

July 25, 2010

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CELEBRATION OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

7/26 MON *Ss. Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Mother*

Rectory Office Closed
7:00 PM - HOVEN – Mass/Rosary
*Bernard & Grace Simon+

7/27 TUES **5:15 PM - HOVEN – Mass/Rosary**
*Mary Rose Niemiller+

7/28 WED **5:15 PM - HOVEN - Mass/Rosary**
*Schumacher Family Living & Deceased

7/29 THURS *St. Martha*
7:20 AM - HOVEN - Mass/Rosary
*for Unborn Babies

5:30 PM - ONAKA – Mass
*Priests of our Diocese

7/30 FRI *St. Peter Chrysologus*
5:15 PM - HOVEN – Mass/Rosary
*Ron & Carol Krier

7/31 SAT *St. Ignatius of Loyola*
11:00 AM - HOSP. - Rosary/Mass
*Frank+ & Agnes Rausch Family

3:30 - 4:30 PM Confessions

THE LORD'S DAY MASS

5:00 PM - HOVEN - Mass
*Bob & Gerry Senn+

8/01 SUN **7:30 - 7:55 AM - Confessions - Onaka**

8:00 AM - ONAKA - Mass
*People of our Parishes

9:15 - 9:45 AM Confessions - Hoven

10:00 AM - HOVEN - Mass
*Jim Simon+

This Sunday's Readings:

Gn 18: 20-32; Psalm 138; Col 2: 12-14; Lk 11: 1-13

CATECHISM PARAGRAPHS FOR THIS SUNDAY:

+ 2759-2766 – Our Father.

+ 728 – “To his disciples he speaks openly of the Spirit in connection with prayer.”

+ 2571 – Abraham, being attuned to God, dares to intercede.

+ 2601, 2609-2614 – By contemplating and hearing the Son, the master of prayer, the children learn to pray – with faith, boldness and persistence.

+ 2777-2785, 2803-2806 – The Father, the seven petitions of the Lord's Prayer.

+ 2738 – Christian prayer is in cooperation with God's providence, his plan of love for men.

+ 2697-2699 – The Life of Prayer.

+ 1002-1004 – Risen with Christ.

DAILY READINGS FROM SACRED SCRIPTURE:

Monday: Jer 13: 1-11; Mt 13: 31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14: 17-22; Mt 13: 36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15: 10, 16-21; Mt 13: 44-46

Thursday: Jer 18: 1-6; Jn 11: 19-27

Friday: Jer 26: 1-9; Mt 13: 54-58

Saturday: Jer 26: 11-16, 24; Mt 14: 1-12

Sunday: Eccl 1:2, 2: 21-23; Psalm 90; Col 3: 1-5, 9-11; Lk 12: 13-21

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYERS:

FROM HOVEN: Fr. Lance Oser, Helen Glodt, LaVonne Schumacher, Dytic Rundall, Kenny Kaup, Kay Klocker, Rick Karst, Marvin Schmidt.

FROM ONAKA: St. John's Parishioners, Bertha Tuchscherer, Phil Heintzman.

OTHER: Pope Benedict XVI, Bishop Paul Swain, priests, seminarians, Sisters of our Diocese, World Peace, sanctity of all human life, our military personnel, Jeff & Trish Simon, Laura Keller-Huber, Gene Ronke, Sandy Entringer, Patrick Engel, Fr. Leonard Fox+.

Names will remain on our prayer list for four weeks. Please contact Linda in the office to request continued prayers.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS July 31-August 1, 2010

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA - Saturday - 5:00 PM

LECTOR: Linda Feldmeier
EUCH. MIN: Marvin Schmidt
GREETERS: Jerry Seurer Family
MARY'S HELPERS: Kalecia Hageman, Calie Kaiser
USHERS: Please Volunteer
SERVERS: Dana Hageman, Jeff Hageman, Garret Spindler

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST - Sunday - 8:00 AM

LECTOR: Dwight & Patty Vogel
OFFERTORY: Ken Vogel Family
USHERS: Please Volunteer

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA - Sunday - 10:00 AM

LECTOR: Wayne Stuwe
EUCH MIN: Diane Sevigny, Chuck Simon
GREETERS: Vern Rausch Family
MARY'S HELPERS: Brooke DeRouche, Samantha Rausch
USHERS: Please Volunteer
SERVERS: Tyler DeRouche, Nathan Jager, Erik Kaiser

Almighty and everlasting God, have mercy upon Thy servant, Benedict, our Supreme Pontiff, and direct him, according to Thy loving kindness, in the ways of eternal salvation; that, by Thy gift, he may always desire that which is pleasing unto Thee and may accomplish it with all his might. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for Pope Benedict XVI's General & Mission Intentions for July:

(G) General intention; (M) Mission intention

(G) **Justice in Elections.** That elections in every nation may be carried out with justice, transparency, and honesty, respecting the free decisions of citizens.

(M) **Urban Culture.** That Christians may strive to promote everywhere, but especially in our cities, education, justice, solidarity, and peace.

FR. LANCE'S NOTE

Dear Family in Christ:

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is a national educational campaign. The Natural Family Planning Program of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops develops a poster each year with basic supportive materials. It is the individual dioceses, however, that offer a variety of educational formats in the local church to focus attention on Natural Family Planning methods and Church teachings which support their use in marriage. The dates of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (July 25th) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love and responsible parenthood. The dates also mark the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26th), the parents of the Blessed Mother. For further information, contact nfp@uscbb.org.

July 26th is the Feast of Joachim and Anne, the Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Grandparents of Christ. Let's

take this opportunity to reflect on the gift our grandparents are and have been to us. We remember them in our prayers and to the extent that we can, let's do something special for them to show our love and appreciation. We commend them and ourselves to the prayers of the illustrious Grandparents of Jesus.

Ad Jesum per Mariam

A Grandparent's Prayer to Saints Anne and Joachim:

Dear St. Anne and St. Joachim: You were truly twice blessed to have our Blessed Mother as your Daughter and Jesus our Savior as your Grandson. I know that every period of our lives has its responsibilities as well as its joys. Today, it seems that grandparents have either too little or too much; either we are shunted aside to do nothing, or we are called upon to do everything. Help me to know just where my duties lie in my particular situation and to carry them out as best I can. Take care of my family, my children, and their children. Inspire them all to follow your divine Grandson and lead holy lives as practicing members of the Catholic Church. Keep all of us in your loving care, never let us turn away from Jesus, and help us in the end to receive the joy of entering into your Divine Grandson's glorious presence forever. Amen.

COMING EVENTS – ONAKA

Fri., July 30th @ 7:00PM – Open House Bridal Shower for Rene Smith, bride-to-be of Dan Waldman, @ Onaka Community Hall kitchen.

NOTES

Donations Welcome – The Altar Society would like to know if anyone would be interested in making a donation of any kind to St. Anthony's Church Bazaar. If interested please contact any of the following: Sheila Von Wald (948-2565), Paula Schumacher (948-2556), Amber DeRouchey (948-2538), or Marcia Beaner (948-2406).

Are you living out the sanctity of your marriage covenant? Let us show you God's desire and plan for your marriage. Our next scheduled weekend is September 10th – 12th at Broom Tree in Irene, SD, or October 8th - 10th at Blue Cloud Abbey in Marvin, SD. For more info or to register, please contact Curt & Rochelle Lauret @ 605-362-9145 or visit www.WWME.org.

Make Your Plans Now - Renowned Catholic speaker, Dr. Scott Hahn, is coming to Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Aberdeen, on Aug. 13th & 14th. For complete info, visit www.eventsinsd.com.

Oct. 1-3 – Marian Eucharistic Congress in Fargo, ND. Registration forms and a poster are available in the vestibule. For more info visit their website @ www.fargodiocese.org/marian, or phone 1-701-234-9019.

Traveling? Looking for a Church? If you're traveling this summer or you are in an unfamiliar place and are looking for a Catholic Church, go on line to masstimes.org. Enter a city and it will list all churches in the area, their Mass times, maps and directions to the church from major roads, etc.

Natural Family Planning & Fertility Care: For info and list of instructors and physicians visit www.sfatholic.org under the diocesan office "Family & Children Faith Formation," call 605-988-3776, or for more info: www.usccb.org/prolife/issues/nfp

(USCCB).

