

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2015

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, June 29	8:00am	For Bob and Jeanette Klaas
Tuesday, June 30	8:00am	† Henry & Susan Foegen
Wednesday, July 1	8:00am	† Lori McPoland
Thursday, July 2	8:00am	† Harry & Lillian Abing
	10:30am	† Joseph Keyes (Manor Care)
Friday, July 3	8:00am	† Lucy Faherty
	11:00am	† Florence Meyer (Park Place)
Saturday, July 4	8:00am	(TLM)
WEEKEND LITURGIES		
Saturday, July 4	4:00pm	† Mary Koeller
Sunday, July 5	9:00am	† Jeffrey McPhail
	12 noon	Misa

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24—2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15—Mk 5:21-43.

Monday: Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles

Acts 12:1-11—2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18—Mt 16:13-19.

Tuesday: The 1st Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Gn 19:15-29—Mt 8:23-27.

Wednesday: Blessed Junipero Serra, Priest
Gn 21:5, 8-20a—Mt 8:28-34.

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19—Mt 9:1-8.

Friday: St. Thomas, Apostle
Eph 2:19-22—Jn 20:24-29.

Saturday: Independence Day.
Gn 27:1-5, 15-29—Mt 9:14-17.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 2:2-5—2 Cor 12:7-10—Mk 6:1-6a.



Anyone requesting prayer may call 348-6041. Please call in the morning between 8am & 9am. If no answer please leave your prayer.

REFLECTION—13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“...as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want, that there may be equality.” - 2 CORINTHIANS 8:14

Not only are we responsible for our own lives, but we are responsible for the lives of those around us. Not only is it important that we grow, nurture and share our gifts, but we should teach our children this same lesson and encourage others to do the same.

Private Reconciliation—every day, one hour before each Mass & Thursdays after morning Mass until 9:30am.

Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays begins after 8am Mass and concludes with Rosary and Benediction at 8pm. Adoration will now be in the Chapel.

The Rosary is prayed ½ hour before Mass — 3:30 at the Saturday 4pm Mass—8:30 at the Sunday 9am Mass.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE
FOR SUNDY, JULY 5
Is this Monday, June 29th at 10am.**

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

The recent Mobile Food Pantry had 126 families served for a total of 341 people. This is 81 children, 195 adults and 65 senior citizens. Thank you to everyone who came to help with set up, distribution and clean up. This is a great corporal work of mercy. The next MFP is Friday, July 17th.

Word of Life

“If someone who has worldly means sees a brother in need and refuses him compassion, how can the love of God remain in him?” — 1 John 3:17 (NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission.)

**PARISH OFFICE
IS CLOSED
Friday, July 3rd.**



ST. MARY PARISH GIVING June 21, 2015

Weekly Envelopes.....\$2,290.00
Offertory.....363.00
Weekly Average Electronic Funds \$ 800.00

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Saturday, July 4 4:00 pm		Sunday, July 5 9:00am
Ben Drefcinski John Drefcinski	Altar Servers	Dushan Vystrcil Joseph Vystcil Jerrison Faulkner
Greg Merrick	Lector & Leader of Prayer	Chris Brunette Jessica Clifton Mark Ihm
Kent Scheuerell		Linda Hess Open Ensemble Jeanette Klaas
Sacristan: Christine Del Priore		
Music: Kim & Youth		
Rosary: Volunteer		

On June 29 the Church celebrates the feast day of Sts. Peter & Paul. As early as the year 258, there is evidence of an already lengthy tradition of celebrating the solemnities of both Saint Peter and Saint Paul on the same day. Together, the two saints are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there.

Peter, who was named Simon, was a fisherman of Galilee and was introduced to the Lord Jesus by his brother Andrew, also a fisherman. Jesus gave him the name Cephas (Petrus in Latin), which means 'Rock,' because he was to become the rock upon which Christ would build His Church.

