations in my time here. Every priest's secret desire is to render himself obsolete by fostering a company of future priests to continue the good fight. I pray that the next ten years of my priesthood will be more focused on achieving this goal. Please pray with me for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our sons, that this great vocation of love might be answered with courage and joy by all whom He has chosen.

I love being a priest! This is my call to holiness, and I cannot imagine any other life for myself, so naturally I want to share it with everyone. I am grateful for the call, the walk, and the blessings. You are all blessings to me, and I thank you.

Peace in Christ,
Father Matthew Kuhn

"The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ." – St. John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests

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St. Henry's Area School

Congratulations to this week's calendar raffle winner June 17, ***Nate and Courtney Rooney***-$50 and June 19, ***John and Karla Bell***-$100.

Fun Fair Update-The website is up and running for our Fun Fair Auctions. Here is how it works. Go to https://givergy.us/sthenrys to get into the website. There will also be a link on our school's website at www.sthenrysareaschool.com. On the left hand side of the main auction page, you will see a tab called "Silent Auction Items." Click that and all of our silent auction items will appear. Typically we have around 200 items. This year, we have bundled some of them together, so there aren't so many things to scroll through. To bid on an item, just click on the blue button that says how much the current bid is. It will then direct you to a bid page, which will confirm your bid. The first time you do this, it will ask for your credit card information. The credit card will not be charged a thing unless you win the item(s). If this is a struggle, you can always call me at the school at 346-6190, and I can bid for you or help you out. **The auctions open for bidding on Monday, June 22nd at 8 AM and close on Sunday, June 28th at 3:30 PM. Items are visible prior to the start of the auction.** Also along the side, there is a "Make a Donation" tab. Realizing that we are unable to have the games, food, special raffles, etc., if you'd like to just make a straight donation, there are buttons to push to do so. This too will be charged to your credit card similarly to winning an auction item. **The "Donation" page is open now and will stay open until Sunday, June 28th at 3:30 PM.**

We will also be drawing the raffle prizes on Facebook Live on Sunday, June 28th at 3:30pm. Our Facebook site is www.facebook.com/sthenrysareaschool. Winners will be contacted that evening as well. If you have not turned in your Fun Fair raffle tickets yet and would still like to do so, you can bring them to your church office or drop them off in the mailbox outside the school. If you need more tickets, I have some at the school.

Please share the above information. We need lots of people to be aware of the auction website for it to be a success. Thank you!

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Olive Wood Crafts from the Holy Land

The coronavirus pandemic has forced thousands of pilgrims to leave the Holy Land. The streets of Bethlehem and Jerusalem are empty for quite some time. The cancellation of pilgrimages having a serious repercussions for many Christian families. In the past, when the Holy Land experienced wartime conditions, some people managed to temporarily find an economic niche outside tourism. However, the pandemic measures have affected all business sectors, including olive wood industry, and everything to shut down. Even we as Holy Land Crafts & Pilgrimage group; are unable to lend them a hand during this difficult time because of the closures here in the U.S. Because our visit to your parish this year is unpredictable, we humbly ask you to visit our website www.holylandcrafts.net and browse through the beautiful hand carved religious items. We value your support through these unprecedented times. May God bless you and keep you safe.

Holy Father's June Prayer Intention:
We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

Mass & ministry schedule for June 22-28 (as of June 18)

Tue, Jun 23, 7:30 AM *+Jim & Viola Berryman*
Rosary Dot Hofland
Lector Renee Doll
Sacristan Renee Doll

Wed, Jun 24, 7:30 AM *+Donna Scheidecker*
Rosary Elsie Schultz
Lector Elsie Schultz
Sacristan **NOT FILLED**

Wed, Jun 24, 5:15 PM (Holy Cross) *+Bruce Hendrickx*

Thu, Jun 25, 7:30 AM *For Our Country*
Rosary Carol Doll
Lector Renee Doll **(sub req.)**
Sacristan Renee Doll **(sub req.)**

Fri, Jun 26, 7:30 AM *+Vernon Januszewski*
Rosary Ardith Altstadt
Lector **NOT FILLED**
Sacristan **NOT FILLED**

Fri, Jun 26, 1:00 PM *L & D Catholic Daughters Members*
(This Mass is limited to our at-risk parishioners. Masks are required.)

