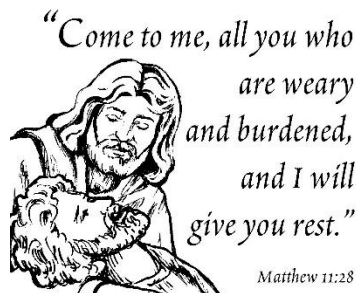


July 5 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



O Lord!
We are burdened indeed.
We have poisoned the air,
neglected the inequities,
and there is this virus.

Augustine told us you came so that
"The Bread might hunger,
that The Fountain might thirst,
that The Way might be tired on his journey,
that The Truth might be accused of false witness,
and that The Healer might be wounded."

You know our humanity so well,
and the suffering we can cause.
So, Jesus, we come to you.
Please show us your heavenly Father,
who loves every hair on our head.
Let us learn from you,
and follow you,
and find rest.

(Anne Osdieck)

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JULY 12

"A SOWER WENT OUT TO SOW SOME SEED."

In this familiar parable of the sower and the seed, Jesus is encouraging us to be the rich soil - to take his words to heart and let them take root in our lives. Today there are obstacles to accepting Jesus' teaching, just as there were when Jesus told this parable. Often there is brief enthusiasm, followed by a kind of spiritual short attention span. There are also temptations and troubles that bring doubt and straying. But always Jesus invites us back, calling us to open our ears to hear God's Word. And when we respond, we become the rich soil that produces fruit - the product of a life of faith.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

July 5 – Alvin and Harriet Simon
July 12 – Sister Shirley
July 19 – Ron Moorman
July 26 – Freda Wirth

MASS INTENTIONS

July 5 – Living and Deceased Members
of St. John's Ladies Auxiliary
July 12 – Phil Wittich
July 19 – Ada Meister
July 26 – Gary Stier

6/16/20-6/29/20 PARISH SUPPORT

Sunday Collections	\$6048.00
Capital Improvement	\$1055.00
Cemetery	\$ 290.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 125.00
Education of Future Priests	\$ 105.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 25.00
Easter Collection	\$ 15.00

Thank You For Your Continued Giving!

"I would like to insist on this idea. Refusing to let God enter into all aspects of human life amounts to condemning man to solitude. He is no longer anything but an isolated individual, without origin or destiny. He finds himself condemned to wander through the world like a nomadic barbarian, without knowing that he is the son and heir of a Father who created him through love and calls him to share his eternal happiness. It is a profound error to think that God came to limit and frustrate our freedom. On the contrary, God comes to free us from solitude and to give meaning to our freedom. Modern man has made himself the prisoner of reason that is so autonomous that it has become solitary and autistic."

~ Cardinal Robert Sarah, *The Day is Now Far Spent*

GRADUATES – Thank you for your attendance at the Graduation Mass. Archbishop Thompson was pleased to be part of your celebration!

TECHNICAL CREW – In a previous bulletin, the names of our "technical crew" were listed, but instead of listing Carl Lunsford, his name was listed as Carl Stier. So sorry for this mistake! We need you, Carl Lunsford!

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION – Fr. Bill and Fr. John have begun hearing confessions before Mass in the **St. Anne Room**. If the door is open, you can proceed into the room for the reception of this sacrament. The St. Anne Room provides more space for social distancing.

