

# Journey OF Faith

July 18, 2010

Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## In Word & Deed

Recent polls find that many people think of themselves as less religious, but more spiritual.

Religion is judged to be impractical, or not as 'enlightened' as modern people. Those ideas and distinctions have been around for centuries and the only ones who are still going strong are those who practice religion.

Jesus visits Martha and Mary and they each have a different view of what needs to be done and who should do it. Martha is concerned about all the details of hospitality while Mary wants to listen to what Jesus has to say. When Martha objects and wants her sister's help, Jesus reminds her that only one thing is important and since Mary has chosen it, she should not be deprived of it.

The practice of faith often takes second

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Michelangelo, *Martha and Mary*, 1528

*Martha, Martha," the Lord answered,  
"you are worried and upset about many things, but  
only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better,  
and it will not be taken away from her." Luke 10:41-42*

“*K*ee us alive in Christ Jesus. Keep us watchful in prayer and true to his teaching till your glory is revealed in us.”

~Roman Rite

## Scripture Readings

Sunday

Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

July 18

Monday

Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Mt 12:38-42

July 19

Tuesday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Mt 12:46-50

July 20

Wednesday

Jer 1:1, 4-10/Mt 13:1-9

July 21

Thursday

Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

July 22

Friday

Jer 3:14-17/Mt 13:18-23

July 23

Saturday

Jer 7:1-11/Mt 13:24-30

July 24

Sunday

Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

July 25

FAMILY LIFE:

## TO WALK AS ONE

Here's a modern paradox for you. We have technology that allows us to be constantly informed, always accessible and able to find any information we need in a few moments. We can communicate with cell phones, pagers, computers, social network sites, fax machines, landlines and even good old U.S. mail. So how is it that the more people plug in, the less informed and more isolated they become? We are less social, less communicative, more apathetic and more uninformed than ever before. Why do such powerful tools fail us?

There is no easy answer to those questions, but there is an easy way to remedy the problem. Unplug! It's time to reclaim the family dinner table, play board games, have a discussion about world events, read a newspaper together, talk to a neighbor and walk

or drive somewhere without our heads buried in an iPod or text messages or BlueTooth. We need to see and hear and talk to others. We need to reconnect to people and give the batteries of life a chance to recharge and renew us. If people find religion difficult, perhaps it is because religion is a communal experience of God and we have forgotten how to be the community. Somewhere, sometime, people will research the electronic connection and discover more joy and more satisfaction in sharing a cup of coffee and a good chat. Don't wait for the details. Be an unplugged human again!

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Doing little things

with a strong desire to please

God makes them great.

St. Francis De Sales

Holiness is not limited to the sanctuary or to moments of private prayer; it is a call to direct our whole heart and life toward God and according to God's plan for this world. For the laity holiness is achieved in the midst of the world, in family, in community, in friendships, in work, in leisure, in citizenship.

~USCCB, *Economic Justice for All*

## In Word & Deed

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place to many other things that take our time and energy and give very little in return. Our choices leave little time for prayer, works of mercy or religious activity. Yet these are the only things that really count. They express our values and ideals, helping us to be missionaries of faith and witnesses of

love. Don't be fooled by the clutter of life and make busyness your excuse. Faith contains the treasure of life, a meaning and purpose that satisfy us. The better portion awaits our choosing.

~James Gaffney



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## From Father's Desk

I recently heard that some people have been spreading rumors or complaining about the fact that we recently started to sing all the verses for our opening and closing hymns at Sunday Mass. I was first shocked to hear this and then saddened. With all the challenges that we face as individuals and as a parish and as a country, is this all people have to talk about? I would much rather hear complaints of one's own behavior, such as why are we not saints yet? Or how about, why aren't our lives inspiring others to come to know Jesus Christ?

As followers of Christ, this type of behavior is not acceptable. Spreading rumors and complaining are sins, as they often hurt others and at the very least show little understanding and humility – two very important virtues. When I am tempted to complain, I should remember sitting with someone dealing with cancer or hearing about a parent losing his or her job. After talking to someone dealing with these struggles, I think you might see that complaining about the number of verses sung at Mass is a bit silly. If you feel tempted to spread a rumor, don't! Rumors can ruin or damage people's reputations. If someone wants to tell you a rumor, kindly excuse yourself from that conversation.

