

July 10, 2016

Ordinary Time

Fifteenth Sunday



“And Who Is My Neighbor?”

In response to this question asked by a scholar of the Law, Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan. This Gospel passage challenges the disciples of Jesus to love their neighbor as themselves. To discover who is your neighbor; when you encounter a stranger who has need of you, put yourself in the person’s place. From your behavior and action it is they who will recognize whether you are their neighbor.

Remember the Samaritan.

“Go, and do likewise.”

Today’s Bulletin is sponsored by
Karin & Kenneth Filipp in thanksgiving to God
on the occasion of their 31st Wedding Anniversary.

Flowers for the Altar this weekend
are in honor of Jesus of Divine Mercy.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, July 13
8:00 a.m. Sp. Int. – For an end to violence in our nation
Thursday, July 14
8:00 a.m. Ella Migl
Friday, July 15
8:00 a.m. The Deceased of the Anna & Frank Kalisek
Family
Saturday, July 16
6:30 p.m. The Deceased of the Svetlik Family
Sunday, July 17
6:30 a.m. Evelyn & Walter Schoenvogel
9:30 a.m. Anthony John Chaloupka

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a

Responsorial Psalm: 15

Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

The Sanctuary Light
will be lit this week
in memory of Gerry Jochen.

2016 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2016 Assessment \$17,080.00
Contributions So Far \$10,200.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed \$ 6,880.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Lucy Schoenfeld

Niki & Chad Chaloupka

Do please consider making a donation.

26th Annual Vacation Bible School July 11-15, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



We welcome all the kids, helpers and teachers to V.B.S. Everyone will roundup in the *Barnyard* (Parish Hall) each morning. A fun week of bible stories, games, crafts and barnyard experiences are planned. The children will learn that Jesus gathers us together as a good shepherd gathers his flock, that he is always with us, cares for us, provides for our needs, leads us, forgives and protects us now and forever.

Parish organizations will provide daily snacks and refreshments. Parents, grandparents and parishioners are welcome to bring cookies. Thanks to all who accompany these young disciples on their journey of faith.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY– V.B.S. 8:30-11:30 a.m., Parish Hall
– Altar Society Ice Cream Social, 6:00 p.m.,
Family Room
TUESDAY– V.B.S. 8:30-11:30 a.m., Parish Hall
– Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room
WEDNESDAY – V.B.S. 8:30-11:30 a.m., Parish Hall
– Christian Mothers Prayers After Mass, Family Room
THURSDAY– V.B.S. 8:30-11:30 a.m., Parish Hall
– Quilting Group Meets, Quilting Room
– KC Bingo, KC Hall
FRIDAY– V.B.S. 8:30-11:30 a.m., Parish Hall
– Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral
emergency, call the Office at any time.

Bulletin Sponsorships Available: 17 & 24
Sanctuary Light Booking Available: July 24

To sponsor the Bulletin (\$35) or book the Sanctuary Light (\$20) contact the Parish Office.

REFLECTION



Samaritan Love – The Rule of the Disciple

If we read today's Gospel carefully, it would appear that Jesus' challenge to emulate the goodness of the Samaritan was not to be thought of as quality of love that should be saved only for emergency situations. The Samaritan love to which Jesus calls his disciples is understood as a way of life; indeed, it is the rule of discipleship. Samaritan love, this love and caring that encounters a stranger and transforms him into a friend sees the plight of a person in need, not as a burden but as an opportunity to emulate Christ. This love must become a habitual quality that characterizes those who belong to Jesus, not as heroes but as ordinary people who have become accustomed to loving heroically without seeking heroic acclaim. Samaritan love is not limited by prejudice. In the parable, the Samaritan, a natural enemy of the Jew, did not see the victim's ethnicity, but only his pain and his need. Samaritan love is a love that does not count the cost and seeks no recompense. Besides personally caring for the wounded man, the Samaritan provided for his continued care.

For all of the Samaritan's valiant efforts, Jesus did not call him a saint or a hero. He called him *neighbor* and held him out as an example of the love that should distinguish his disciples from others.

The Samaritan love to which we are challenged via today's liturgy is not the exception but the norm for us, the disciples of Jesus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jul. 10 – Marcel Kleihege, Janet Raabe, Dennis Simper
Jul. 11 – Michelle Holub, Laura Pustejovsky, Dale Seifert
Jul. 12 – Shannon Simper, Elizabeth Sustr
Jul. 13 – Charles Pilat
Jul. 14 – Kalli Baker, Yolanda Bartos
Jul. 15 – Robert Bartos II, Roberta Mejias, Brandon Rother
Jul. 16 – Amanda Janecek, Angeline Wagner

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jul. 11 – April & Robert Lee Simper
Jul. 12 – Jeralyn & Troy Barta
Jul. 13 – Karin & Kenneth Filipp
Jul. 14 – Jaime & Justin Anderle

CHURCH PICNIC - SEPTEMBER 18

Picnic Chairpersons: Look out for your letter in the mail.
Picnic Chairpersons Meeting, August 24, after Mass.
Raffle Tickets: Extra tickets available at the Parish Office.
Dinner With Fr. Gabriel - August 28: You can still register to get in. Contact the Parish Office.

Parishioner Joins the National FOCUS Team



Matthew Terra, one of our own, the son of parishioners Mary Alice (Nieto) & Randy Lewkowski and Joseph Terra has made a two year commitment as a full-time missionary to FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students). He has been assigned to McNeese State University in

Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Matthew graduated from Moulton High School in 2012 and The University of Texas at Tyler with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry. During his Junior year he had the opportunity to encounter FOCUS missionaries for the first time. "It was our missionaries Dain and Meghan who ultimately convinced me to attend Seek2015 in Nashville. On the last night of the conference I had my reconversion to my faith during Adoration." Matthew says he came to realize his relationship with Christ was not only the most important aspect of his life, but he also felt called to share this joy of Christ Jesus with others. Matthew applied in the summer of 2015 and the next spring he was on his way to Dallas for an amazing discernment weekend to interview for FOCUS.

"Through the graces of God, FOCUS has brought me so much joy, hope, and purpose. I truly believe that the Lord is calling me to take part in the New Evangelization by reaching out to college students who either have fallen completely away from their faith or never got the chance to experience Christ's infinite love and mercy."



What is FOCUS about? FOCUS is a Catholic collegiate outreach whose mission is to share the hope

and joy of the gospel to college and university students. Trained in Church teaching, prayer, sacred Scripture, evangelization and discipleship, FOCUS missionaries encounter students in friendship where they are, inviting them into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and accompanying them as they pursue lives of virtue and excellence. Through Bible studies, outreach events, mission trips and one-on-one discipleship, missionaries inspire and build up students in the faith, sending them out to spread the good news and to live out the Great Commission: Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations (Mt. 28:19).

Matthew has to raise \$3,200 a month for living expenses, etc. to be able to serve as a missionary. To show our support as a parish for Matthew and his calling, there will be a reception in the Family Room next Sunday after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. You will have the opportunity to learn more about FOCUS and how you can help support him. All are welcome.