Notice: The parish will be planting twelve additional trees in the cemetery. Should you wish to sponsor a tree to memorialize your living or deceased loved ones, please send a donation of \$50 per tree and when all twelve trees are sponsored, they will be ordered and planted next spring. Seven trees have already been sponsored.

<u>GEOHERMAL UPDATE</u>	
Project Cost:	\$495,000
Pledge Goal:	\$300,000
Pledge Total:	\$198,140.62
Pledge Income Received:	\$182,759.82
Outstanding Pledge Balance:	\$15,380.80

CCD NOTES

There are no Catechists for the following grades for the 2010-2011 school year:

1st grade - 7 students 6th grade - 7 students
7th grade - 3 students 8th grade - 3 students

Please Note: As there are no teachers for these classes, students will need to be home schooled.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING – ST. ANTHONY'S

July 17-18, 2010

Amount collected for weekend.....\$1,468.26

SACRIFICIAL GIVING – ST. JOHN'S

July 18, 2010

Amount collected for weekend.....\$199.00

God bless you for your continued support of our parishes

CATHOLIC FAMILY SHARING APPEAL 2010

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Responding</u>
St. Anthony's	\$22,100	\$14,221	\$7,879	115/247 or 46%
St. Anthony's	\$1,788.48	- Seminarian Education Assessment		
St. John's	\$4,200	\$3,920	\$280	17/27 or 63%
St. John's	\$332.50	- Seminarian Education Assessment		

Please fill out your card soon regardless of whether you are participating or not. Any amount raised above the goal will stay in the parish. The average donation needed per family at St. Anthony's to reach our goal is \$96.00. To those who have returned their pledge card, thank you for your generous response! **Please pray for all the donors whose names have been posted on the vestibule bulletin board. This list will be updated monthly.**
Notice: The June CFSA Pledge Payments are now past due. **Thank you!**

ST. ANTHONY'S ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

- Next Funeral Luncheon:** Circle 2
- July Church Cleaning:** Circle 3
- Special Activity:** Circle 5
- Altar Society Meeting** will be **Monday, August 2nd** at 7:30PM in the Church basement.
- Job Opportunity:** Anyone interested in cleaning Church monthly,

please contact Sheila Von Wald (948-2565) or Paula Schumacher (948-2556)

Connections - by Jennifer and John Campbell

For a newly engaged couple, learning Natural Family Planning is informative, interesting, at times a little embarrassing, but always enlightening. Living NFP, on the other hand, is a different story. It is a story about connections, very unique and fulfilling. It involves the use of information learned which we then apply to the reality of everyday married life. At the beginning of our married life, we used NFP to avoid pregnancy, as the time was not right for it. Currently, we are using NFP to achieve pregnancy. We were delighted to find that the two focuses of NFP have made our young marriage both more focused and more intimate. Unlike artificial contraception - which usually places full burden of family planning on the woman - NFP promotes shared responsibility of the fertility of both the husband and wife. It lends a spirit of togetherness to a marriage. There's no, "Have you taken your pill?" That is, "are you safe?" In our marriage there's no holding back that precious part of ourselves, our fertility. Rather than a burden to be dealt with, for us it is a blessing to be understood and respected. The complete self-giving says, I love all of you. The benefits of NFP extend beyond family planning. We'd heard that often times the husband will develop a deeper respect for his wife and the gift of her fertility. In practice, we've found this to be noticeably true. A constant awareness of cycles and phases makes it easier to perceive when to be loving and gentle, extra patient and thoughtful, and when to resume physical intimacy.

Unlike a couple using contraception in their marriage, sex is not always an option for two who are living NFP. That's a good thing, contrary to what popular culture might imply. By experiencing times when we cannot engage in physical intimacy, the moments that we can are made all the more poignant and precious. Even when we want to engage, and the chart says no way, buddy, it lends an element of bittersweet waiting. After all, consider the alternative: when a woman is on the pill or using some other kind of chemical contraceptive, she's always available for sex. There's no waiting, no longing, just indulging whenever you want. Nice at first, perhaps, but over time spontaneity and passion fade all the more quickly by the frequency of the intimacy.

Oftentimes sexual intimacy will become less mutual over time in a contracepting marriage and more mandatory, and thus less rewarding for one or both spouses.

