

**Catholic Community of
St. Stephen - St. Patrick**

July 26, 2020

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

The gospel today reminds us that there is a quality to the Kingdom of Heaven which is sometimes hidden from the wise and the wealthy, but shown to the poor and the humble. Jesus tells his disciples “to you it is given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven but it is not given to all.” In our world today we get news and information mainly via radio, television or internet where we are also bombarded with commercials who attempt to convince us to buy a certain product that will change our lives for the better, something we can’t live without.

When God wants to communicate with us however it is with a quiet voice which you won’t be able to hear unless you turn off all the electronic devices and go to a quiet place and pray and listen for the voice of Jesus our Good Shepherd. His is the voice we are to follow in order to find the Kingdom of Heaven. The Holy Spirit will put a message in your heart and you will know that you have found a great treasure, a pearl of great value. Take comfort in praying to Jesus our savior as he leads us to the Kingdom of Heaven. It is only in God that our souls will find rest.

Thanks be to God,
Lloyd Lapierre

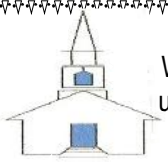
**The kingdom of heaven
is like a treasure hidden.**

Matthew 13:44



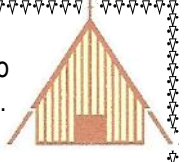
Intercessions for Life

For all those nearing death:
That their faith will grow ever stronger,
as they prepare in hope
to share eternal life with Christ;
We pray to the Lord:



Mission Statement for The Catholic Community of St. Stephen - St. Patrick

We are a Roman Catholic Community of faith, welcoming the strength found in diversity. We are committed to using our time, talent, and treasure in proclaiming the Kingdom of God through prayer, fellowship, and service. We experience our unity at the Eucharistic Table of the Lord, and our direction from the Word of God.



If you know of parishioners that have not been able to come to Mass because they are ill, hospitalized or homebound, please let the Parish Office know so our Hospitality Groups can provide contact with them through visits and cards, or any spiritual needs such as communion, and perhaps they would like to receive a copy of our bulletin.



If you know someone that is ill, facing surgery, or some other kind of difficulty, and needs our prayers, please call Dottie Angel at 656-9230 or Pat Canfield at 849-6978. They will lead the Prayer Chain we have at The CC of St. Stephen-St. Patrick Church. Supporting each other with the Power of Prayer is the best medicine. If you are not on our Prayer Chain and would like to be, please call our Parish Office, 692-3911.



Our bulletin & OLPH's can be viewed online at www.ccsssp.com



Our face book page: www.facebook.com/ccsssp

Parish Council

Chairperson - John Mihalko
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Parish Business/Office Manager-Mary Wied **Bulletin Deadline:** Tuesday, Noon - Phone, Mail or Email, ststephenstpat@syrdio.org

Daily Mass Schedule & Intentions

Today, July 26

8:30AM Whitney Point...for **Wayne "Woodie" Wood**...by Terry Preston
for **Elsie Zelsnack**...by Elsie Poyer

10:30 AM Marathon...for **Marge Carroll**...by John Carroll

12:00 PM OLPH... **Communion Service**

Tuesday, July 28

8:30 AM Whitney Point...for **The People of our Parish**

Sunday, Aug. 02

8:30 AM Whitney Point...for **Joe V. & Helen Smith**...by MM Smith
for **Eileen Peters**...by Virginia Simmons

10:30 AM Marathon...for **Gary Kriger**...by Audrey Caughey

Please check website, face book and answering machine if there will be a Communion Service at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church this Sunday or any other changes.



Readings for the Week of July 26 through August 2, 2020:

Today: 1 Kgs 3:5,7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10,16-21; Jn 11:19-27



Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16,24; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Is 55:1-3; Rom 8:35,37-39; Mt 14:13-21

WP Ecumenical Food Pantry: M-Th & Sat, 10am-Noon, **No Evenings**. Closed Fridays, Holidays, & when school is closed for inclement weather. **Food Pantry Chairperson:** Roger Calice **August's Pantry Need:** Spaghetti Sauce
Clothing Bank: Closed. **Mobile Food Pantry:** Currently cancelled coming to our Whitney Point Church parking lot.



**SERVING
THIS
WEEK**



Whitney Point

Lector: John Mihalko
Next Sunday: Jason Somers
Eucharistic Ministers: Peg Orzel, Margaret Fabrocino
Next Sunday: Emily Jordan, Ingrid Wennerod

Marathon

Lector: Brandon Tyrrell
Next Sunday: Linda Caminiti
Linda Caminiti, Chris Brandstadt
Kathy Cusick, Karen Standish

Copies of NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULES are in the sacristies of our churches. If you would like to be on the ministry schedule and have received training or would like to receive training, please contact Justin VanTassel at jvantassel@gmail.com or 607-343-9577.