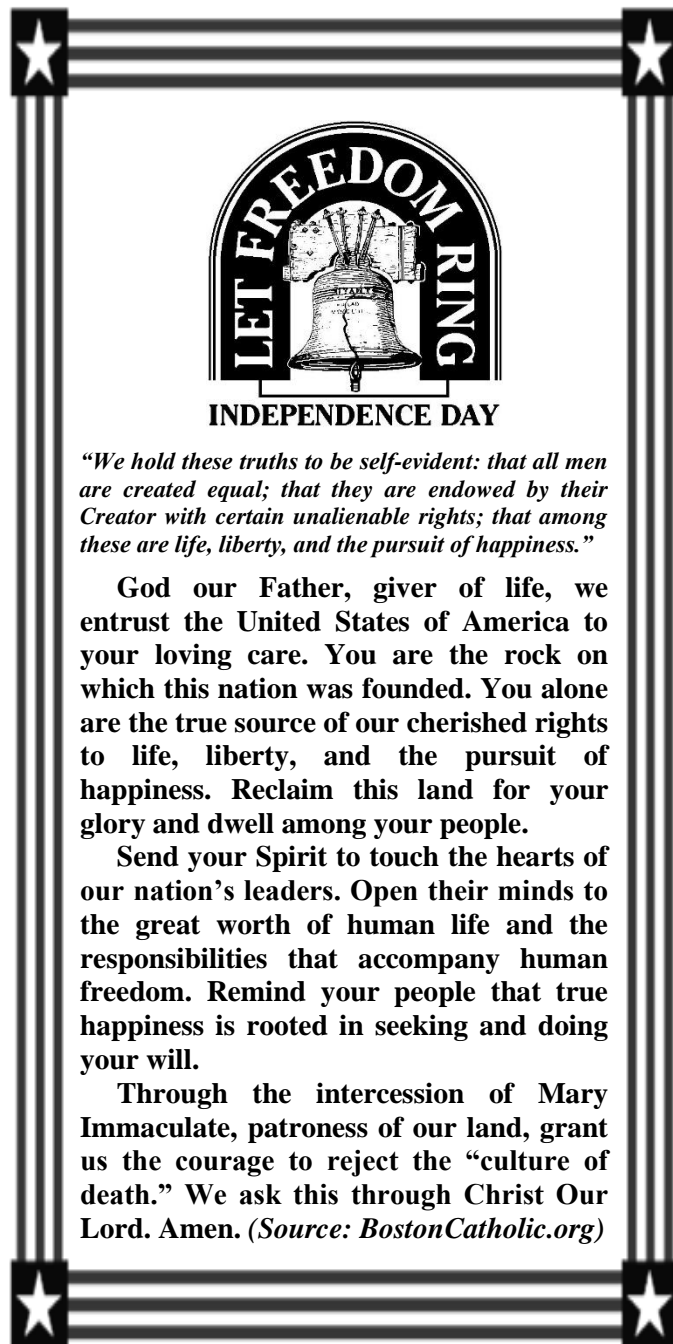
REST IN PEACE – Some of you may remember that Sister Norma Rocklage came to the parish on March 1 to give a presentation on our theme "Forgive: For Heaven's Sake." Sister died on June 22. Remember and pray for her. I am sure she is now talking up a storm with her God!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – 2020 Annual Golf Outing for the Pregnancy Care Center of Southeast Indiana and the Knights of Columbus Ultrasounds For Life Initiative on Monday, July 20, Hidden Valley Golf Course. Lunch at 11:30, Shotgun Start at 1:00, and Dinner at 5:30. \$100.00 per person, includes golf plus an additional round of golf at the club. For more information, call 812-221-1193. **Deadline - July 6.**

NEEDING PRAYERS – Please remember in your prayers Phil Gehl and Susan Stier.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE – St. Maurice will be hosting a Community Blood Drive on Tuesday, August 4, 12:30 until 6:00 PM. Appointments are strongly encouraged to comply with social distancing. Schedule online at www.hoxworth.org/groups/napoleon or call Arlene Gehl, 812-852-4394.

CHICKEN DINNERS – All Saints Parish will have three summer Sunday Chicken Dinners: July 19th at St. John, Dover; July 26th at St. Martin, Yorkville; and August 9th at St. Paul, New Alsace. For more information, visit allsaintscatholic.net.



THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – The pastor of a small church exhorted his flock to give generously when the collection plate was passed. "Give," he pleaded, "as though it was going right back into your own pocket."

After the service, the pastor chided one of the members: "George, I noticed that you let the collection plate go right by you in spite of my appeal."

"Well, Reverend," the man replied. "I figured as long as the money was going back into my pocket anyway, it didn't need no round trip." (via Orville H. Griffin, Ohio Baptist Messenger)

FORGIVE




For Heaven's Sake

The story is told of a father who sat at the supper table one evening reflecting upon his life. At that time his life was in ruins. He had been divorced two years ago, and his eldest son had written \$5,000 worth of bad checks. This man was living in the basement of a home, and his son was coming to live with him.

The day his son came to live with him he was high on drugs, so the father put him to bed. He went back to his chair and began to pray the Our Father. He so badly wanted a relationship with his son.

The next morning at breakfast he said to his son, "I know what you've done. We both know what has been wrong. But we are going to start over. You are forgiven for all the money you've stolen, for all you've done in the past, and we're starting over. I will never bring up your past. Don't repeat it. It is past." The Father said that was the turning point in their lives.







Jesus makes that same statement to us. "You are forgiven. Don't ever bring it up again. Forget it." WOW! Those are almost unbelievable words. What a gift! What words of consolation!



WATER WORKS!

The gospels record Jesus' miracles, many of which involve water.

Directions: Using the illustrated equations, fill in the blanks to describe each miracle. Use the Bible references for help.

 + e	Water changes to _____	_____
JOHN 2:1-11		
 - k + d	Heals a man born _____	_____
JOHN 9		
 - op +  - w	Calms a _____	_____
MATTHEW 8:23-27		
f +  - d	Catch of _____	_____
LUKE 5:1-11		
 - ch + er	Walks on _____	_____
MATTHEW 14:22-33		

Answer: wine, blind, storm, fish, water

THE APOSTOLATE OF SMILING

You are an apostle now, and your smile is your instrument for winning souls...

YOUR SMILE...

Can bring new life and hope and courage into the hearts of the weary, the overburdened, the discouraged, the tempted, the despairing.

YOUR SMILE...

can help to develop vocations if you are a priest, a brother, or a sister.

YOUR SMILE...

can be the beginning of conversions to the faith.

YOUR SMILE...

can prepare the way for a sinner's return to God.

SMILE, TOO, AT GOD...

Smile at God in loving acceptance of whatever he sends into your life, and you will merit to have the radiantly Smiling Face of Christ gaze on you with special love throughout eternity.