Periodic abstinence in our marriage has opened up broader channels of communication between us. Like many young couples, we both are currently employed. Commuting, daily exercising, paying bills, preparing dinner, outside commitments . . . all are busy but necessary activities in a healthy lifestyle, but collectively tiresome as well. Tired couples find it difficult to talk in the evenings, and would prefer to veg out. We're no different. But since NFP holds the key to our family planning, we necessarily discuss personal and intimate topics about our fertility that most couples never broach. These NFP talks are portholes to deeper discourses and more personal dialogue between us. We've both noticed that with time, open and intimate communication is

becoming less a difficulty and more a reflex, and we both attribute that in part to NFP. We've found that subjects such as our budget, work, saving for a house, and where we'll spend Christmas are child's play after you can discuss mucus and temperatures with a straight face!

Yes, NFP can be a challenge and a sacrifice at times, and we're not saying it's always easy, but that is part of true love a bit of sacrifice for the beloved. We find a noble joy in sacrificing ourselves for each other, even in so private a way as withholding intimacy until the time is right; self-sacrifice is an important root element of love, and it builds respect for each other and ourselves. We've also found that a sense of humor helps during the times of no physical intimacy.

When the signs of fertility were apparent, we'd jokingly say, "Ok, see you in a few days."

We've heard some people say they could never follow NFP since they can't have intercourse during the time that they want. We've found that the time of abstinence gives us moments when we can just be together and talk, play tennis, joke, or go out to dinner. It reminds us that we're much more than just physical beings wanting to satisfy a desire.

We're both happy to have learned NFP and to be living it. We know that it is enriching our marriage in our everyday life and even in ways we probably won't realize until much later.

Knowing that we're building a strong foundation of love, mutual respect and faith gives us confidence in our future. We're best friends who love each other enough to want the best for each other and our marriage!

~ Diocesan Development Program for NFP, Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC; 202-541-3240; nfp@uscgb.org. It is reprinted here with permission.

Contraception v. Natural Family Planning - by Christopher West (www.christopherwest.com)

For several columns now we've been reflecting on the Church's teaching on contraception in commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of Pope Paul VI's letter *Humanae Vitae*. We've observed that sexual intercourse is meant to incarnate the marriage commitment itself, and that an integral part of that commitment is openness to children.

So, does fidelity to the wedding vows imply that couples are to leave the number of children they have entirely to "chance"? No. In calling couples to a responsible love, the Church calls them also to a responsible parenthood.

Pope Paul VI stated clearly that those are considered "to exercise responsible parenthood who prudently and generously decide to have a large family, or who, for serious reasons and with due respect to the moral law, choose to have no more children for the time being or even for an indeterminate period" (HV 10). Notice that large families should result from prudent reflection, not "chance." Notice too that couples must have "serious reasons" to avoid pregnancy and must respect the moral law.

Assuming a couple have a serious reason to avoid a child (this could be financial, physical, psychological, etc.), what could they do that would not violate the consummate expression of their sacrament? In other words, what could they do to avoid conceiving

a child that would not render them unfaithful to their wedding vows? You're doing it right now (I presume). They could *abstain* from sex. There is nothing wrong with abstaining from sex when there's a good reason to do so. The Church has always recognized that the *only* method of "birth control" that respects the language of divine love is "self-control."

A further question arises: Would a couple be doing anything to falsify their sexual union if they embraced during a time of natural infertility? Take, for example, a couple past childbearing years. They know their union will not result in a child. Are they violating their vows if they engage in intercourse with this knowledge? Are they contracepting? No. Contraception, by definition, is the choice to engage in an act of intercourse, but then do something else to *render* it sterile. This can be done by using various devices, hormones, surgical procedures, and the age-old method of withdrawal.

Couples who use natural family planning (NFP) when they have a just reason to avoid pregnancy *never* render their sexual acts sterile; they never contracept. They track their fertility, abstain when they are fertile and, if they so desire, embrace when they are naturally infertile. Readers unfamiliar with modern NFP methods should note that they are 98-99% effective at avoiding pregnancy when used properly. Furthermore, any woman, regardless of the regularity of her cycles, can use NFP successfully. This is not your grandmother's "rhythm method."

