

June 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

By our baptism, we have a prophetic calling.

Prophets in the Old Testament such as Isaiah, Jeremiah and others whom we often hear from in our first readings were called by God to proclaim his teachings and his will for us in order to guide and direct us. Generally speaking, prophets were rejected, and sometimes put to death by the powerful and elite.

Being one of God's prophets wasn't a safe calling, but then Jesus' life wasn't a safe one either. At one point, Jesus told his Twelve Apostles: Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist (Matthew 11:11). And today, the Church celebrates the solemnity of his birth.

What made John the Baptist the greatest of all of the prophets, as Jesus declared? Was it his personality? No. Was it the ascetical life that he lived? No. What made him the greatest of all of the prophets was the role that he played in the great drama of our salvation. He was the one who heralded [Jesus'] coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel, as we heard today. He was the one who would – quite literally – point to Jesus as the Lamb of God (cf., John 1:29).

It was the role of John the Baptist to point out the tremendous reality of God's Word made flesh and dwelling among us. John the Baptist showed us that God's chosen one – God's Christ, God's anointed one – was actually here. No other prophet had that privilege. No other prophet could point to God's living presence among us in actuality.

This is also the remarkable moment when the Old Testament meets the New Testament, and all that God has given us in the Old Testament is being crowned by all that he will give us in the New. Isaiah prophesied that Israel would be brought back to God, and the survivors restored, so that the Lord's salvation might reach to the ends of the earth. Now this child, called John by his father, is born to Elizabeth and Zechariah to prepare the way for the Lord.

Each one of us shares in John's prophetic calling, through our baptism. By our lives, by our words, by our deeds, we, too, are called by God to manifest his presence in our lives. We are called to point out to others that Jesus Christ is alive and well, risen from the dead and present to those around us.

None of us will ever be the greatest prophet. But that does not mean we cannot be a very, very good one.

**~Pope Francis @ Twitter:**

A person's dignity does not depend on them being a citizen, a migrant, or a refugee. Saving the life of someone fleeing war and poverty is an act of humanity.

Saints and Peter and Paul, Apostles Feast Day June 29<sup>th</sup>

The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom. (2 Timothy 4:18)

We celebrate the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul. In them we see heroic virtue. In them we see enmity becoming friendship. And perhaps most important, in them we see how someone's yes to God can change, not only their own lives, but the entire course of Christianity.

These two giants in the faith came from completely different backgrounds—one a fisherman, the other a scholar. One walked with Jesus personally for years, and the other encountered him after the resurrection. They didn't always see eye to eye. But their lives and their ministries had remarkable parallels. Their paths were not always easy: both were imprisoned many times. Both were miraculously released from jail (Acts 12, 16). Both dedicated their entire lives to building up the Church. And both were executed as martyrs for the faith.

What united them? They said yes to Jesus. In living out that yes, they strove every day to be faithful to God's call in their lives. And in response to that yes, they experienced God's faithfulness to them every day. As they poured themselves out for Jesus and his mission, shared the gospel with as many people as possible, and willingly suffered in Christ's name, they changed and grew. Each day, they became more and more like Jesus, and the more they became like Jesus, the better equipped they were to do his will in the world.

Take some time today to reflect on Peter and Paul's lives. Let their example show you how saying yes to God makes you more like Christ. Let them show you how your yes equips you to do his will on earth. Like them, you will surely face challenges. But like them, you will also experience God's grace, comfort, and wisdom to help you every step of the way. Peter and Paul's yes to God changed the course of history. Ours can too! Let's use their feast day to inspire us on our journey.

**Reedsburg Area Helping Hands has a family in need of a bunk bed.** If anyone has one to donate or knows of someone who does, please contact Rita Mead at [rbmead@rucls.net](mailto:rbmead@rucls.net).



Holy Family First Communicants 2018 Payton Olson, Mitchell Elsing, and Marissa Johnson, May you always know the peace of Jesus, and the joy of His life within you. Congratulations, Sandy Langbein

Holy Family, St. Boniface, and St. Patrick This Week

\*Confessions are a half hour before every Mass\*

- Mon 6/25 HF 7:00 pm Recovery Meeting
- Tue 6/26 SB 9:00 am Mass-Marcella & Ray Hrosckoski Adoration follows HF 6:00 pm Chicken & Biscuit Dinner Festival Organizational Meeting in the Annex
- Wed 6/27 HF 9:00 am Mass-Bill & Almira Seep
- Thur 6/28 SP 9:00 am Mass-Raymond Dederich SCHCC No Mass
- Fri 6/29 HF 9:00 am Mass-Walter "John" Schulz with Potluck Breakfast following
- Sat 6/30 HF 4:00 pm Mass-Marian Hewitt SB 7:30 pm Mass-For the Members of Holy Family, St. Boniface, & St. Patrick Parish Family
- Sun 7/1 SP 8:00 am Mass-Genevieve Olson HF 10:15 am Mass-Lieve Rott

**The new Holy Angel Parish weekly contribution envelopes will be mailed directly to your home before July 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Holy Family Parish Festival Committee Organizational Meeting** Planning for the Chicken & Biscuit Supper will be held next Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Annex. The Parish Festival date is Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Holy Family Potluck Breakfast following Mass on Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**Tri-Parish Catholic Community Scholarship Recipients 2018**



Thanks to the Holy Family Parish Family and the CCW for sponsoring these scholarships. Chelsey Karstetter, Brady Rufenacht, Father Sanctus, and Peri Hineman. If you would like to make a donation to the scholarship fund, make your check payable to Holy Family and write "Scholarship" in the memo.

Parish Support

**Holy Family 6/16 & 17**

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| Envelopes       | 1398.00          |
| Offertory       | 288.38           |
| Youth           | 8.00             |
| Building Maint. | 400.00           |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>\$2094.38</b> |

**St. Boniface 6/16**

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| Envelopes       | 262.00          |
| Offertory       | 58.00           |
| Building Maint. | 75.00           |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>\$395.00</b> |

**St. Patrick 6/17**

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| Envelopes       | 490.00          |
| Offertory       | 79.00           |
| Building Maint. | 20.00           |
| Natl. Combined  | 10.00           |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>\$599.00</b> |

**Thank you!**

**Now taking Mass Intentions for July**—Some of the dates already have Mass intentions, so if you have something specific you'd like, please drop a note in the mail (PO Box 166, La Valle, WI 53941), or put a request in the collection basket at Mass. The usual offering is \$10.00.

**During the month of July we will be moving forward with our Parish merger.** You may have noticed that the contribution envelopes coming to your home have "Holy Angels Parish" on them. We ask that you kindly use your parish envelopes for your weekly contribution. This helps save time for the money counters and in the office. Beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, we ask that you make all checks payable to Holy Family. They will be deposited in the proper account and the amount will still show on your end of year statements.



**This Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> Holy Family Hosts La Valle's Potter's Meal at La Valle Park** Serving from 4:30-6:30 pm Great food! This is a free community meal. Come and join us!



**June Dairy Days Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> Serving from 7:00 am—12:00 noon** St. Anthony's, Hwy V, Cazenovia Adults: \$7.00 \* Children 6-12: \$3.50 \* Children under 6 - Free Menu includes pancake served with real maple syrup, eggs, sausage, cheese curds, applesauce, cheese, coffee and milk Ice Cream and Yogurt served by the Cazenovia Willing Workers 4-H Club Bake Sale and Door Prizes Sponsored by Knights of Columbus #8946 of Cazenovia