


JULY 25, 2010 ~~~ Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

 **Luke** Jesus is describing God's immeasurable generosity when He says in today's Gospel, "Whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks, is admitted." But it should also be the description of us as Christian stewards—those seeking to follow Christ by using our gifts in service to others.

LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, July 26 St. Joachim and St. Anne

Garner 8:00 AM Dick Meyer

Tuesday, July 27

Forest City 5:00 PM Reconciliation
Forest City 5:30 PM James & Agnes Otis

Wednesday, July 28

Duncan 8:00 AM Francis Rayhons
Britt 5:00 PM Reconciliation
Britt 5:30 PM Evelyn Stalzer
Lake Mills 5:30 PM Word & Communion

Thursday, July 29 St. Martha

Garner 8:00 AM Ed & Bernice Albrecht
Forest City 8:30 AM Richard Clark

Friday, July 30 St. Peter Chrysologus

Britt 7:30 AM Agnes Kumsher
Good Samaritan 9:00 AM For the Departed

Saturday, July 31

Garner 10:00 AM Reconciliation
Forest City 10:00 AM Reconciliation
Garner 2:00 PM Kristi Schmitt & Adam Ytzen Wedding
Duncan 4:15 PM Reconciliation
Duncan 5:00 PM Kenny & Dianne Paca (50th Wedding Anniversary)
Buffalo Ctr 6:00 PM For the People

Sunday, August 1

Britt 7:15 AM Reconciliation
Britt 8:00 AM Frank & Shirley Wellik (60th Wedding Anniversary)
Lake Mills 7:45 AM Reconciliation
Lake Mills 8:30 AM Margaret Downing (Recovery)
Garner 10:00 AM Rosella Daniels
Forest City 10:30 AM Irene Chizek

OFFERTORY FOR THE NEEDY

Our Offertory for the Needy Collection next weekend, July 31 & August 1, is designated for the **St. Stephen's Catholic Student Center, Cedar Falls.** All the loose change and currency collected next weekend will be given to this worthy organization. You may also use the August Offertory for the Needy envelope found in your budget box. Envelopes may be placed in the collection basket anytime during August.



St. Boniface RAGBRAI Fundraiser

Tuesday, July 27 ~ 8 AM—4 PM

Food donations may be brought to the church kitchen on Monday, July 26, from 7:00 AM—9:00 PM. **Bars:** Please cut 3x3 inch squares & place in Ziploc bag. **Kolaches:** Please place two Kolaches in a Ziploc bag.

Set up for RAGBRAI is Monday, July 26, starting at 5:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to come and help! Monetary donations are most welcome! Designate 'RAGBRAI' in check memo or on envelope and place in collection basket or drop in mail slot of the rectory.

MISSION APPEAL

The Viatorian Missions would like to thank the people of Hancock-Winnebago Counties for their financial support and hospitality while visiting our parishes June 12-13. May God bless you!

St. Patrick, Lake Mills	\$1,878.70
St. James, Forest City	\$1,035.66
St. Patrick, Buffalo Center	\$ 845.47
St. Patrick, Britt	\$ 600.00
St. Wenceslaus, Duncan	\$ 519.93
St. Boniface, Garner	\$ 653.00

RCIA INQUIRY NIGHTS

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes will be offered by the Catholic Parishes of Hancock & Winnebago Counties starting this fall.

Inquiry Nights will be held on Thursday, August 19, in the St. Boniface Spiritual Room at 7:00 PM and on Wednesday, August 25 at St. James, Forest City, at 7:00 PM. An overview of the RCIA program will be given and any questions answered. Anyone who is interested in participating in this year's RCIA program is encouraged to attend one of the meetings. You may also contact Fr. Miller at 641-585-4856, Fr. Hertges at 641-923-2329, or Jody Smith (RCIA Coordinator) at 641-561-2309 for more information.



Our Sincere Sympathy

Jim Higdon ~ July 16, 2010
Husband of Esther Higdon

E-Newsletter: The Office of Family Life publishes an e-newsletter once a month. Topics are marriage and family life. It is sent to all who are interested in family and marriage topics. To subscribe, contact the office at 800-876-3546 or email DBQCFLsec@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us.