This Week In Our Parish

Sunday, July 26th

8:30am Mass at Whitney Point Church

10:30am Mass at Marathon Church

12:00pm Communion Service at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

Tuesday, July 28th

8:30am Mass at Whitney Point Church

Thursday, July 30th

7:00pm - Adoration - Whitney Point Church

Sunday, August 2nd

8:30am Mass at Whitney Point Church

10:30am Mass at Marathon Church

→ Check website, facebook

& answering machine for any changes



Whole Community Catechesis Readings and Questions for Discussion

Reading 1 - 1 Kings 3:5,7-12

Solomon pleases God when he asks for a wise and understanding heart to better govern the people.

Reading 2 - Romans 8:28-30

God chose us to be conformed to the image of his Son.

Gospel - Matthew 13:44-52

(shorter form: Matthew 13:44-46)

Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of Heaven.

Adults: What would you be willing to "sell," or do without, in order to achieve your dreams for yourself or your family?

Children: What good thing do you want so much that you would give up something else to get it?



Congratulations to John Mihalko for his acceptance into the Deacon Formation Program.

Please keep John and Cathy in

your prayers during the journey that lies before them.

It will be a profound and enlightening experience of growth in knowledge, wisdom and spirituality all culminating in the unique qualities of a permanent deacon ready to serve God, the Church and its people.

Vocation View: "Ask and you shall receive. Seek and you shall find.

Knock and it will be opened to you." Ask in prayer to know your vocation!

Seek and find ways to serve! Knock on the doors of those who can help guide you!

Do you think God may be offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Fr. Jason Hage at 315-470-1468 or write vocations@syrdio.org.

Formation for Ministry/Deacon Formation Virtual Information Session, Wed., August 5, 6:30-7:30 pm. Are you or is someone you know thinking about Formation for Ministry or discerning a call to the Diaconate? The Offices of Formation for Ministry and Deacon Formation are offering a virtual information session Wednesday, August 5, at 6:30 pm. The session will include an overview of the two-year Formation for Ministry program leading to commissioning as a lay ecclesial minister and an overview of the process for becoming a deacon. Time for questions will also be included.

Formation for Ministry is a prerequisite for becoming a deacon.

Register at: formationforministrysyd.org or call 315-470-1491.

DID YOU KNOW?

The third pillar of our Church's Social Teaching is the concept of Subsidiarity

Many Catholics probably have not heard of subsidiarity and some that have misunderstood it. Worse, some that think they understand it misuse it to fit their political agenda.

The Catechism defines subsidiarity as the principle that "a community of a higher order should not interfere in the internal life of a community of a lower order, depriving the latter of its functions, but rather should support it in case of need and help to coordinate its activity with the activities of the rest of society, always with a view to the common good." (CCC 1883) The definition is actually a good one. It is succinct and complete as much as one sentence definitions can be. But what does this mean?

All of the church's social doctrine flows from the recognition that every human person has a life and dignity that society must respect, protect and foster. Being social creatures, that is done through community, starting with the family. From the family outward, we develop groups, associations, relationships and institutions that make it possible to achieve social growth and to function as a civil society.

Eventually, larger or "higher" orders develop, usually in the form of governmental jurisdictions, but sometimes powerful businesses and economic structures can develop. The principle of subsidiarity tells us that these higher orders should not interfere with what the "lower" order can achieve. Depriving these more local orders of their ability to function and make decisions can be a grave injustice.

Subsidiarity, however, is not mere local control. In fact, the word comes from the Latin "subsidium," meaning to provide aid. So, the principle of subsidiarity is really about the duty of the higher order to provide assistance to the lower order when appropriate. One example is when the lower order cannot provide a necessary function, such as defense, or has failed to protect the rights of persons and the common good, such as civil rights.

Subsidiarity also teaches us about how orders can function. Higher orders, for example, often have the power of the purse. Governments, therefore, can help fund addiction treatment while people and faith-based organizations can provide the actual treatment. The state government can fund education while parents and schools provide the actual education.

Subsidiarity, therefore, is not "make local and leave alone." It is "presume local and assist when needed through appropriate means."

Subsidiarity shows up in a variety of public policy questions. It is an example of how Catholic social doctrine touches upon issues besides those normally identified as "Catholic issues," like abortion and religious freedom.

This week, let's pray for each other that our eyes and hearts may be open so that we can do our part on the local level to promote justice for all and work for the common good.

Based on the first social encyclical, Rerum Novarum, written in 1891 and explained in the documents of the Diocese of Bismarck in 2019.