

Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach

The Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 9, 2006



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Scripture REFLECTIONS

Without Honor



By Fr. Jeffrey Day

14th Sunday of Ordinary
Time Cycle B (Mark 6:1-6)

I share a fear with some of my brother priests: we get nervous when we have to preach in front of other priests. Speaking in front of a thousand

people? No problem. But if another priest is in the crowd - even a small crowd - then this becomes a different story. Why is this?

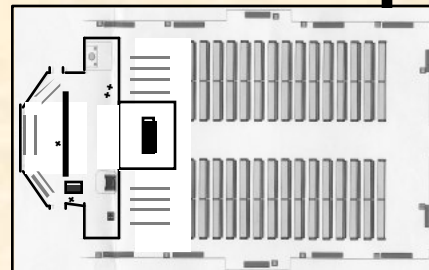
I think it's because Jesus' words in today's gospel passage keep coming to mind:

"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house."

It's not that I or any other priest expects a negative reaction when we preach in the presence of other priests. Rather, self-consciousness begins to creep in, preventing or restricting the level of freedom that Jesus wants us to have in proclaiming the gospel. As I said, this isn't a struggle that all priests have, just some of us.

Jesus wasn't a self-conscious person. He wasn't hindered by questions of "Will they like me if I say this or that?" He went ahead and gave His message, even though it meant facing rejection in his native place.

Church Renovation Report



If you missed last week's special insert on the Church Renovation Committee's proposal, copies are available at the parish office. You are encouraged to voice your comments and suggestions to Deacon Ray, Bill Dinehart, Bill Grimmer, Bill MacNamara or Rosemary States. Please see page six of the insert for phone numbers.

Remember that one of our challenges is to reach consensus on this no-cost trial proposal. To do this, it's important that your voice be heard before our next Town Meeting which will be scheduled late in August or early in September. If consensus can be reached, we'll schedule a two month trial in mid September.

It can be the same experience for us. We have our own "native places." Our families, friends and co-workers know us well, and we may fear their rejection. But we must still preach the gospel in their presence. Our words and deeds must always be configured to Christ, even if no one honors this.

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Mass/Communion/Reconciliation Schedule

Parish Celebrations of the Lord's Day

Saturday - 4:00 p.m. ♦ Sunday - 9:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday ♦ Wednesday ♦ Thursday - 5:00 p.m.

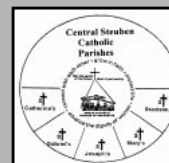
♦ Friday - 9:00 a.m.

Scripture/Communion Services

Monday - 9:00 a.m.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

1st and 3rd Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.



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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

- SUNDAY** July 9, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Carmelena Minichello
By St. Mary's Choir
- MONDAY** July 10, Weekday
9:00 a.m. Communion Service
- TUESDAY** July 11, Benedict, abbot
5:00 p.m. In Memory, Gary Clairemont
By his wife, Rosemary
- WEDNESDAY** July 12, Weekday
5:00 p.m. For all Cancer survivors
- THURSDAY** July 13, Weekday
5:00 p.m. For all those fighting Cancer
- FRIDAY** July 14, Kateri Tekakwitha, virgin
9:00 a.m. For the success of all the Relay for Life Teams
11:00 a.m. Infirmary - For all residents of the Infirmary
- SATURDAY** July 15, Bonaventure, bishop, doctor
4:00 p.m. In Memory, Irene Luta
By her daughters, Pat and Amy
- SUNDAY** July 16, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. In Memory, Carmelena Minichello
By her daughter, Christine

There are many weekday Mass Intentions available in the upcoming months (stipend \$10). Please call the office to schedule.



Liturgical Assembly Schedule

July 15- Sat. 4:00 p.m. - Willing Hearts
July 16- Sun. 9:00 a.m. - Heavenly Hash
To form or join an assembly, call 776-3327

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



St. Mary's is planning on celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, October 4th at St. Catherine's church. We will celebrate in conjunction with St. Catherine's, St. Stanislaus', and St. Joseph's parishes. If you are interested in celebrating Confirmation, please contact Mary Carol at 776-6944 (H) or 776-3327(W).



SAINT MARY'S PARISH

"A Parish of Very Good Stewards"

Thank you for - Making Parish a Priority!

July 2/3 2006
Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$3,348.00 THANK YOU!
Second Collection for Air Conditioning: \$208.00



Second Collections

July 8/9 - Church in Eastern Europe
July 15/16 Maintenance



PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

- SUNDAY** July 9
7:00 p.m. AA, Pavilion
- MONDAY** July 10
- TUESDAY** July 11
1:00 p.m. Summer Crafts, O'Malley Hall
7:30 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group
- WEDNESDAY** July 12
- THURSDAY** July 13
1:00 p.m. Summer Crafts, O'Malley Hall
- FRIDAY** July 14
- SATURDAY** July 15
1:00 p.m. NA, Room 101
- SUNDAY** July 16
7:00 p.m. AA, Pavilion



