

My dear sisters and brothers,

Here are more of Fr. Spitzer's brief spontaneous prayers continued from July 16: "Lord, you are the just, wise and merciful judge—you take care of it." "Lord, make good come out of whatever harm I may have caused." "Lord, push back the foreboding and darkness." "Abba, all things are possible for you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will, but what you will." "Lord, have mercy on me a sinner." These can be useful prayers at times of temptation or struggle of any kind.

Have a blest week!

Love. Fr Bruce

Please submit articles for our bulletin by 2:00 pm on Tuesday. Thank you!

#### **VOCATION VIEWS**

God invites us to ask for what we need. Consider what Solomon requested - an understanding heart. What do you need as you seek to follow Jesus? (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12)

**FELLOWSHIP SERVERS: August 6** 8:30: Gloria Aberle 10:30: Ana Loza & family; Myrtle Charlebois

### 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time July 30, 2017



### **Liturgical Ministers** The Transfiguration of the Lord August 5-6, 2017

4:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	
Altar Server Volson, Jenna Marquart, Petey	<b>Altar Server</b> Osuala, Chuka Huff, Elijah	Altar Server O'Farrell, Katelyn Thompson, McKenna	
Commentator	Commentator	Commentator	
Foltz, Scott	Schoch, Dave	Udekwe, Chinaza	
Eucharistic Minister Foltz, Marley Schall, Edith Eisenbraun, Julie Mongeon, LaVone Novlesky, Corrine Foltz, Rochelle Anderson, Shirley	Eucharistic Minister Pritschet, Dorothy Schmidt, Nolan Niess, Leonard Kenny, Marie Smith, Les	Eucharistic Minister Streitz, Paulette Vickerman, Anastasia Ahern, Betty Streitz, Kevin Streitz, Kayla Stach, Annette Slavick, Virginia	
Lector	Lector	Lector	
Eisenbraun, Cody	Schoch, Terrie	Schaefer, Ken	
<b>Usher Captain</b> Feldner, Rochelle	<b>Usher Captain</b> Foley, Steve	<b>Usher Captain</b> Bachmeier, Sarah	
Usher/Greeter	Usher/Greeter	Usher/Greeter	
Brekke, Terri	Harrington, Darel	Bachmeier, Doris	
Brekke, Bob	Humble, Bonita	Bachmeier, Maya	
Vetter, Marvin	Humble, Marion	Thompson, Tyler	

Gift Bearers: August 5-6 4:00 pm: Mary Kircher & Tammy Van Winkle 8:30 am: Dean & Norma Bachmeier 10:30 am: Francis & Jean Hennessy

# STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

We are very grateful to everyone who made it possible for eighteen of our youth, grades 9 through 12, to attend this year's Steubenville North Conference in Rochester July 14-16. We thank our youth who made the decision to attend this conference and to grow in their faith with other youth their ages. We thank the parents of our youth who encouraged their child to attend this conference and supported them. We thank Kevin Streitz, who set up this trip and drove the bus. Thank you to Kevin, McKenna Finley, and Erica Brewer for being the chaperones. Thank you to several parishioners who donated to help out with the cost of this trip. Without the help of many people, our youth could not have attended this conference. Again, "thank vou" to everyone who was part of this very special event for our youth. We hope next year to have even more youth attending and experiencing God in a very special way.



Celebrating Our Blessing

**Stewardship Thought**: Your church and community offer many

opportunities for sharing your time and talent in God's service.



#### "LIFT THESE PEOPLE TO OUR LORD IN PRAYER"

To add or remove names from our Prayer list, please call our Parish Office at 839-6834.

