

JULY 9, 2023

Come to Me,
All you who Labor
And are Heavy Laden,
And I will give you REST.

Matthew 11:28

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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MASS 1ST SATURDAY OF
EACH MONTH 7:00PM

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EACH MONTH 6:30PM

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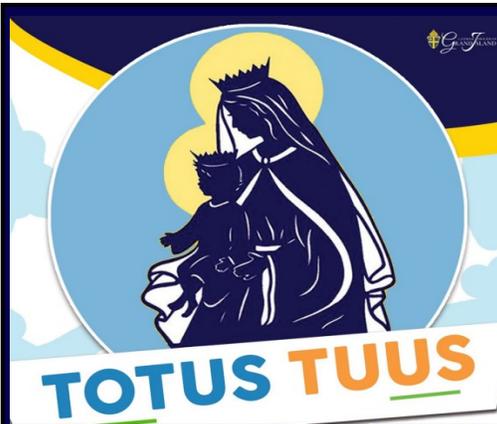
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REGISTER TODAY!

Link: <https://form.jotform.com/230224586350148>

9-12th Grade Students (2023/24)
Recent Graduates Welcome
July 23-27 6:00-8:15pm
Evening meal provided

1st-8th Grade Students (2023/24)
July 24-28 9:00am-3:00pm
Bring sack lunch

Volunteers Needed!



St. Paul - Dianne Rice: 308-571-0039
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Elba - Betty Poss: 308-750-0512

Pray without ceasing 1 Thessalonian 5:17

NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 9, 2023

Infants and young children place unwavering trust in older people. They have no knowledge of the searing heat of a hot stove, the dangerous waters of a pond, or the pain of falling from a height. These youngsters seem to naturally know that they can depend on parents and older brothers and sisters to keep them safe. This feeling of safety is like the training wheels on a two-wheeled bike along with the reassuring hand of some we trust on the seat when we begin the first steps of learning to ride.

However, as we grow up, the adults in our lives cease to protect us from all of life's bumps and upsets. We learn that mom and dad will not always be there to protect us when we put ourselves in risky situations. No longer do others focus on specifically meeting our desires. We discover we now have to wait our turn, to share, and to play nice. This adaptation from an egocentric existence to more real-to-life circumstances often is a struggle when we encounter that not everyone thinks of us as a special child. It may be the first encounters of interacting with other children at school who don't play fair or the grumpy next door neighbor who yells to get off the grass every time the ball land in his or her yard. We discover that our parents cannot protect us from every negative experience. We recognize that no one can completely insulate us from the challenges that life presents. The parental words that once provided comfort in our younger years no longer seem as meaningful. It is like when we have had the training wheels taken off the bike and must experience many crashes before we can confidently pedal alone.

As we grow and gain confidence, however, we presume the ability to control the direction of our lives. We no longer listen to the wise guidance of our elders as once we did. We think we can proudly ride down the street without hands on the handlebars forgetting that we need guidance to prevent a fall. We believe that we know our course in life and fearlessly believe we can take bigger and bigger risks without injury. However, we begin to discern the reality of life through the punishing experiences of trial and error. We do learn our limitations often accompanied with significant physical and emotional pain. We discover we are not indestructible and realize that no one can be trusted to keep us from harm, not even ourselves, (although we would never willingly reveal this to anyone).

This mistrust, unfortunately, carries over to a lack of faith in the Lord, which of course is a false interpretation. The human nature of people leads us to be unable to trust others completely. Personal concerns and needs prevent each one of us from being completely faithful to those we love, while God never wavers in His desire or His ability to protect us. The fear of personal safety may become a barrier preventing us being willing to step forward in a moment of disaster, even for those we most trust. Contrast this inherent desire for personal safety to that of Jesus, who willingly gave up His life for each one of us knowing full well the suffering that He would encounter. Nowhere else can we find the certainty of trust as we experience in the Lord. He does not have to weigh His personal needs to that of His children. In God, there is only the simple, pure, and true love which comes with no qualifications.

Jesus teaches us that to truly experience God we must have above all trust. This trust is similar to what we once experienced as a child, to inherently know that God is always present to keep us from the dangers of sin. We need to trust in our loving Father by listening and following his directions of what faith, hope, and love will bring to those who believe in the salvation of God. Faith is trusting that what God reveals to us is true. Hope is trusting that what He promises will come about for each of us. Love is trusting that what He asks us to do is what we do without question because He asks. If we put our trust in God, and not in ourselves, we will find God.

*Trust in the Lord for through His love
you will touch the lives of others.*



DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	7/10	No Daily Mass
Tuesday	7/11	8:30 am Mass (SPP) † William & Regina Svoboda By Shirley Svoboda, End of Abortion
Wednesday	7/12	8:30 am Mass (SPP) † LaFern Mudloff By Family, † Jim Leonard By CCW
Thursday	7/13	8:30 am Mass (SPP) † John McIntyre By Jerry & Carol, † Leo Stenka By Marie Troupe
Friday	7/14	9:00 am (Brookfield) † Jackie Synowski By Grandma CJ & Family, Souls of the Faithful Departed
Saturday	7/15	5:00 pm Mass (SPP) † LaFern Mudloff By Bill & Jan Sack † Steve Welch By Buzz Welch (Mom) 6:30 pm Mass (SJ) People of the Parishes
Sunday	7/16	8:00 am Mass (SPP) † Irene & Jake Beasley By Elaine Nowak 10:00 am Mass (SPP) † Leo Stenka By Jane Kasson