Happy Birthday To You

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| 07/09 | Mary Langendorfer | 07/12 | Anna Mae Mills |
| 07/09 | James DiDomeneck | 07/12 | Heather Haff |
| 07/10 | Cynthia Thompson | 07/13 | Mike Saurbaugh |
| 07/11 | Julia Grace Saurbaugh | 07/13 | Paul Tomes |
| 07/11 | Elaine Frederick | 07/14 | Dana Dickson |
| 07/12 | Julia Masti | 07/14 | Chet Parulski |
| 07/12 | Kimberly Russo | 07/14 | Anthony Versage |

Catholic Charities of Steuben Announces 1 in 20 WINNERS Drawing

The odds are in your favor! Only 400 tickets will be sold, with prizes as follows: **Grand Prize \$5,000**
\$2,500 (1 winner) + **\$1,000** (3 winners) + **\$500** (10 winners)
Early Bird Drawings - \$500 each on 6/15, 7/1, 7/15, 8/1, 8/15
Grand Drawing will take place Labor Day (9/4/06)
Tickets will be available until the time of drawing or until all 400 tickets are sold. Tickets are \$100 each.

To purchase tickets or for more information contact Catholic Charities of Steuben County @ 776-8085 Ext. 216.

All proceeds will be used to continue to support local programs of Catholic Charities.

Turning Point

Mentoring + Food/Pantry + Homeless/Housing Programs
Emergency Services + Nutrition Outreach + Education

Prevention Services

Bath Hope for Youth + Council on Addictions

Bath Community Child Day Care

Hammondsport Junior Lakers

Justice and Peace/Parish Ministries



Picnic

There will be an Ultreya meeting and dish to pass picnic held at Bill and Karen Grimmer's house on Thursday, July 27th at 6:00 p.m.



Sent to Serve

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

A few weeks ago I mentioned that "Senior Moments" have been occurring more frequently in my life. The name of a person I've known for 30 years is suddenly nowhere to be found except "on the tip of my tongue." Now, thanks to one of those humorous emails that circulate the internet - I've discovered the cause of my "Senior Moments" and perhaps yours.

Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder

I have been diagnosed with A. A. A. D. D. - Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder. This is how it manifests:

I decide to wash my car. As I start toward the garage, I notice that there is mail on the hall table.

I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car. I lay my car keys down on the table, put the junk mail in the trash can under the table, and notice that the trash can is full. So, I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the trash first.

But then I think, since I'm going to be near the mailbox when I take out the trash anyway, I may as well pay the bills first. I take my checkbook off the table, and see that there is only one check left. My extra checks are in my desk in the study, so I go to my desk where I find the can of Coke that I had been drinking.

I'm going to look for my checks, but first I need to push the Coke aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over. I see that the Coke is getting warm, and I decide I should put it in the refrigerator to keep it cold.

As I head toward the kitchen with the coke a vase of flowers on the counter catches my eye--they need to be watered. I set the Coke down on the counter, and I discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning. I decide I better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to water the flowers.

I set the glasses back down on the counter, fill a container with water and suddenly I spot the TV remote. Someone left it on the kitchen table.

I realize that tonight when we go to watch TV, I will be looking for the remote, but I won't remember that it's on the kitchen table, so I decide to put it back in the den where it belongs, but first I'll water the flowers.

I splash some water on the flowers, but most of it spills on the floor. So, I set the remote back down on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill.

Then I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.

At the end of the day: the car isn't washed, the bills

aren't paid, there is a warm can of Coke sitting on the counter, the flowers aren't watered, there is still only one check in my checkbook, I can't find the remote, I can't find my glasses, and I don't remember what I did with the car keys.

Then when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all day long, and I'm really tired.

I realize this is a serious problem, and I'll try to get some help for it, but first I'll check my e-mail.

So there it is - I've got A. A. A. D. D. But, always the optimist - I've found a silver lining. I took this dreadful disease and turned it into a summertime bulletin article. Now I can go back to enjoying a very beautiful day.

Have a good week, serve one another well.

Deacon Ray



Missions Appeal - July 22/23

The Diocese of Rapid City is that portion of South Dakota west of the Missouri River. It is among the most rural dioceses in the nation with 227,211 people in 43,000 square miles. Of these, 26,000 are Catholics, 27 percent of which are Lakota Sioux Indians.

Most of these Native Americans live on five reservations in different parts of the Diocese taking up about 1/3 of the land area of West River South Dakota.

There are seven counties with fewer than 500 Catholics. In these areas priests and deacons travel long distances to minister to these Native people. Two of the counties, Todd and Shannon, have the lowest per capita income in the United States.

These Native people have many spiritual needs to be met and suffer from many social ills. Deacon Raul David Daniel and his wife, Mary help minister to the needs of the Lakota Sioux in South Dakota. He will be visiting and preaching at our parish the weekend of July 22nd-23rd.



Good Stewards Are Needed

Stewardship is more than sharing your treasure. Good Stewards begin by sharing an hour or two of their time and talents for the benefit of their parish.

Housekeeping and Meal Preparation Teams

- Volunteers are needed to spend a few hours each week vacuuming and dusting in the church and rectory.
- Volunteers are needed to prepare an occasional supper for our priests. Meals may be prepared at home or in the rectory kitchen.

To volunteer for either of these teams, please contact the parish office - 776-3327.