Jeff Balentine
Barbara Bost
Linda Lea Brunner
Ramona Ehli
Benedict Feist
Edna Hansegard
Richard Heidt
Marge Hogoboom
Theresa Krebs
Faith Malsom
Roxanne Reiter
Frank & Ramona Schaan
Kevin Snodgrass
Lee Wieland

Penny Bertsch
Pam Breding
Glen & Esther Dove
Cheryl Eshenko
William & Lorraine Gimble
Kelly Haugen
Corey Hjelden
Len Korgel
James Lochtowe
Mort Pierson
Nita Roberts
Lisa Schriock
Eric Wald



We remember **Donald Bachmeier**, brother of Will Bachmeier, **Jason Boppre**, grandson of Sharon Boppre, **Gary Voeller**, nephew of Gloria Niess and Elaine Benson, and **Bernice Hanson**. We pray for their families and friends who grieve their loss. May the

Don Ziegler

fullness of life be theirs.

#### Parish Stewardship Needs



Additional people are needed to lead communion services at the Assisted Living Facilities. These services are conducted weekly. If you would be able to help once or twice a month, that would be a big help. The dates and times of these services vary according to each Assisted Living Facility.

Additional people are needed to take communion to parishioners' homes. This is done weekly. The dates and times can vary according to your schedule and that of the parishioner(s) you are visiting.

These are two wonderful opportunities to give the Body of Christ to those who are unable to attend our weekend Masses. Training will be provided.

If you are interested in performing this ministry for our parish, please contact Deacon Steve at 839-6834.

Be doers of the word, and not hearers only.



We extend our best wishes to Andrew Klabo & Megan Sweet and Michael Baker & Alexis Klein, who committed themselves to each other in marriage.

It is with joy that we welcome Clementine Willow



Jean Wentz, daughter of Paul and Vanessa, Melvin Michael Lenoir III, son of Melvin and Donetta, and Andrew Allen Thom, son of Tory and Sarah, to our family at Our Lady of Grace Church.

### Next Week's Gospel: Matthew 9:2-10

Gospel Reflection: Jesus takes His apostles Peter, James, and John up a high mountain. There, He is transfigured before them. He shows them the glory that is His as the only-begotten Son of God. With Jesus are the Old Testament prophets, Moses and Elijah. Peter can hardly believe his eyes. He wants to do something to commemorate this wonderful event. He suggests that they build three tents there! He wanted to mark this spot as holy. Then, from heaven, the voice of the Father was heard: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him." Suddenly, all was still. They looked up, and there was Jesus, alone with them. Then He prepared them for His death and resurrection. It is important to remember that this event happened just before the passion and death of Jesus. This was a special gift to the apostles so that they would remember that Jesus, their teacher and friend, was also their Lord, their Savior, and the Son of God.

**Discussion Points for Gospel:** Peter's impulse to mark this spot of encounter with Jesus was not wrong. It is a very human instinct. Our churches and shrines are "holy ground" for us. When we make a prayer corner at home or at school, we are setting aside "holy ground." Does this holy ground help you to be aware of God's presence?

#### Dear Parishioners:

I am writing first to thank you for your participation in our parish's online giving program. Your generous giving is appreciated by so many and helps our church thrive and reflect the Kingdom of God in our parish.

To help us maintain and grow our mission, our parish is in the process of transitioning to a new online giving tool—WeShare. WeShare makes it easier than ever for you to manage your online contributions and will save our church time and money.

To make this transition as seamless as possible and to ensure our records are up-to-date, we need a few minutes of your help. Please visit our parish website, click the ParishPay link, and log into your online giving account. Review your contact information, address, payment method, and current giving for accuracy. Make any necessary changes and that's it. If you run into any issues accessing your account, please contact Customer Service at 1-800-950-9952, Option One.

Thank you again for your help and for your commitment to our parish. We appreciate everything that you do for our parish.

In Christ, Fr. Bruce

NOW HIRING: We are seeking a part-time Music Director. This position would be good for those wishing to use their talent while working limited hours. Applicants must be dependable, have musical experience/training, and have the ability to inspire and recruit others for this important ministry. For more information, contact Deacon Steve at admin@olgminot.org or 839-6834.