To some people this seems like splitting hairs. "What's the big difference," they ask, "between rendering the union sterile yourself and just waiting until it's naturally infertile? The end result is the same: both couples avoid children." To which I respond, what's the big difference between killing Grandma and just waiting until she dies naturally? End result's the same thing: dead Grandma. Yes, but one is a serious sin called murder, and the other is an act of God.

If a person can tell the difference between euthanasia and natural death, he can tell the difference between contraception and NFP. It's the same difference. I'm not equating contraception and murder. That's not the analogy. Rather, Grandma's natural death and a woman's natural period of infertility are both acts of God. But in killing Grandma or in rendering sex sterile, we take the powers of life *into our own hands*—just like the deceiver originally tempted us to do—and make ourselves like God (see Gn 3:5).

This is why Pope John Paul II concludes that contraception "is to be judged so profoundly unlawful as never to be, for any reason, justified. To think or to say the contrary is equal to maintaining that in human life, situations may arise in which it is lawful not to recognize God as God" (address Oct. 10, 1983).

If you have resisted the Church's teaching on contraception, maybe it's time to give it some more thought.

Fidelity toward God

Fidelity toward God consists in being perfectly resigned to his holy will, in enduring everything that his goodness allows in our lives, and in carrying out all our duties, especially that of prayer, with love and for love. In prayer we must converse very familiarly with our Lord, concerning our little needs, telling him what they are, and remaining submissive to anything he may wish to do with us... We should go to prayer with deep humility and an awareness of our nothingness. We must invoke the help of the Holy Spirit and

that of our good angel, and then remain still in God's presence, full of faith that he is more in us than we are in ourselves. There is no danger if our prayer is without words or reflection because the good success of prayer depends neither on words nor on study. It depends upon the simple raising of our minds to God, and the more simple and stripped of feeling it is, the surer it is. We must never dwell on our sins during prayer. Regarding our offenses, a simple humbling of our soul before God, without a thought of this offense or that, is enough...such thoughts act as distractions – Saint Jeanne de Chantal, from Wings to the Lord.

Modesty - by Most Reverend R. Walker Nickless, Bishop of Sioux City

What is within our hearts is also shown by our exterior actions and behavior. Reverence also must have an exterior effect, and modesty is the virtue that encompasses this. At the practical level, how we dress and how well we observe the Eucharistic fast – and chewing gum just before or during Mass is certainly against the intention of this fast – matters very much. Such things not only express the quality of our reverence and devotion, but also form interior life, both for us and for those who see our example.

Three Ways We Can be Immodest

In many ways, we live in an immodest society, and the virtue of modesty today is held in very low regard. We are immodest in our **speech**, and often we look for undue praise when we boast of our achievements and flatter our desires. We are immodest in our **eating**, most of us eat too much and much of what we eat is unhealthy. We can be immodest in our **dress**, trying to be fashionable and trendy. We sometimes wear clothes that are dirty or too revealing and immodest even to Mass. Our casual daily summer attire is not appropriate for this great celebration of our faith. Coming to Mass should always be special and we need to dress appropriately for this special time of worship.

In our reverence for Christ our Lord, and in our respect for one another, **we must not settle for the vice of immodesty as the norm**. The virtues of humility and modesty are gifts of the Holy Spirit. Let us be grateful for these gifts and all the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are rich blessings; let us use them always for the greater honor and glory of God.

May every good gift of the Holy Spirit be treasured in your hearts!

FAMILY CORNER

"The underlying cause of all the world problems is overpopulation...' Mr. Steger must have gone to college. This is how 'over populated' the world is. 6-1/2 billion people in the world. Divide by square miles in Texas, 268,601...equals a population density of 24,199 per square mile. Mumbai – highest population density in the world = ~29,650 per square mile. New York City = ~26,403 people per square mile. Conclusion: Every man, woman, and child in the world would fit into the state of Texas and still be less populated per square mile than the cities of Mumbai or New York City. That leaves 49 states and 191 countries left over." – *Robert McGuire*

Please use this weekly column to open a healthy discussion with your family. (Refer children who are away from home to it at

www.stanthonys-hoven.com

**Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the unborn, pray for us.
St. Joseph, Patron of the unborn, pray for us.**