If you were thinking that the musicians were doing this because they see Mass as their chance to perform or as their way to control the Mass, then you should have come to me. This assumption is insulting both to the musicians and to me personally. The musicians work hard to provide music that will help us all worship. I work with Toni, our music director, in planning the music for the liturgies. This specific decision to sing all the verses for the opening and closing hymns was my decision.

Why did I make this decision? I did not make this decision so that we could make Mass last longer. If that is your reason for not liking this decision, let me give you this to ponder. There are 168 hours in the week. Typically, Sunday Mass is less than an hour even with singing all the verses. That is less than one percent of the week. Can you imagine what we will say to God after we die when He asks us, "How much of your life did you devote to me?" Do we want to respond with "just one percent"? How many hours do we spend watching TV each week? How much time do we spend on the internet, in front of a slot machine at a casino, or following the Twins or Vikings or Wild? Of all these activities, which is going to help us follow Christ more closely and help us get to heaven? It's the Mass and yet we somehow get upset when Mass lasts an hour or more.

The reason I made this decision was that it does not make sense to stop singing a song right in the middle of it. When we are singing the opening and closing songs, you could say that that the verses of the song are telling a story. When we only sing a couple of verses, it is like only telling half the story. If you look at the words of many of our songs, you will find that the third and fourth and fifth verses are often the most meaningful or directly relate to the liturgy for that day.

While I would like everyone to sing, I understand that there are some of you that don't like to sing. All that I ask is that

you open your hymnal and at least read the verses along with us while we are singing. The words have great meaning and can add to your worship.

Why is this important? It is important because the Mass is the most important event in our life. Without it, we would die spiritually. Saint Padre Pio said, "It would be easier for the world to exist without the sun than without the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass."

Peace,  
Fr. David Hennen

## Weekly Calendar

Monday, July 19, 2010		
Tuesday, July 20, 2010		
6:00pm	Reconciliation	Church
7:00pm	Mass: Chad Dehmer+	Church
Wednesday, July 21, 2010		
7:00am	Reconciliation	Church
7:30am	Mass: Ronald Loch+	Church
Thursday, July 22, 2010		
7:00am	Reconciliation	Church
7:30am	Mass: Marcella Athmann+	Church
Friday, July 23, 2010		
7:00am	Reconciliation	Church
7:30am	Mass: Nicholas Wresh+	Church
Saturday, July 24, 2010		
3:30pm	Reconciliation	Church
5:00pm	Mass: Leo Smith+	Church
Sunday, July 25, 2010		
7:30am	Mass: Fritz Muntifering+	Church
9:00am	Mass: Glen Fenske+	Church
11:00am	Mass: Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier	Trinity Hall



## Wedding Banns

July 24, 2010  
Bryan Trinkka and Sarah Friedrichs

## Remember In Prayer



Troy Eggert  
Steven Buschel  
Sgt. Gordon Sage  
Marion Muckenhirn  
Joanne Brant  
Sandy Cich

Jack Roehl  
Marian Roehl  
Jack Angerhofer  
Joanne Anderson  
Richard Holthaus

**Your Parish School News**



**“Growing Our Seeds of Faith”**

*For information regarding School Supply Lists and the 2010-2011 School Calendar... Please see the School Website at [www.stfxb.org](http://www.stfxb.org)*



**...OUR WISH LIST...  
Continues to grow!**

**We would like to finish one more classroom... It is the Art Room, which is moving to the Middle School wing. Mr. Vieau and Mr. Blauert are looking for volunteers who could tape, sand and paint it. They could also use some help with painting the cement floor in that same room. There is just a little problem...Mrs. Mahon would like to move all of the Art Materials real soon in order to be ready for the start of school...so we need help ASAP (needs to be done by August 6<sup>th</sup>). Can you help us out? Please and thanks much!**

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**Full reams of copy paper, white or colored  
Full Ink Cartridges, HP21, 22, 27 or 28**

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**Gently used doll clothes for 18” dolls (boy or girl)  
Gently used Lego table  
Gently used child’s table and chairs**

