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Our Lady of Fatima Church
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August 20, 2017
The Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Daily Mass
9:00 a.m. Tuesday thru Friday
First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 8:00 a.m.
Saturday Mass
5:30 p.m. at Holy Family, McGregor
Sunday Mass
8:45 a.m. at Holy Family, McGregor
11:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Fatima, McGrath

Mass Intentions:
Aug 21 (Mon) 9:00 a.m. For Peter Barta by K & S Kern
Aug 22 (Tues) No Mass
Aug 23 (Wed) No Mass
Aug 24 (Thurs) No Mass
Aug 25 (Fri) No Mass
Aug 26 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. For Parishioners
Aug 27 (Sun) 8:45 a.m. For parish members who moved by J. Baron
Aug 27 (Sun) 11:30 a.m.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact Parish Office.
For evening and weekend emergencies, contact Fr. K.K. at (218) 260-2487.

Baptism: Arrangements must be made in advance allowing time for instruction prior to baptism.

Reconciliation: 30 minutes before every scheduled weekend Mass or by appointment

Wedding: Contact Father K.K. at least six months prior to the wedding for availability and requirements.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults): Interested in becoming Catholic? Please contact the Parish Office.

Parish Registration: Many people attend Mass faithfully at Holy Family and/or Our Lady of Fatima and consider themselves as members but have never formally registered. Please complete a registration form and return it at your convenience. Single young people out of school are requested to register as adult members. Forms are located in the narthex.

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Pastor
Fr. Kuriakose Nediakala, MCBS
Deacon
Deacon Mike Barta
Secretary
Steffanie Sanford
Hours: Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:00-3:00
Bookkeeper
Genevieve "Skye" Fiedler
Corporate Board
John Bajda
Kevin Kern
Pastoral Council
David Engdahl (OLF)
Sue Kern
Barbara Marquardsen
Darlene Morin (OLF)
Margaret Pavlik
Shirley Scollard
Finance Council
John Bajda (Trustee)
Kevin Kern (Trustee)
Alan Brevitz (OLF)
Mike Jackson
Bill Pavlik
Religious Education
Julie Barta (H.S.)
Ramona Hooper (Elementary)
Housekeeping
Carolyn Wielinski
CCW
Margaret Pavlik (Pres & Secretary)
Shirley Scollard (Treasurer)
Tabernacle votive light (Holy Family) No special intention received
Tabernacle votive light (Our Lady) No special intention received
Quiet Moments Statue (Holy Family) No special intention received
Sacred Heart Statue (Holy Family) No special intention received

For healing by F. Forder
For Amy Hennes by C. Peterson
Reflecting on the Word

I remember what "breaking news" it was when the Hatfields and McCosys, longtime bitter enemies, reconciled. It was also "breaking news" when we learned that Pope Francis would meet with Patriarch Kirill of the Russian Orthodox Church after a thousand-year split. Who are the bitter and age-old enemies that would surprise you if they finally met and began a journey to reconciliation? That is the power of the meeting between the Canaanite woman and Jesus. We hear his resistance: "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel... it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." How would you respond if you were called a dog, whether directly or indirectly? But the woman's faith leads her to persist respectfully, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Jesus is moved by her great faith and her daughter is healed.

Isaiah tells us that God's holy mountain is a house of prayer for all people. That includes even that "so-and-so who done me dirt," as my Aunt Sophia would say. God cannot be hemmed in by our littleness and our limitations. We pray in Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II: "By your Spirit you move human hearts that enemies may speak to each other again, adversaries join hands, and peoples seek to meet together." Just as it took a while for Jesus to be moved by the Canaanite woman, meeting and reconciling take time. But the "breaking news" is that such meeting and reconciliation is possible, for "God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all" (Romans 11:32).

Before departing for warmer climates, consider donating a Poinsettia or Lily in honor of loved ones. See the display in the narthex on how to help with this year's Christmas and Easter arrangements. Please donate ten dollars per Poinsettia or Easter Lily and include your winter mailing address, so we may thank you. Contact the parish office or Connie at 952-200-5503 with questions.

