

July 2 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear St. Maurice Parishioners,

“My friend shall forever be my friend and reflect a ray of God to me.” As I leave St. Maurice Parish on July 3 after ministering among you, I ask myself what quality of God have you reflected most to me. I immediately think of your deep faith and trust in God evident in your prayer life, in your faithful, active attendance at Mass each week, in your financial giving, especially to all the major projects in the parish, in your compassion and concern for others, and in your service to the parish.

As I mentioned at my retirement celebration, the children brought much joy into my life as they sang special songs at Mass, brought forth their offering to Jesus, and as I received their hugs as they left church. I know why Jesus was so quick to welcome them into his presence.

There is no place that I have glimpsed beauty more profoundly than in the lives of the sick, the shut-ins, and the dying. Their love of the Eucharist and their life of prayer was an inspiration to me. They taught me about seeing the positive in life, about how difficult it is to respond “yes” to suffering, and to accept that which is beyond our control. At the same time, they reminded me of the importance of laughter in one’s life. And to be in the presence of the dying, to be invited into a family’s life at a most vulnerable time, was indeed standing on sacred ground. I am grateful to God that I was privileged to celebrate 61 Masses of Resurrection. They taught me about life and living. I knew I was a better person for having been in the presence of the sick, the shut-ins, and the dying.

I am grateful to Susan Schutte, Jenny Hardesty, Patty Simon, and Joyce Muckerheide for their ministry among us, the Parish Council, Finance Committee, Faith Formation Committee, Liturgy Committee, the Mary and Martha Ladies Society, Mark Wirth and Abby Wilder, and all liturgical ministers, as well as Dana Newhart, who cleans the parish center. And I certainly cannot forget the Maintenance Committee, for without them there would be no Parish Center. I ask my God to bless you for your generosity and goodness to the parish and to me.

Finally, no words adequately describe your retirement celebration for me. It was beyond my wildest dreams. Everything was a complete surprise to me, and I loved it. On Sunday evening, I watched the video on YouTube and laughed and cried again. I am deeply grateful for your HUGE gift to the Sisters of St. Francis in the amount of \$25,500 for the renovation of our Adoration Chapel. That is one of my favorite places at the Motherhouse, so now when I go there to pray, I will take all of you with me. If you have any specific intentions for prayer, text me, email me, or call me, and I will place those before the Eucharistic presence of our Lord. If not, I will pray in general for you and your needs as well as for the parish.

Lionel Hampton once stated, “Gratitude is when memory is stored in the heart and not in the mind.” I will indeed store all the memories of you in my heart. I speak those sacred words “*thank you*” for all these memories and for the fine, final lasting memory – my retirement celebration! What a celebration it was – beyond anything I could have imagined.

Glory be to God, Source of all that is beautiful. Thank you for feeding my spirit with Beauty these last thirteen years.

Peace and All Good to you,

Sister Shirley

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SANCTUARY LIGHT

July 2 – Leonard and Lorene Brancamp
July 9 – Lois Shelton
July 16 – Harry and Loretta Simon

MASS INTENTIONS

July 1 – Craig Simon
July 2 – Sister Shirley
July 8 – Dolores Wagner
July 9 – In Honor of and Gratitude for
Susan Schutte and Jenny Hardesty

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – July 8 at 4:00 PM

Servers: Ava Wagner, Sam Simon
Lector: Jack Ferkinhoff
Gifts: Joe and Janet Wagner
EM: Judy Steuri (*Hall*), Janet Wagner, Rita Kress

Sunday – July 9 at 10:00 AM

Server: Macy Kinker
Lectors: Amanda Schutte, Julie Stephens
Gifts: Greg and Amy Kinker
EM: Cindy Weisenbach (*Hall*), Vicki Wagner, Scott Simon

Saturday – July 15 at 4:00 PM

Servers: Ava Wagner, Ella Wagner
Lector: Judy Steuri
Gifts: Brian and Karen Horan
EM: Terry Harmeyer (*Hall*), Janet Wagner, Beth Simon

Sunday – July 16 at 10:00 AM

Server: Mason Ryder
Lectors: Cindy Weisenbach, Ron Bauerle
Gifts: David and Jenny Hardesty
EM: Susan Schutte (*Hall*), Katie Spreckelson, Kevin Tunny

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$4177.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 34.25
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 742.00</u>
Total Regular Collection	\$4953.25
Capital Improvement	\$235.00
Education of Priests	\$150.00
Cemetery	\$20.00

WE COUNT OUR BLESSINGS FOR YOUR WEEKLY GIVING!

*Faithful God, as we each struggle with our own cross,
make us mindful of the burdens others must carry, and
allow us to be a blessing to them. We pray in Jesus' name.
Amen.*

4:00 PM MASS GREETERS

July 8 – Paul Simon, Dennis Wagner
July 15 – Ken Harmeyer, Gary Wagner
July 22 – Ken Harmeyer, Eric Busch
July 29 – Gary Wagner, Brian Horan

10:00 AM MASS GREETERS

July 9 – Tom/Joyce Muckerheide, Kevin Tunny
July 16 – Steve Wagner, Kevin Tunny
July 23 – Paul and Arlene Gehl
July 30 – George and Mary Bultman

CELEBRATION – What a sendoff for Sister Shirley! The MC and the commentators did such a good job! The parish cooks and volunteers in the kitchen outdid themselves. And thanks to the young people who helped out in so many ways. (Comment From a Parishioner)

CHURCH DOORS – On Saturday, the church doors will be unlocked at 3:00 PM for Mass, and on Sunday, they will be open by 8:30 AM.

OFFICE HOURS – See the front page of the bulletin.





CHURCH PICTORIAL – You are a vital part of St. Maurice Parish, and we hope you are willing to have your family picture in our new directory. Every family photographed will receive a copy of the directory and an 8x10 portrait at no cost. **Photography dates are August 3, 4, and 5, from 2:00 PM - 8:30 PM Thursday and Friday, and 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM on Saturday, each day in the Parish Center.** You can schedule your appointment online now through a link on the parish website. For scheduling help, call Arlene Gehl (812-614-3388), or see Terry Harmeyer or Mary Bultman after Mass.

CATECHISTS – There is need for a couple of high school religion teachers in the fall when classes resume. Please prayerfully consider this service and ministry to the parish. Contact Joyce Muckerheide. Thank you!

NCYC – If anyone in Grades 8-12 is interested in attending NCYC in November, please let Joyce Muckerheide know. She needs to start obtaining chaperones if a group is going. Also, sign-up needs to be completed before the fall classes begin.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – "Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even where there is no river." (Nikita Khrushchev)

July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
<p>THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH</p>  <p>For a Eucharistic Life: We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.</p>						Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM Blood Pressure Checks
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Celebration of Mass - 10:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks				FEAST OF SAINT MARIA GORETTI		Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Celebration of Mass - 10:00 AM					Hall Rented	Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Celebration of Mass - 10:00 AM						Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM FEAST OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Celebration of Mass - 10:00 AM		FEAST OF SAINT JAMES	 FEAST OF STS. JOACHIM & ANNE		FEAST OF SAINT MARTHA	Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Celebration of Mass - 10:00 AM				Pictorial Directory Appointments 2:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Pictorial Directory Appointments 2:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Pictorial Directory Appointments 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM