

July 8 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"And Many Who Heard Him
Were Astonished"*



*Who is he?
Is he merely Mary's son?
Just a carpenter?*

*What if this amazed crowd found out that
in the beginning was the Word
and the Word was with God
and the Word was God
and the world came
to be through him?*

*God's world does not
know its maker.
Christ, artist,
craft us to know you,
so that we can love you well.
Healer of our hearts, minds and souls,
take us into your
holy body and blood.
(Anne Osdieck. Used with Permission)*

SET YOUR FAITH ON FIRE

+ It uplifts my faith when I am with a person that tries to understand another person's point of view, even if he/she disagrees with that person.

+ Who sets my faith on fire? A person who fights against their stubbornness when being corrected, and tries to be cooperative.

+ My faith is set on fire when I see a person put their wants aside for the good of others.

PRAYER SERVICES

Wed., July 11	7:45 AM	Morning Prayer
Fri., July 13	7:45 AM	Morning Prayer

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., July 7	4 PM	Myrna Kohlman
Sun., July 8	10 AM	Arthur Young
Sat., July 14	4 PM	Timothy Walke
Sun., July 15	10 AM	Irene Barnhorst

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – July 14 at 4:00 PM

Greeters: Carl and Joni Lunsford
Brian and Karen Horan

Server: Kara Merkel

Cantors: Joe Wagner, Sarah Wenning

Lectors: Terry Harmeyer, Teha Merkel

Euch. Ministers: Jane Pictor, Amanda Sutton
Bill Deller, Janet Deller

Sunday – July 15 at 10:00 AM

Greeters: Kurt and Shannon Kuntz - *back*
Matt and Leslie Hicks - *back*
Jason and Lauren Wagner - *side*

Servers: Shaylee Volz, Brady Borgman

Cantor: Brooke Weisenbach

Lectors: Torie Purdy, Sharon Miller

Euch. Ministers: Cindy Weisenbach, John Muckerheide
Ben Harlemert, Jodie Muckerheide

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$3756.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 8.12
Loose Collection	\$ 186.00
Total Regular Collection	\$3950.12
Education of Future Priests	\$50.00
Capital Improvement	\$40.00
Peter's Pence	\$475.00

May Your Week Be Blessed By God!

"Changing the world is an inside-out job. When we look to change the world, too often we look outside ourselves. When God looks to change the world, he looks deep within us, driving straight to the heart of the matter: human behavior." ~ Matthew Kelly

STEWARDSHIP – During this time, we celebrate the independence of our country. We would do well to echo the psalmist, saying, "Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for His mercy." May we always recognize and use wisely the gifts of freedom and abundance He has showered upon us.

SANCTUARY LIGHT – The sanctuary light will burn July 8 through 15 for Cindy Mistler.

BLOOD PRESSURE – You can get your blood pressure checked this weekend in the St. Anne Room following the Masses. Kara Huff and Jenny Simon will be there to assist you.

WELCOME – Please extend a warm welcome to **Father Binoy Akkalayil**, visiting our parish on behalf of the Order of the Most Holy Trinity. For over 810 years in the world, 107 years in the United States, and 30 years in India, Trinitarians have chosen to bear witness to God's love in communities where the effects of persecution and poverty are felt most severely. Your support and prayer are vital to furthering their missionary work for the persecuted, poor, marginalized, sick and suffering. Thank you.

MARRIED IN CHRIST – Congratulations to **Tanner Volz** and **Stephanie Bruns**, who were united in marriage Saturday, July 7, at St. Mary's, Greensburg. May God bless their marriage with the gift of faithfulness!

FAITH FORMATION – Members of the Faith Formation Committee will meet this Thursday, July 12, 4:30 PM.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – One Sunday, the pastor went into the pulpit wearing a pair of new bifocals. The reading portion of the glasses improved his vision considerably, but the top portion of the glasses didn't work so well. In fact, he was experiencing dizziness every time he looked through them.

He explained to the congregation that the new glasses were causing problems. "I hope you will excuse my continually removing my glasses," he said. "You see, when I look down I can see fine, but when I look at you, it makes me sick." (The Joyful Noiseletter, via Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft, Dover, DE)

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Oh that we could say once a week or even once a month that someone "took offense" at us like they did of Jesus. It might be speaking up to family or friends when a racial slur is used or when a person is teased because of their appearance, or, or, or ... There are numerous such occasions when we often choose to be silent or to laugh politely in order not to offend.

Another option is at least to support the one who dares to offend like Jesus did. At times like these, we might intentionally recall God's message to Paul, "My grace is sufficient for you."

Including Youth

Youth are often attracted to the (perceived) spectacular – especially by entertainers. Sometimes God, sadly, appears ordinary by comparison, just as Jesus did in today's Gospel. Without minimizing the talent or integrity of the performers (make this very clear!), propose which name they would think of or call out to from a burning building or when being pursued by a pack of wild dogs. Some choices: Rihanna, Maroon 5, Eminem, Lady Gaga, and God.

Paul's "thorn in the flesh" is subject to much speculation – perhaps a spiritual weakness or repeated mistake. It's tempting for youth, after another failure yet again, to conclude, "Why even try to fight it?"



"I came to realize that God's ways are not our ways, that God doesn't love as we love. We tend to love people because of their gifts. We tend to love someone because he or she is attractive, funny, talented, rich, or powerful – but that's not why God loves us. He loves us because we need His love. He loves us because He's good, not because we are. He loves us because His Heart is full of merciful love, the kind of love that, like water, rushes to the lowest place." ~ Fr. Michael Gaitley, The Second Greatest Story Ever Told