

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, July 4
 5:00 p.m. Keith Emigh by Family
Sunday, July 5
 9:00 a.m. Parishioner of St. Ann by James Runion
Tuesday, July 7 Mass at St. Ann
 9:00 a.m. Paul Hazyak by Mark, Jeanine & Shivers Children
Saturday, July 11
 5:00 p.m. Joe Tucker by Joe D. Tucker
Sunday, July 12
 9:00 a.m. Anthony Perry Sr. by Jim & MaryLou Foster

Liturgical Ministers' Schedule: July 12th, 2020

Mass	Lector	EM/Bread	EM/Cup	Servers
Saturday at 5:00 pm	Donna Miller	Darlene Snyder		Andrew Latham
	Alan Barlis		NO CUPS	
Sunday at 9:00 am	Lorie Floreanini	Deacon Ralph		Jess Sartor
	Jim Foster			

Parish Stewardship Weeks of June 28, 2020

Collection 6/28/20 Envelopes: 58
 Attendance: 101

Sunday Offertory \$ 1613.50
 E-Offering \$ 819.00 Weekly Budget: \$ 3,050.00
 Expenditures \$ 10.00
 Exponent \$ 25.00
 Church at Home \$ 15.00
 Candles \$ 22.00
 Needy \$ 130.00
Total -- \$ 1825.50

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Readings for this Sunday

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10
 Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13
 Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11
 Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23
 Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-23

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

- Tuesday Morning Mass at 9:00 am
- Rosary on website
- Frozen Pierogi Sale July 17th 2:00 – 6:00 call to place your order and pre-pay.
- Please see our website www.stannchurchsebring.org and Facebook page to stay up to date all the latest

Bishops Appeal: As of 6/28/20 our parish has achieved 17% towards our goal of 100% participation. Our parish has raised \$10,239.00.

Please remember our online giving during this time, signing up is simple! Just go to our church website www.stannchurchsebring.org and look for the button to donate online. If you are in need of help getting this set up please call Theresa at the office and she will help you.

STACC Alumni Golf Outing: August 1 - Did you attend Central Catholic or St. Thomas Aquinas? Do you love to play golf? If you can answer yes to both of these questions, then you should play in the annual St. Thomas Aquinas - Central Catholic Alumni Golf Outing on August 1 at 9:00 am at Sable Creek. For more details contact Mike Impaglozza by email at mike2199@gmail.com.

Attention Lectors, Ministers, and Servers. The new schedule is being made out for August, September and October. If there are certain dates you will not be available, please call the office and let us know. Also, we need more lectors, ministers and servers to help us out when people are on vacation or out of town. Please call the office if you can help. Thanks! (330.938.2033)

Birthdays

- July 6 Jan Fraraccio
- July 9 David Fraraccio
- July 11 Ashlee Dustman
- July 12 Zach Rumberger

Question: Why do priests kiss the altar at the start of Mass?

Answer: Our churches and chapels are filled with symbols. We might think of the more common symbols (like the crucifix, statues, stained-glass windows, vestment color and altar cloths) as well as major symbols (such as the paschal candle and the baptismal font). But there are some things that we can take for granted in our sacred spaces, because unfortunately, they seem to just be part of the building, including three of the main symbols of our liturgy: the ambo (lectern), the chair for the priest celebrant, and the altar.

These three objects are placed in a specially designated area called the sanctuary. They are the places where the Word of God is proclaimed, where the priest prays and presides at the celebration, and where the bread and wine are offered by the priest during the Eucharistic

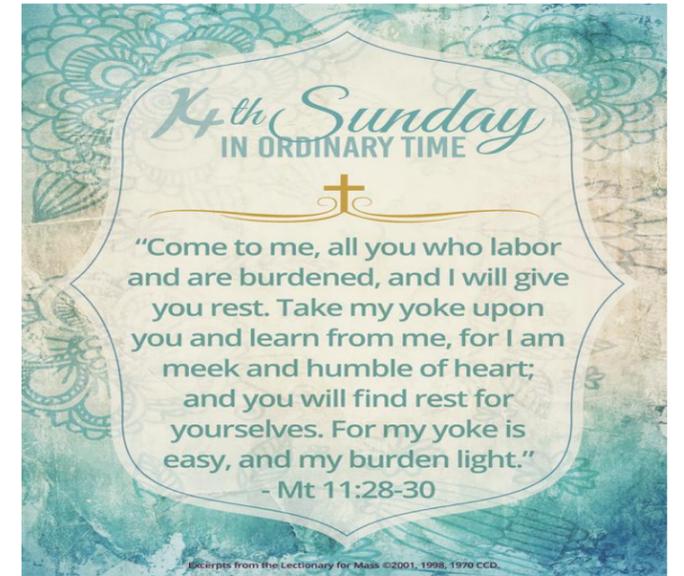
Prayer. Although each of these objects is sacred because of the role they play in our worship, the altar holds a special place. In a document containing the rules and instructions for the Mass — the “General Instruction of the Roman Missal” — we read: “The altar on which the Sacrifice of the Cross is made present under sacramental signs is also the table of the Lord to which the People of God is called together to participate in the Mass, as well as the center of the thanksgiving that is accomplished throughout the Eucharist” (no. 296).