From Our Pastor, Fr. Dennis Miller
Good Leaders, Good Shepherds

Some of you will notice that, at least once a month, Fr. Hertges and I will be out of town. A little over a year ago, we both started a program with the above name that seeks to help priests utilize the best practices of the business world in our parishes. We meet at American Martyrs Retreat House in Cedar Falls with 18 other priests of this diocese along with a few lay presenters to learn how to be better leaders for ourselves, our staff, our parish, our local communities, and the larger world.

Thus far, we've learned how to craft a purpose statement, how to set goals, and how to deal with problems that come up as well as a whole host of other techniques to be more effective leaders. The amazing thing is that most priests will go through their entire priesthood with little or no training on how to be effective leaders. As the number of priests continues to decline, it will be important to hire more lay people so these skills that we are acquiring will go a long way

toward being good managers and good pastors. Also, you may find yourself being asked to help us with a project, or a Key Responsibility Area, in our time here.

One of the aspects of this training deals with feedback. So often, in the past, I've gotten feedback that is either glowing ("Father, you did such a nice job on that wedding! You are the best priest we've ever had here!") or spiteful ("Father, I was so offended by that homily that I'm going to leave the Catholic Church and become a Buddhist!"). Neither of those are really helpful toward knowing if what we're doing is helping people along the path to God. So, as soon as we are settled, Fr. Hertges and I may ask you to confidentially give us some feedback about what you experience at mass. We want you to be honest to help us know that we are speaking a message that is effective and not just wasting your time and our time. Your comments will go directly to us, not to the Archbishop or his staff. We will use them in our weekly conversations for our own continuous improvement. Thank you in advance for all who help us with this project.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, July 26

5:00 PM St. Boniface set up for RAGBRAI.

Tuesday, July 27

8 AM—4 PM St. Boniface RAGBRAI fundraiser.

Youth Ministry: High School Serve & Slide event Wednesday, July 28. We will tidy up in Clear Lake after RAGBRAI, then rideshare to the Lost Island Water Park in Waterloo for an afternoon to eve of fun and cooling off. Contact 923-3042.

American Martyrs Retreat House
August 13-15: Marian Retreat.

Theme: "Walk the Walk With Mary" directed by Sr. Jeanine Kuhn, PBVM. The retreat will begin at 8:00 pm with Mass. It concludes on Sunday after lunch. Please register early, and if you have a special picture or icon of Mary, please bring it with you to the retreat. We will walk the walk with Mary through the Gospel story. Sr. Jeanine is the current Director of AMRH. She will share her walk with Mary, use the Scripture stories from the film: "Jesus of Nazareth", and offer you reflection time on your walk with Mary. Fr. Jim Starbuck will be the Sacramental priest for the weekend. Donation: \$115. Partial Scholarship money available.

To register, contact:

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PHONE NUMBERS

Please inform your parish office if you no longer use a landline phone number and have a cell phone number which you may be reached.

St. Boniface Parish Council minutes available online & in the church south entrance.

WEEKLY OFFERING

7/18/10

St. Boniface, Garner

Budget ~ Adult Env.	\$1,998.00
Student/Youth Env.	2.00
Offertory	58.25
Parish Family Dues	180.00
Offertory for Needy	85.00
Renovation Fund	1,025.00
Maintenance/Repairs	150.00
RAGBRAI Donations	125.00
Bequests, Gifts	200.00
Liturgical—votes	14.00
	\$3,837.25

St. Wenceslaus,

Duncan

Budget ~ Adult Env.	\$1,250.00
Student/Youth Env.	7.00
Offertory	41.00
Maintenance/Repairs	25.00
	\$1,323.00

St. Patrick, Britt

Budget ~ Adult Env.	\$2,249.00
Offertory	61.00
Student/Youth Env.	5.00
Offertory for Needy	40.00
Easter	50.00
Energy Needs	25.00
Flowers & Liturgical	10.00
VBS	723.14
Holy Places	10.00
	\$3,173.14

St. Boniface Parishioners will find a July envelope designated for "Parish Family Dues" in their budget box. Your contribution of \$15 or more will support various parish needs throughout the year. Thank you for your contributions!