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**...And our big, big wish is still...  
12 feet of Island-like cabinetry for our  
workroom open on both sides for storage  
(doors optional). As we continue to grow in  
number...which is wonderful... we lose the  
flexibility of extra room storage.**

**Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!**

**WE ARE ON THE GROW!**

St. Francis Xavier School is looking to fill the following positions:

**Full Time Kindergarten  
Teacher (One year position)  
Preschool Teacher**

**Mon./Wed./Fri. Class & Tues./Thurs. Class  
Mon.-Fri. 8am - 12pm  
(20 hrs./wk.)**

Please send resumes by Fri., July 30 to:  
Principal Kim Zumbusch  
St. Francis Xavier School  
219 19th St. NW, Buffalo, MN 55313  
or via email: [Kim.Zumbusch@stfxb.org](mailto:Kim.Zumbusch@stfxb.org)

**The Faith Formation Corner**

Please keep all the Washington D.C. mission trip participants in your prayers this week while they are being the hands and feet of Jesus in our nation’s capital.

Attention all youth attending Steubenville North: bring your parents to the informational meeting. The meeting is tonight (Sunday) in the Parish Hall (church basement) at 7:00pm.



We will go over everything that you will need to know for this amazing conference. We will answer questions like: when we are leaving, how we are getting there, and what will we be doing when we get there? We will finish up any paperwork that needs to be done and other details. You will even hear some of the music that is planned for the event. Are you counting down? Twelve days to Steubenville North! If you have questions, contact Debbie Gladitsch at 763-682-0052.

VBS Station Leaders and Crew Training is Wednesday August 4th from 7:00 – 9:00pm in the Cafeteria.

For the first time ever, our Parish is hosting a 3-day celebration for persons of all ages.

There will be top entertainment; carnival rides; food; concessions; games; activities for young children, teens, and adults; a cakewalk; bingo and even a men's softball tournament!

Don't miss shopping at the Craft Sale, featuring local vendors.

Sign up for the 5K Fun Run or test your skills in the Beanbag Toss tournament on Sunday. You and your family can enjoy a Sunday turkey dinner with all the trimmings!

Mark these days on your calendar! You don't want to miss the musical groups, the "Rockin' Hollywoods" and "Jonah & the Whales." Fireworks will follow both of these evening performances. Remember to tell your friends and family about the huge raffle; sell tickets as often as you can.

Become a part of the action and volunteer to staff the variety of events. Sign up to help by going to the Parish website, [www.stfxb.org](http://www.stfxb.org), and follow the "Glory Days" link. Join the fun now and don't put off signing up to be a part of this exciting celebration.

Our parish prays together, now we are setting aside three days to play together. Come and join the fun!



September 17, 18, 19, 2010

Watch the bulletin for "Glory Days" updates. If you have questions or would like to donate to this event, please call the Parish office.

You will see huge banners around town, read about "Glory Days" in the newspaper; and hear radio announcements advertising the event! This is something you do not want to miss!



### Council of Catholic Women Meeting

Our next general meeting is being held on Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

The Council of Catholic Women is collecting back to school supplies at this meeting to assist with the parish collection for children. Let's see how many backpacks we can fill. When you join us on Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, we ask that you please bring along your donation.

Refreshments will be served. If you have any questions or comments, please call Simone Brovege at 763-684-0759, Jean Carlson at 763-682-6345, or Lois Pahl at 763-682-5279. Thank you.

# Join THE FUN

## VOLUNTEER TO HELP!

We are in need of volunteers to work in many different areas of our 3-day Glory Days event. Work the beer garden, cake walk, 5K run, creative kids, Sunday dinner or bingo, just to name a few. Sign-up sheets will be available after the 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. Masses July 17-18, July 24-25 and July 31-Aug. 1. For those who have internet access sign-up online at [www.stfxb.org](http://www.stfxb.org)



Thanks for your participation!

**Buffalo Food Shelf Drive**

**Mother Hubbard's Cupboard is soooo bare...**

In other words ~*The Buffalo Food Shelf* is in dire need of food. The summer months are a time of many children home and literally no food drives.

We are asking that our parish Community of St. Francis Xavier rise to the occasion and collect food.

The weekend of **July 24-25th** has been designated as a time of helping those less fortunate in our community. Please bring items to Mass and drop them either at the back of Church or the entrance to Trinity Hall.