Peter was a bold follower of the Lord. He was the first to recognize that Jesus was "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and eagerly pledged his fidelity until death. In his boldness, he also made many mistakes, however, such as losing faith when walking on water with Christ and betraying the Lord on the night of His passion.

Yet despite his human weaknesses, Peter was chosen to shepherd God's flock. The Acts of the Apostles illustrates his role as head of the Church after the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ. Peter led the Apostles as the first Pope and ensured that the disciples kept the true faith.

St. Peter spent his last years in Rome, leading the Church through persecution and eventually being martyred in the year 64. He was crucified upside-down at his own request, because he claimed he was not worthy to die as his Lord. He was buried on Vatican hill, and St. Peter's Basilica is built over his tomb.

St. Paul was the Apostle of the Gentiles. His letters are included in the writings of the New Testament, and through them we learn much about his life and the faith of the early Church.

Before receiving the name Paul, he was Saul, a Jewish pharisee who zealously persecuted Christians in Jerusalem. Scripture records that Saul was present at the martyrdom of St. Stephen.

Saul's conversion took place as he was on his way to Damascus to persecute the Christian community there. As he was traveling along the road, he was suddenly surrounded by a great light from heaven. He was blinded and fell off his horse. He then heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He answered: "Who are you, Lord?" Christ said: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting."

Saul continued to Damascus, where he was baptized and his sight was restored. He took the name Paul and spent the remainder of his life preaching the Gospel tirelessly to the Gentiles of the Mediterranean world.

Paul was imprisoned and taken to Rome, where he was beheaded in the year 67.

He is buried in Rome in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

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Our weekly prayer intention for this week based upon the World Meeting of Families Event is for Children & Unborn

KIELER CHURCH DINNER & PICNIC—JULY 4TH

Featuring Deep Fried Chicken & Ham Dinner

Served Buffet Style from 11am to 4pm.

Adults/\$10 Children (12 & Under) \$4.00

Bingo and other games, refreshments & music

Sponsored by Immaculate Conception Church

Don't forget to check out the Lighthouse Catholic Media stand in back of church. There are many Inspirational Catholic CD's & Books.

We ask for a donation of \$3 per CD and \$4 per book to help continue this program. Checks can be made to St. Mary's.

Donations will be used towards the purchase of additional materials.

Pastoral Council Column Truth

Two weeks ago, this column wrote about a man who decided to become a woman. In the past week, the news has been focused on a white woman who claimed that she was black. Pressed into resigning from her position at the NAACP, the woman, Rachel Dolezal, said that she remains committed to fighting for "what is right and good in this world."

I don't want to rush to judge her actions, but if in fact she is white, then all that is "right and good in this world" does not include the truth. In Dolezal's view, there must be a good that ranks higher than truth — that has more to do with her intentions and her notions of personal freedom — than with reality.

For a people who are Children of God, this makes no sense. Right and good must be rooted in objective truth, or nothing at all can be said to be either good or right for everyone. St. John Paul II said, "when freedom is detached from objective truth it becomes impossible to establish personal rights on a firm rational basis; and the ground is laid for society to be at the mercy of the unrestrained will of individuals or the oppressive totalitarianism of public authority."

As for Dolezal, she rationalized her deception by calling it "how I identify," and then added, "I hope people can understand that family is fluid."

Come again? If family is fluid — under the circumstances, that has to mean that the family has no specific members, roles, or boundaries, but rather it depends on who I happen to like at the moment — then the family, the primary building block of society, is unstable and not at all a solid thing. If the building blocks are unstable, then the foundations that uphold civilization will be washed away in a torrent of feelings and passions that are untethered from reality.

No one knows where all this will lead, but this we know for certain: the Catholic Church, because she is the primary guardian and bulwark of the truth, will be the primary target of the powers of deception.

In the next couple of columns, we'll look at the principle that ties Bruce Jenner, Rachel Dolezal, identity politics, and the crisis within the Catholic Church together.