Wild Rice Days Silent Auction

All Proceeds go to Religious Education for the Children of Holy Family

Please help Catholic United Financial with their annual Silent Auction for the children of Holy Family. They are in need of wrapped baskets, new items or financial donations to help attain their goal of $1,900.00. CUF will donate $1,000.00 to Holy Family's religious education program if we meet our goal. Our gratitude.

Wild Rice Days CCW Raffle

Please take one or more packets of raffle tickets to sell. Your completed raffle tickets may be mailed to Holy Family, or placed in an envelope marked CCW and dropped in the collection basket. Make checks payable to CCW. We will also sell tickets after Mass Saturday and Sunday in the Narthex. This is Holy Family CCW's one big fundraiser and your help is greatly needed. Thank you.
Upcoming Events

August 22-25
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary
9:00-10:00 a.m. at Holy Family

Alzheimer’s disease is not a normal part of aging.
The Alzheimer’s Association Presents:
Learning the Basics of Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer’s
Thursday, August 24th from 11:30-1:30 at United Methodist Church in McGregor
RSVP ANGELS at 218-768-2762/$4.00 donation includes lunch
If you or someone you know is affected by Alzheimer’s this program will help you understand the facts.
It provides information on detection, causes, risk factors, stages of the disease, treatment and more.

September
1 Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 8:00 a.m.
2 Catholic United Financial: It is time to prepare for the Wild Rice Days Silent Auction. Please prepare a wrapped basket and leave it in the social hall. We also accept new items.

How to Obtain a Plenary Indulgence during Fatima’s Centennial Year
A plenary indulgence is “a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven... which a Christian can receive under certain conditions.”

There are three ways to obtain the plenary indulgence after also meeting the ordinary conditions for an indulgence which include: going to confession, receiving Communion, perfect detachment from sin and praying for the intentions of the pope.
1. Make a pilgrimage to the shrine in Fatima, Portugal.
2. Pray before a statue of Our Lady of Fatima.

Faithful need visit with devotion a statue of Our Lady of Fatima exposed for public veneration in any church on the days of the anniversary of the apparitions: the 13th of May, June, July, August, September and October. There they must devoutly participate in a celebration or prayer in honor of the Virgin Mary, pray the Our Father, recite the Creed and invoke Our Lady of Fatima.

3. The elderly and infirm.
If age or illness make it impossible to get around, faithful may pray in front of a statue of Our Lady of Fatima and spiritually unite themselves with the celebrations on the 13th from May - October. They must also offer to merciful God with confidence, through Mary, their prayers and sufferings or the sacrifices they make in their own lives.

The dates to receive a plenary indulgence are as follows:

May 13th
June 13th
July 13th
August 13th
September 13th
October 13th

Parishioners wishing to gain a plenary indulgence by visiting Our Lady of Fatima in McGrath may contact Fr. KK or the parish office to make arrangements.
Saint of the Week

St. Augustine of Hippo - Feast Date August 28th

This famous son of St. Monica was born in Africa and spent many years of his life in wicked living and in false beliefs. He was one of the most intelligent men who ever lived and was brought up a Christian. Yet, his sins of impurity and pride darkened his mind so much that he could not see or understand the Divine Truth anymore.

Through the prayers of his holy mother and the marvelous preaching of St. Ambrose, Augustine finally became convinced that Christianity was the one true religion. Full of bitter sorrow, Augustine flung himself out into the garden and cried out to God, "How long, O Lord? Why does not this hour put an end to my sins?"

Just then he heard a child singing, "Take up and read!" Thinking that God intended him to hear those words, he picked up the book of the Letters of St. Paul, and read the first passage his gaze fell on. It was just what Augustine needed, for in it, St. Paul says to put away all impurity and to live in imitation of Jesus. From then on, Augustine began a new life.

Job Opening - Part Time Maintenance Position at Holy Family

If you are interested in this position, please contact the parish office between 3:00-9:00 Wednesday-Friday.

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