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Catholic Church

June 17, 2018

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

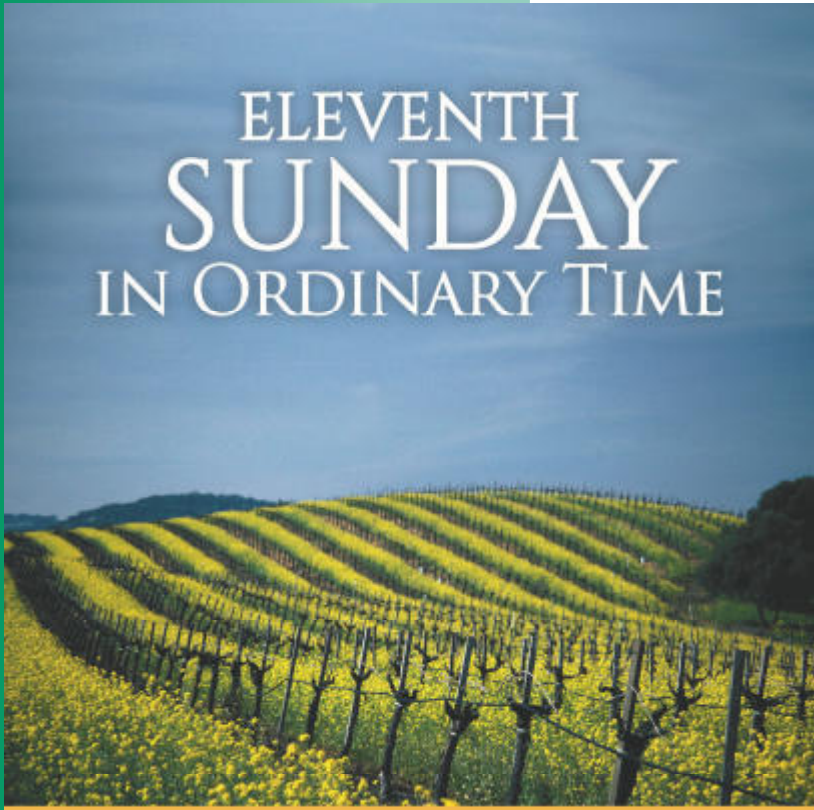
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Stewardship
is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God's gifts and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor.

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants." - Mk 4:30-32b

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**God our Father,
in your wisdom and love
you make all things.
Bless these men,
that they may be strengthened
as Christian fathers.
Let the example of their
faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we,
their sons and daughters,
may honor them always
With a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Mass Schedule
Tuesday - Saturday
8:00 am
Saturday Vigil
5:00 pm
Sunday
8:00 am & 10:30 am

Confessions
Tuesday - Friday
7:30 - 7:45 am
Saturday
4:00 - 4:45 pm
or by appointment

The Parish Mission Statement
St. James Parish is a Eucharistic family, guided by our Catholic faith and working through a love of God and others, cultivating disciples of Jesus Christ through Hospitality, Prayer, Formation and Service.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, June 18	No Mass	
Tuesday, June 19	8:00 am	†Susan Halaney by James & Geri Watson
Wednesday, June 20	8:00 am	†Dee McFaddin by Joe & Deb Vittitow
Thursday, June 21	8:00 am	†Glenn Demel by Robert Reid
Friday, June 22	8:00 am	Diocesan Catholic Deaf Community by Dibs Willis
Saturday, June 23	8:00 am	†Fred Zipprich by Vincent & Marie Martin
	5:00 pm	†Art Call by James McClure
Sunday, June 24	8:00 am	People of St. James
	10:30 am	Grandchildren of Kathi Martinez

Stewardship: "Who Are You Following?"