Readings for the Week

Monday:	2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18	Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday:	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36 Mt 7:6, 12-14	
Wednesday:	Is 49:1-6 Lk 1:57-66, 80	Acts 13:22-26
Thursday:	2 Kgs 24:8-17	Mt 7:21-29
Friday:	2 Kgs 25:1-12	Mt 8:1-4
Saturday:	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19	Mt 8:5-17
Sunday:	2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a Mt 10:37-42	Rom 6:3-4, 8-11

Please Pray For Those
in need of healing in our parishes:

Derek Aitken, Karen Byer, Joel Carlson, Harriet Daiker, Hudson Hendrickx, Helene Johnson, Margaret Kasowski, Oscar Kawlewski, Brandon McDonnell, John Ogroske, Lois Porath, Bob Riestenberg, Lowell Siebels, Anthony Thompson, JoAnn Tingelstad, Gertie Ulschmid, Larry Wankel, Gerald Wegscheid & Larry Wegscheid

All military personnel, especially:

Martin Ara, Jesus Guajardo, Ed Guck, Greg Hirschey, Sandra (Silbernagel) Lagnese, Tanner Neyens, Luke Potts, Zoe Potts, Jason Richter, Tanya Robison, Tommy Robison, Steven Sundberg and Tyler Van Watermulen

New School Capital Campaign Update

Goal	$7,343,900.00
Pledged	$4,625,494.00
Needed	$2,718,406.00
Received	$1,820,054.00
Pledges Received 06-14	$1,051.00
Households Contributing	258

Sat, Jun 27, 5:00 PM *Special Intention*
Rosary Rosie Altstadt
Lector Kari Richter
Body Father Matt Kuhn, Deacon Randy Altstadt
Ushers Jim & Keith Friedsam, Jon Kinn, Wayne Lehman
Sacristan **NOT FILLED**
Music Gina Cavanagh, Tina Grewe

Sat, Jun 27, 8:00 PM (Holy Cross) *+John & Elaine Loeffen*

Sun, Jun 28, 8:00 AM *For the People of the Parishes*
Rosary Joe & Kathy Hemmelgarn
Lector Lori Curtis
Body Father Matt Kuhn, Deacon Randy Altstadt
Ushers Mike Bleichner, Joe Byer, Brian Curtis, Gene Falk
Sacristan Grace Wegscheid
Music Michael Mettler, Nancy Krueger

Sun, Jun 28, 10:00 AM *+Glenn Kuck*
Rosary Alan Schumacher
Lector Debbie Blickenstaff
Body Father Matt Kuhn, Deacon Randy Altstadt
Ushers Mark Halbakken, Dayton Hammers, Randy & Seth Johnson
Sacristan Anthony Anderson
Music Isaiah & Jeff Blickenstaff

Sun, Jun 28, 2:00 PM (First Communion) *For the First Communicants*
Rosary Ken Guck
Lector **NOT FILLED**
Body Father Matt Kuhn, Deacon Richard Quistorff
Ushers **4 NOT FILLED**
Sacristan Elizabeth Sazama
Music Isaiah Blickenstaff, **NOT FILLED**

Collection for June 13th & 14th

Adult	7,008.69	Youth Offering	2.00
Plate	1,599.10	June Collection	290.00
Votives	32.50	Religious Ed	98.10
Coffee	12.00	Candles	8.00
Kitchen Fund	100.00	Holy Water Bottles	.50
Donation	930.00	Calendar	150.00
Elec. Transfers	3,076.00	***Total***	***$13,306.89***

Deacon Randy Altstadt—Parish Administrator

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Jeremiah 20:10–13

An Everlasting Friendship

A broken friendship causes unimaginable pain. Close companionship brings joy to life. With a special few friends we share our inmost thoughts. Deep conversations strengthen the bond of love. But when friendship ends, when trust is broken, when shared experiences lie shattered, the pain is immense.

Jeremiah the prophet endured this awful experience. He knew the fear and loneliness of betrayal. His friends did more than break their relationship. They became Jeremiah's aggressive enemies. They looked for opportunities to denounce him. They sought vengeance against him. They whispered in collusion together.

The prophet overheard the plots, and terror seized his life.

Jeremiah somehow kept his trust in God. He believed that God would overcome these enemies. In desperation, he hoped that the misfortune they wished on him would befall them instead. Jeremiah believed in God's record. In the past, God rescued the poor from the wicked. He assumed that God would now do the same for him.

Human beings fail. Our best efforts may fall short. Our ability to make and sustain friendships may falter. But God's love will never cease. It will provide a sure foundation when the protective walls of friendship crack.

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Romans 5:12–15

The Power of Grace

"The gift is not like the transgression," St. Paul told the Romans. Grace is not like sin. Not at all. Grace is much more powerful than sin.

And sin can be pretty bad. Paul reminds the Romans that sin entered the world through one man, Adam. And through sin came death. Adam's sin affects every human being. But let us be honest. Everybody's sin affects everybody else. Any time any one of us sins, we hurt the entire human race.

Sin is powerfully bad, but grace is even more powerfully good. Paul contrasts the sin of Adam with the grace of Christ. There is no comparison. Yes, sin affects every human being. Yes, sin makes us look bad. But grace also affects every human being, and grace overpowers sin, making us look better than good. Through the grace of Christ, God prepares us for eternal salvation. It is a good far beyond imagining.

The remorse we feel for the sin we commit is a healthy emotion. It deters us from sinning again. It reminds us of the hurt we cause others when we misbehave.

But the joy we feel in the presence of Christ is even healthier, because it affirms the goodness by which we were made and even more the goodness by which we are redeemed.

In the spiritual life, we admit that we have sinned. But we rejoice that we are saved. The gift is not like the transgression.

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