## Respect Life News

#### **PRO-LIFE REFLECTION**

In the midst of the abortion tragedy, the Church does not point fingers of condemnation. Rather, the Church extends hands of compassion and help to lift up out of despair those who are tempted to abort their children. The Church informs her people of the many alternatives to abortion and says, "I am with you and will enable you to say 'yes' to life."

## Bishop Ryan Catholic School

BISHOP RYAN "DREAMS CAN COME TRUE" RAFFLE TICKETS are available for purchase at the Bishop Ryan business office, in the Parish offices and after weekend Masses. Tickets are \$100 each, and only 1200 tickets will be sold. Drawing will take place Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> and you need not be present to win. Prizes include: \$20,000 Cash, \$15,000 I Keating Shopping Spree, Yamaha "Zuma X" 50cc Scooter, Patio Set & Gas Fire Table, Family of Bicycles, Traeger Grill, groceries at Marketplace Foods (X2), \$500 Scrip, \$250 Gas Card.

NEED GIFT IDEAS? Scrip gift cards make the best gifts. Close to 90 local businesses participate in the Scrip program offering a large selection of cards, in addition to the hundreds of national cards available by special order. Local cards are available after the weekend Masses at the four parishes and weekdays in our parish office, and the business office at Bishop Ryan. A national list is available on the Bishop Ryan website <a href="https://www.bishopryan.com">www.bishopryan.com</a> under Scrip. National (special) orders must be prepaid and are ordered Monday mornings by 10:00 am at Bishop Ryan.

REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR AT BISHOP RYAN! Are you considering Catholic education for your children? Registration is now open at Bishop Ryan Catholic School for students in Preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Preschool openings include half-day classes (morning or afternoon) that meet two days, three days or five days each week, or a full-day, five-day class. (Preschool registration is age dependent and classes are filled on a first-come, firstserved basis.) Students who will be entering Grades K-12 are also invited to register; come tour the school and find out how we are laying the foundation for happiness through education in virtue. For more information or to receive a registration packet, please call Jaimie at (701) 838-3355.

### Area Happenings

NATHAN ARTZ MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE will be Thursday, August 10, from 10:00 am - 4:30 pm at Little Flower Catholic Church. Contact Brenda Artz at (701)263-7531 to schedule an appointment.

A CATHOLIC WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY for Catholic women in their 20's and 30's is meeting at Classic Rock Coffee (1408 2nd Ave SW) at 5:30 pm every other Sunday. We are meeting August 6, August 20, etc. Come join us.

#### THIRST 2017 MEN'S CONFERENCE

Gentlemen, don't forget to register for the THIRST 2017 Men's Conference on Saturday, September 23. This FREE event will be hosted at the new Lumen Vitae University Center at the University of Mary. Get ready to hear impactful presentations by Tim Staples from Catholic Answers and our own Msgr. Tom Richter from Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. Come and enjoy a day to spiritually "recharge" - with time for confessions, Eucharistic adoration, a Vigil Mass with Bishop Kagan, and holy conversation with other men. Dads, plan to bring your sons of high-school age and older along with you, as this event happens only every 3 years. Register and see the event schedule online now www.bismarckdiocese.com/thirst2017. **Sponsorship** opportunities are available. For more information, please contact Keven Wanner at 701-204-7187 or thirst@bismarckdiocese.com. Spread the word!

COUNCIL #9839 ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF SCRAMBLE. Open to all golfers of any ability – teams or individuals. Will be held Saturday, August 5, at the Wildwood Country Club. Check-in: 9:00 am-10:00 am. Mixed scramble format. Please preregister by calling Mike Brunner at 721-1969.

#### This Week in our Parish

Sunday, July 30			
Monday, July 31			
Tuesday, Aug 1			
Wednesday, Aug 2			
Thursday, Aug 3	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	9:30 am- 12:00 Midnight	Blessed Sacrament Chapel
	Women's Ultreya Group	7:30-8:30 pm	Classroom 4
Friday, Aug 4	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	12:01-7:30 am	Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Saturday, Aug 5	Rosary for Peace	9:00 am	Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Sunday, Aug 6			