Acts of stewardship are not unlike the seeds scattered in today's reading from Mark. The farmer scattered seeds and left them to sprout and grow until the time of harvest. Similarly, when we give of ourselves, we allow God to take those "seeds" and cultivate them into a most abundant harvest! In both cases, the process is hidden and mysterious. It is not for us to understand, but it is for us to willingly participate. Additionally, the parable of the mustard seed reminds us that God can take even the smallest acts and turn them into something marvelous. Therefore, be watchful and aware for those opportunities to cooperate with God's plan. Pray that God will reveal them to you!

VIRTUS Training Class

The best way to protect our children and our Church is for adults to learn red flag behaviors and to report concerns to supervisors. All adult volunteers who work with youth at school or the ice cream social are required to attend the VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children training, before beginning their work. We encourage you to sign up for a VIRTUS session. Visit www.virtus.org and click on the "First-Time Registrant" button to view the schedule and register for a session. Coming session at St. James will be **Tuesday, June 19 @ 6:00 pm**, in the church classroom. If you have questions, call the church office @ 775-2155.



Ice Cream Social Chairpersons Meeting

A very informative meeting will be held on **Sunday, June 24 @ 5:00pm** in the church classroom for all chairpersons. At this time you will also receive your list of workers for your particular booth. Please come to support and help make this the best Ice Cream Social! Thank you

Augusta Community Caring Center

St. James is responsible for the Community Caring Center the week of June 25.

- Monday, June 25 - 4:00-6:00 pm
- Wednesday, June 27 - 1:00-4:00 pm
- Friday, June 29 - 1:00-4:00 pm

If you are able to work, call Angie @ 775-3067 or the church office

Thank You

Thank you for everyone who donated blood or helped at the Red Cross Blood Drive last week. Our Community of giving blood had a goal of 48/58, and we collected a total of 37 whole blood and 10 power red pints, which can impact up to 141 lives.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration hours

The hidden treasure... is Jesus himself, the Kingdom in person. In the Sacred Host, he is present, the true treasure, always waiting for us.... (Pope Benedict XVI)
Please consider committing to one of these Adoration hours which currently has no one scheduled. Call Kathi Martinez @ 734-8050 / 775-2155

- Sunday: 4:00 am
- Tuesday: 12 midnight
- Friday: 7:00 pm
- Saturday: 5:00 pm

Weekly Stewardship

Number of Families 483

Stewardship: May

Actual Receipts	\$56,460.68
Actual Expenses	-\$60,731.56
Tithing 10% to Diocese	-\$5,646.06
	-\$ 9,916.94

Year to Date

Actual Receipts	\$721,628.83
Actual Expenses	-\$700,041.86
Tithing 10% to Diocese	-\$72,162.83
	-\$50,575.86



Meetings & Events

Sunday (6-17)

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Tuesday (6-19)

6:00 pm VIRTUS Training Class

Wednesday (6-20)

7:30 pm Knights of Columbus

Thursday (6-21)

2:30 pm St Vincent de Paul cooking

Friday (6-22)

5:00 pm Our Lady of Sorrows Rosary

Sunday (6-24)

5:00 pm Ice Cream Social Chairmen Mtg

Mowing Church grounds: June 21 - June 23

Elmer Simon, Robert Reid,
Jeff Goering, Dan Biehler,
Josh Ebenkamp, James Glowaski

Calvary Cemetery mowing:
Every Wednesday @ 6:00 pm



St. Gertrude Guild #7 to clean Church for the weekend of June 23/24.

Guild Leaders:

Roberta French @ 833-6268

Guild Leader needed-call church office

*Altar Servers***Monday, June 18**

No Mass

Tuesday, June 19 8:00 am

Gabe Kant, John Kant

Wednesday, June 20 8:00 am

Ambrose Pennycuff, Sam Pennycuff

Thursday, June 21 8:00 am

Jacob Reavis, Nathan Ebenkamp

Friday, June 22 8:00 am

Sam Pennycuff, Ambrose Pennycuff

Saturday, June 23 8:00 am

Joe Kappelmann, Gabe Kappelmann

5:00 pm

Alex Brundege, Emily Brundege

Alex Jehner, Alicen Hughes

Sunday, June 24 8:00 am

Caleb Husselman, Tenley Berning,

Talen Berning, Devon Stamback

10:30 am

Daniel Doell, Kolbe Mosier,

Kateri Mosier, Gabe Kohls

*Liturgy Assignments***Saturday, June 23 5:00 pm****Hospitality:** Alan Schneider,
Connie Tillett, Ken & Linda Williams**Lector:** Jayson Schwinn**Host:** Liana Torkelson,
Faye Danler, Theresa Spellman**Sunday, June 24 8:00 am****Hospitality:** Deb Vittitow, Dan Allen,
Mark Troilo, Gary Weber,
Brian Martin, Cindy Sheets**Lector:** Don Gerstenkorn**Host:** Jennifer Husselman-R1,
Susan Defore, Vickie Knebler-R3**10:30 am****Hospitality:** Pat Perkins,
Steve & Joan Reichardt**Lector:** Mary Rubeck**Host:** Deann Korte,
Pat Braden, Henry Ratcliff**Precious Blood:** Joan Reichardt,
Barb Ratcliff, Dennis & Penny Mosier**REMEMBER**

If you are not able to serve your scheduled time, please find a substitute.

**Farewell for now**

Last weekend as I preached at the 5:00 pm and 8:00 am Masses, it was clear to me that the Word of God was preparing us to say Farewell for now. In our time together but more importantly from the beginning of the parish we have known the significance of building a foundation of faith as the Body of Christ and in the structure of the building of St. James. Before a wall is built or a roof covers the structure, the foundation must be set firmly in place. A firm foundation requires an immense amount of work and preparation. If the foundation is built on shifting or unstable ground, the building will ultimately fail – it is just a matter of time.

In a very real sense, Jesus has challenged us as disciples to pay attention to the foundation that supports our daily life here at St. James. In the Gospel, Jesus rightly notes that a spiritual house built upon a shaky foundation is bound to fail. A house built on such a foundation will collapse against itself.

To some even building a house upon the foundation of Jesus may seem like utter insanity. Why would we wish to do such a thing? After all, a strong and secure life requires that we have the best of everything. Some say that an even better and more successful life is one in which we have achieved every measure of success that is possible, so that people admire or envy us, so that we have power and influence that we can wield in order to determine our own destiny. This is the most solid foundation upon which to build one's life – from the world's perspective.

Jesus reminds us that if our lives are built only upon power, influence, prestige or achievement, they will ultimately come tumbling down. In the Gospel of Mark 3:20-35, from last Sunday, Jesus gives us a clue about what leads to true satisfaction. As he speaks to his disciples, he reminds us that the ultimate strength in our lives comes from a living and loving relationship with him and with the people of his Church.

If Jesus and the life to which he calls us become the central focus of our everyday living, then we live as members of his family – we are his brother and sisters. Like younger siblings, we have the opportunity to look up to Jesus, to emulate his ways of selfless life and love, to cooperate with his grace in order to bring peace and mercy more firmly into our world. What a joy that Jesus teaches us by word and example to live our lives with his life and love as both foundation and cornerstone.

I have learned personally that all of you, parishioners of St. James, are firm in your understanding of allowing Christ to be your firm foundation and the cornerstone of your lives. I want to thank you all for the life and love that you have shared with me in our work of living the life of Stewardship. In each of the four pillars of Stewardship; Formation, Service, Prayer, and Hospitality this parish has grown and will continue to grow as the Lord himself forms and shapes you to be more like him in everything that you do. Because of this I have grown to be a better person and priest by being with you these past eleven years. Let us continue to pray for one another and beg the Lord to shower upon us his mercy and love. St. James pray for us.

I would also like to thank the parish for assisting me in offering praise and thanks to the Lord for my 25th anniversary as a priest of God. Thanks to the many that worked so hard to make the day a beautiful celebration. A special thank you to all for the cards, gifts and warm wishes of faith that were offered to me, I love you all.

Father Michael Schemm





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