MINISTRY SCHEDULE JULY 15TH & 16TH

SACRISTANS

Saturday - 5pm: Michael Happ/ Julie Baquet

Sunday - 8am: Mike Pittman / Ken Vincik

Sunday - 10am: Russ Kosmicki / Deacon Neil Baquet

GREETERS

Sat - 5pm: Volunteers

Sun - 8am: Volunteers

Sun - 10am: Chris & Terry Townsend

LECTOR

Sat - 5pm: Volunteer

Sun - 8am: Al Wemhoff

Sun - 10am: Linda Kezeor

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat - 5pm: Volunteers

Sun - 8am: Beth Svoboda/ Volunteers

Sun - 10am: Chris Townsend/ Volunteers

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat - 5pm: Volunteers

Sun - 8am: Volunteers

Sun - 10am: Volunteers



Continue learning & growing in faith by attending Mass, reading the Bible, & helping others.

Morning prayer this week...

“Good and loving God, we come to you as people who are sometimes — or often burdened. Give us the strength and courage to live Jesus’ call, no matter how difficult that may be. Help us to encourage one another, so that we may all belong to the One in whose name we pray. Amen.” (NATIONAL CATHOLIC REPORTER)

DREs ~ Becky Knox 308-571-0430 & Judi Baker 308-750-8418



AT STS. PETER & PAUL JULY 23-28 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you can be a host family for the Totus Tuus Team (this year is 2 sets of 2 college age girls), provide snacks, &/or be a helper during any day of the week please register as a volunteer on this link- <https://form.jotform.com/230224586350148>, you can also access the link on our Parish website, on the Totus Tuus screen. We are happy to have high school student helpers during the day too! **Recent graduates Welcome to attend & help also!** Please call the Parish office with any questions &/or if need assistance getting registered.

YOU CAN HELP GOD CHANGE LIVES

Join our Religious Education Team! Prayerfully consider being a Catechist or Helper! Let’s discuss the possibilities!

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Tri-Parish Pre-Baptismal Class *this Sunday*

for Parents wishing to get their child Baptized.

Sunday, July 9, 11am - 12pm Parish Life Center

- Next Class will be Sunday, October 9th, 2023.



Sign up to help at a MASS!

Schedule chart is on table in the Church gathering area.

Annual Province Meeting ~ Monday, July 17

Province of Omaha Council of Catholic Women 8:15am-3pm

Blessed Sacrament Church - 518 W State Street, Grand Island

Speaker: Father Allan Phan (Sacred Heart Church, Crete, NE)

Pre-registration required by July 13. Kay Wessel 402-817-8842

CCW - Ladies, Thank you to all that contributed to the GCA Days Bake Sale!



NO SUMMER MEETINGS STEAK FEED - JULY 8

Thank you to the Knights that make the annual GCA Steak Feed fundraiser possible.



THANK YOU!

May God Bless all those that work to keep our Churches clean & operating! May we all know your names.



PARISH FUNDRAISER

FOOD STAND

JULY 15-19

10:30AM-10PM

SIGN UP FOR A DATE/TIME

EVERYONE’S HELP IS NEEDED!

Mass at Our Lady Mount Carmel in Paplin July 16, 10:30am

11:30-1 Potluck/Silent Auction All are Welcome!

THEOLOGY ON TAP

JULY 26, 7PM

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Free Lunch Tuesdays & Thursdays

11:30am-12:30pm at SPP Life Center

Now until July 27 All children are

invited, Contact: Deanna Bauer 308-750-7926

BEAUTY IN OUR CHURCHES MATTERS. *Beauty Matters* BY RON W. SACK

Check out this article by St. Paul native, Ron Sack, in the July/August issue of West Nebraska Catholic magazine.

“As a child, I always knew it was God who called upon artists, designers, architects, and musicians to elevate the level of His houses of worship. There is much inspiration and beauty in the liturgy and that inspiration and beauty must also be reflected in the designs of our churches as well.” (full article on pages 6-7)

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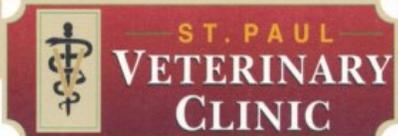
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Bishop Hanefeldt has shared a thoughtful message on **Real Freedom**. "The occasion of Independence Day tomorrow is a timely opportunity to consider our own personal courage and resilience in what we believe and hold dear." <https://gidiocese.org/diocesan-email-sign-up> and click: **Real Freedom**

2022-23 DIOCESAN APPEAL	SPP	SA	SJ
Parish Goal	\$28,245	\$3,362	\$1,568
Total Raised	\$18,400	\$2,590	\$252
Donor Goal	90	14	8
# of Donors	78	13	3

LORD'S PORTION	WEEK AT A GLANCE			
	July	Monday 10	Tuesday 11	Wednesday 12
Sts. Peter and Paul General Fund - \$4,530.00 Parish Center - \$155.00		NO Daily Mass <i>Busy Time Women's Holy Hour 7pm SPP</i>	Daily Mass 8:30am SPP	Daily Mass 8:30am SPP Please submit BULLETIN items via <i>e-mail</i> or call the church office by Noon on Wednesday
St. Anthony General Fund - \$1,338.00		Thursday 13 Daily Mass 8:30am SPP	Friday 14 Daily Mass 9:00am (Brookfield)	Saturday 15 Reconciliation 4:30pm SPP Mass 5:00pm SPP Mass 6:30pm SJ
St. Joseph General Fund - \$.00				