



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

July 22-23, 2017

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16 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - DO YOU WANT TO BE HOLY?

"Let them grow together until harvest." —Mat 13:30—Matthew 11:28

If you are living for Jesus, you are God's wheat, citizens of His Father's kingdom (Mt 13:38). This means you are surrounded by weeds, the "followers of the evil one" (Mt 13:38). You hope and pray that God will take these people out of your life. However, the Lord refuses to do this. He wants you to grow in holiness by loving your neighbors (Mt 22:39), even and especially those who are your enemies (Mt 5:44). He wants you to "rule in the midst of your enemies" (Ps 110:2). He will spread His table before you in the sight of your foes (Ps 23:5). Some people may even be thorns in your flesh to keep you from getting proud and to help you become humble (2 Cor 12:7). Thank God for leaving the followers of Satan in our midst. As we grow in love for them and for the Lord, we can more easily see that the Lord "makes all things work together for the good of those who love" Him (Rm 8:28).

Forgive, serve, pray for, and evangelize the followers of Satan. In doing so, they may receive a new nature, be changed from weeds into wheat, and become citizens of God's kingdom. Then you will grow into a saint who "will shine like the sun" in your Father's kingdom (Mt 13:43).

Let us Pray: "Our blessings are not the fruits of our prayers alone, but those of another praying for us."

Masses & Information

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30 a.m.
Saturday:.....5:30 p.m.
Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.
Wednesday:.....6:00 p.m.
Confession: Saturday.....4:30-5:15 p.m.
Sunday:.....7:55-8:15 a.m. or by appointment
First Wednesday Adoration:7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
MARRIAGE PREPARTION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.
BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.
COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146
Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass. Those who are ill or shut in should contact Bill Homer, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

Masses Intentions

Sunday, July 23 8:30 a. Donna Burton By Mike & Marla Britten
Monday, July 24 7:30 a.m. Donna Burton By Mike & Marla Britten
Wednesday, July 26 6:00pm Donna Burton By Mike & Marla Britten
Thursday, July 27 7:30a.m. Buddy Weller By Gary and Sharon Britten
Friday, July 28 7:30a.m. Buddy Weller By Gary and Sharon Britten
Saturday, July 29 5:30p.m. Buddy Weller By Gary and Sharon Britten

Stewardship Reports

Individual.....	\$2180.00
Loose.....	\$ 385.00
Children.....	\$ 3.00
Total.....	\$2568.00
Building Fund	
Individual.....	\$1896.00
Loose.....	\$ 213.00
Total.....	\$2109.00

Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Conner Homer, Daniel Hinson, Schellon Major, Ralph Hutsell, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Shawn Meidinger, Dorothy Weller, Jim Eakin, Charlene Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, and Floyd Schulte

Family Chalice Program

July 22/23 Alice Kuehler
July 29/30 Mark and Jackie Hanson
August 5/6 Rod and Michele Bohr
August 12/13 Doris Britten
August 19/20 Earl Britten

Birthdays

July 24th Ann Homer
July 25th Earl Britten
July 26th Phillip Hermesmyer & Ryan Keese
July 27th Laura Kuehler & Ryan Britten
July 28th Caren Howard
July 29th Bruce Britten & Wyatt Britten

Anniversaries

July 28th Daniel & Melanie Hinson

Church Cleaning for July

Marla Britten, Debbie Ollinger, Sandra Britten, Mary Treadwell, Pam Ashford, Tami Keese, Cara Ashford, Sharon Britten, Sherri Wieberg, Waymth Britten, Lori Connelly, Nicole Kuehler, Loretta Britten, and Tabitha Eggemeyer

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, July 22, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Saffron and Kacie

Lectors: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown

Sunday, July 23, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: K'Leigh and Madison

Lectors: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Carrie Weinheimer

Saturday, July 29, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Derek and Ryan

Lectors: Gary Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Sharon Britten

Sunday, July 30, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Wesley and Jackson

Lectors: Nick Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Nicole Kuehler

Saturday, August 5, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers:

Lectors:

Extraor. Com. Minister:

Sunday, August 6, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers:

Lectors:

Extraor. Com. Minister:

Saturday, August 12, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers:

Lectors:

Extraor. Com. Minister:

Sunday, August 13, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Damon and Owen

Lectors: Nick Keuhelr

Extraor. Com. Minister: Joanie Kling

Announcements:

Super Saint Summer Nights for children K-6th starting July 12th at 6pm til 8p.pm. We will go to Mass first then head over to the hall for activities. The following dates are July 19th , July 26th, and August 9th. Please join us for lots of learning and **tons** of fun!