Also, as in the past, you may place cash donations in collection baskets. Please designate the Buffalo Food Shelf as the recipient. There are envelopes in both worship locations if need be.

Any questions can be answered by Jean Carlson 763-682-6345 or Simone Brovege 763-684-0759.

**Early Catholic Family Life Program**

**Early Catholic Family Life** is a wonderful program for parents with children from birth to five years old. If you are interested in the August 14, 2010 training class sponsored by the Office for Marriage, Family and Life, contact Nancy Schulte at 651-291-4489 or download a registration form at [www.archspm.org/family](http://www.archspm.org/family)

**NFP Week!**

The United States conference of Catholic Bishops has designated the last week of July as NFP Awareness Week. NFP stands for Natural Family Planning, and offers a scientific and marriage building opportunity by learning about one's fertility.

NFP Awareness Week supports couples by bringing awareness of spousal love. This year NFP Week, "**Trust God has a plan for your marriage**" runs from July 25th through July 31st. These dates include the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (July 25th) the feast of St. Joachim and St. Anne (July 26th).

Human life is a beautiful gift and is to be cherished. If you would like to know more about Natural Family Planning, contact the Office for Marriage, Family & Life at 651-291-4489 or email [schulten@archspm.org](mailto:schulten@archspm.org).



**Looking for a Christian-centered daycare?**

Cherub Corner in Delano has openings. For more information or to schedule a tour of the center, contact Jan at 763-972-2628.

**Measure of Our Treasure to the Lord**

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| Collection: Weekend of July 11th<br><i>(Includes \$6,765.50 of electronic giving)</i> | \$19,718.50  |
| Church Preservation Fund Balance                                                      | \$260,558.53 |

**Ministry Schedule for July 24-25, 2010**

|                       | 5:00pm Church                                         | 7:30am Church                                            | 9:00am Church                                             | 11:00am Trinity Hall                                      |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Sacristan             | Patti Pokorney                                        | Joe Borgstrom                                            | Debbie Gladitsch                                          | Jody Clarke                                               |
| Lector                | Chris Muntifering                                     | Doug Nevinski                                            | Ed Bokusky                                                | Gael Jakel                                                |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Laurie Kramber<br>Dick and Sue Miller<br>Andy Tscholl | Carol and David Fiedler<br>Ann Hanson<br>Shelly Henson   | Mary Duerr, Allen Smith<br>Randy Latzig<br>Tammy Sorensen | Jody Clarke, Gael Jakel<br>Derek Maffei<br>Becky Mortvedt |
| Altar Servers         | Connor Boster<br>Brett Otten<br>Alex Rasset           | James McNamara<br>John McNamara                          | Michael Gladitsch<br>Jacob Nosbush<br>Joey Patterson      | Drew Borgerding                                           |
| Ushers                | John Dick<br>Tom Morin<br>Gene and Dan VanLith        | Greg Eull, Jane Filek<br>Ted McCarty<br>Stephen Phillips | Bob Fix<br>Dan and Dave Gladitsch<br>Dale Lesser          | Cindy Edlund<br>Jerry Niesen<br>Joe, Tim, and Tom Ortmann |
| Hospitality           |                                                       | Lambrecht                                                | Jakel / Patterson                                         |                                                           |
| CLOW                  |                                                       |                                                          | Shelly Schuetzle                                          |                                                           |
| Lake Ridge            |                                                       |                                                          | Laurie and Rob Nosbush                                    |                                                           |
| Park View             |                                                       |                                                          | Jack Kniprath / Steve Waddell                             |                                                           |
| Sunrise               |                                                       | Rosealice Hayes                                          |                                                           |                                                           |

Staff Directory

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Summer Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
8:30am - 4:30pm

Wednesday 8:30am - 4:30pm

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300 1st Ave NW Buffalo, MN

*Trinity Hall Location (Faith & Education Center)*

223 19th St NW, Buffalo, MN

Sacraments

**Marriage**

Call Faith Center at least 6 months  
in advance to schedule wedding

**Baptismal Classes**

Call Faith Center to schedule Baptism

**Baptism Celebration**

Third Weekend of the Month

Saturday after 5pm Mass or

Sunday 12:30pm in the Church

Trustees

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