One of the ways that we recognize the importance of the altar is when the priest and deacon kiss the altar at the beginning of Mass. Kissing is an ancient act of devotion. Remember, we also kiss the cross on Good Friday, and the deacon or priest kisses the “Book of the Gospels” after the Gospel is proclaimed. This act of devotion reminds us that the altar is a symbol of Jesus, the “living stone” (see 1 Peter 2:4), the foundation stone of our faith. It is a symbol gesture, but it is a powerful reminder of the One on whom our faith is built and in whose name we gather as the “household of faith” (see Galatians 6:10). To learn more, see the “Catechism of the Catholic Church” (no. 1382-1383). ©LPi

Everyday Stewardship: If you Google Search recommendations on how to raise generous children, almost every list of ideas begins with — or at least contains — the directive for adults to be good models of generosity themselves. Our children learn from our actions much more than from our words. Of course, when I think back over the years while my children were growing up, I think I may have learned as much from them as they learned from me. There is a time between early childhood and middle school where a child seems to be freer to give and share than at any other time in life. It is around the age of First Communion when the cries of “mine” turn to laughter and smiles, and the urge to be a part of something bigger than oneself leads to sharing. Before you know it, the child hits the pre-teen years, and once again, he or she becomes the center of the universe.

I believe that the previous paragraph is all true, however, the stages described seem to repeat themselves throughout adulthood. Don't you agree? Sometimes we fall into seeing ourselves as the center of the universe, or we become consumed by our state in life or with what we have acquired. Also, we at times are generous and loving people. It is sin that draws us back into ourselves and away from any meaningful life of stewardship and generosity. In order to be freed for love, we need role models to help us see what really matters. We need to reflect on the example of many of our brothers and sisters in Christ. And, yes, we need to look to children who may be at the point in their lives where sharing is fun, and love is something in abundance.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Gospel Meditation: We are all familiar with the refrain, “You have put on Christ. In him you have been baptized. Alleluia, alleluia!” In Baptism, we “put on” Christ. In putting on Christ, we put on all that Christ is and represents hope, faith, and love. We are no longer bound to the sins and failures of the flesh, that part of us that resists God and relies exclusively on human means. It also means that we are not in debt to our past, complete with its sins, failures, regrets, fears, and unfulfilled dreams. There is always hope. In putting on Christ, we put on God's vision for the world, for all of His children and for us. We have been given a road map to guide our paths and a blueprint to follow for our life's journey.

There is no need for regret, and we are not tethered to our past. Is there anything in your past that you regret? Any decision or memory that continues to haunt you? We have all made mistakes, and we have this uncanny ability to continue beating ourselves up over things we can no longer do anything about, except learn from them. To put on Christ means that I can now bring God's unconditional love to my hurtful memories and sinful choices. With each new moment and every new choice, I can start clean and live in freedom. Imagine adults when the disciples were preaching and baptizing. They came to baptism not really knowing who they were, with pasts that were broken, seeking to live the joy of the Gospel they heard spoken to them and wanting the love they saw witnessed in the lives of those who believed. What tremendous celebrations their baptisms must have been! They could now have the support of a community, full participation in the sacraments of the church, focus for their disordered lives, consolation, healing, and an understanding of what life is really all about.

Our lives are meant to be celebrations of the Spirit we have received in Baptism. How does that joy get expressed in and through you? When we truly understand that we have put on Christ, our burdens can become much lighter. It is odd that so many Christians look like they are carrying the weight of the world on their shoulders. Wouldn't it be wonderful if those weights could be lifted and joy experienced! ©LPi