TYM All incoming 7th-12th graders are welcome! August 9th we will have a fun night with a cookout! Please mark your calendars.

Christian Mothers Groom day ice cream. Signup sheets to work the booth and what flavor you will bring will be in the south and east entrances. We need to know what flavor so we can make a sign. Please be sure to use heavy cream in your recipe! The Sunday before Groom day the hall will be open to put your ice cream in the cups from after Mass til 6:00p.m. Store in the freezer, label the lid on each cup with the flavor. This is one of our big money raisers and appreciate everyone's efforts for our Christian Mothers Group and your help with the sales, set up and cleaning. Pam Ashford will have our cash box. As always the Christian Mothers are awesome!

Men, if you're tired of going through the motions and never feeling like your faith has any fire...Here's a weekend for YOU! The Men's ACTS Retreat will be August 10-13, 2017. Deadline to sign up is August 3, 2017. Register online at: <http://actsamarillo.org/online-adult-registration>. This step on your faith journey can change everything!

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood. "The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Savior shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it."

The Old Testament: Cain and Abel are making an offering. Abel's sacrifice is pleasing to God, Cain's is not. This gives rise to the sin of hatred, and fratricide is its resolution. The thirsting earth soaks up Abel's blood as it shouts to heaven for vengeance. This shouting prefigured the scene on Calvary, where Christ's Blood cried to heaven for the redemption of mankind.

Millenia pass, and now we see Israel oppressed by Egypt. God commands the people to kill a lamb and to sprinkle the doorposts with its blood; houses thus besprinkled are spared by the messenger of death. But where the doors are not reddened with the blood of the lamb, all male firstborn from king to slave die. This blood on the doorposts was a type of the Blood of Christ. Can the blood of a lamb save a man? No, but as a figure of the Redeemer's Blood it certainly does. For when the Destroyer sees the thresholds of a human heart marked with Christ's sacred Blood, he must pass by. And another soul is saved.

The New Testament: The Church reminds us of the first drops of blood that flowed for our redemption on the day when Jesus was circumcised. It is night on Mount Olivet, and the moon is shining. We see the holy face crimsoned with blood during the agony in the garden. Unhappy, despairing Judas casts the blood-money down in the temple. "I have betrayed innocent blood!" In the scourging chamber we see the Lord in deepest humiliation; under raw strokes the divine Blood spurts out over the floor. Christ is led before Pilate. Pilate shows the blood-covered Body to the crowds: Ecce homo! We go through Jerusalem's streets following the bloody footsteps to Golgotha. Down the beams of the Cross blood trickles. A soldier opens the sacred side. Water and Blood.

Lord Jesus, You became Man in order by your Passion and Death and the draining of your Blood on the Cross, might prove to us how much You, our God, love us. Protect us, dear Jesus, from ever running away from the sight of blood. Strengthen our weak human wills so that we will not only not run away from the cross, but welcome every opportunity to shed our blood in spirit in union with your Precious Blood, so that, dying to ourselves in time we might live with You in Eternity. Amen

Hello Moms and Dads, Nicole has planned Summer Religion Classes. The schedule is July 12th, 19th, 26th, and Aug 9th. The students will be studying about 4 different and unique Saints. The crafts, games and snacks will all be theme based. Please volunteer in any way possible to make these classes a fun and memorable time for our kids. I am in charge of snacks. I am going to list the days and themes to each lesson. I have menus and recipe ideas for each day. We will plan for about 40 people each day. If you would like to volunteer for something, please let me know. My phone number is 806-206-4013. Thanks, Debbie Ollinger

July 26th –Doctor/Medical Theme- Pizza, Creative mouse/Cheese snacks, Fruit Kabobs, Blooey Goey Slippery Salve (Pudding in a bag), orange punch

Aug 9th-American Indian Theme- Hot Dogs and Chips, creative pretzel and cheese teepee, Trail mix with creative teepee scoop, Candy Corn Cupcakes, Spirit with red hots.

