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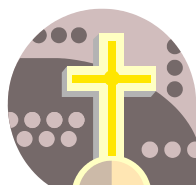
+Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time+

Scripture Insights Paul explains that he was given a thorn in the flesh so that he “might not become too elated” over the abundance of his visions and divine revelations. The phrase “become elated” could also be “become conceited” or “start lording it over others.” Christ specifically condemns lording any merit over others, urging his followers instead to become servants to one another (see Mt 20:25-28; Lk 22:24-27). Paul perceives that, paradoxically, his weaknesses allow the power of Christ to dwell in him and work through him.

The Gospel offers more thoughts on power, in a different key. The people of Jesus’ hometown struggle to believe that the carpenter’s son, who grew up as a normal boy in their midst, whose family was well known to them, can speak with such wisdom and perform such powerful deeds. Because of their lack of faith, Jesus is not able to do many powerful deeds. Because of their lack of faith, Jesus is not able to do many powerful acts among them. He can only heal a few sick people who must have overcome their skepticism to trust their former neighbor. These acts portray power working not so much through weakness as through the familiar and the mundane (a small town carpenter) and point to the counterintuitive way that power works in the kingdom.

Like the people of Nazareth, the people of Israel in Ezekiel’s day were offered the chance to turn away from God’s offer of salvation or to be forgiven and healed. The prophet Ezekiel, having caught a glimpse of God’s glory, has fallen flat on his face. The spirit lifts him to his feet to receive his message for Israel: they are hard-hearted rebels, but they still have the chance to heed God’s words rather than to resist—to turn and be healed—if only they will call on God to have pity on them, as in the responsorial psalm.

Mass Schedule: July 8 - July 14, 2024



Tues. July 9	8:00 am	(V) Barbara Stockwell+
Wed. July 10	8:30 am	(M) Rick Ringler+
Thurs. July 11	8:00 am	(V) Geraldine Campbell+
Fri. July 12	8:30am	(M) Bob Deimerly+
Sat. July 13	8:00 am	(V) People of the Parish
Sat. July 13	4:00 pm	(M) Joyce Watson+
Sun. July 14	8:00 am	(M) People of the Parish
Sun. July 14	10:00 am	(V) Dixie Wentland+

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS.....

Vivian Kalambaheti
Rose Refer
Larry Bricker
Doris Kurth
Shirley Blomme
Jennifer Russell & Fam

Gale & Bev Wood
Marvin & Shirlee Lynn
Kyle McWilliams
Jim McGrory
Bonnie Barker
Lori Asberry

Joanna Green
John & Darla Doud
Collette Seda
Julian Boudonck
Chris Jahlas
Michael Green

Rev. Philip Ryan
Ruth DeMeulenaere
Janice Campbell
Verabeth Bricker
Ed & Joan Doran

St. Bridget Catholic Church

Altar Servers: The Ministers of God's Altar

4:00 PM Sat July 13 Mass in Marengo
10:00 AM Sun July 14 Weisskopf Kids

Lectors: The Ministers of God's Word

4:00 PM Sat July 13 Mass in Marengo
10:00 AM Sun July 14 Duke Wilgenbusch

Funeral Committee: July Deb Michalek (319-521-4363)
Cathy Verdeck (319-721-0832)

Money Counters: July 14 Chuck & Kathy Baetsle, Duke & Susan Wilgenbusch

Financial Overview : Our tithing and stewardship for God and Church. If you wish to receive envelopes, please contact 647-2294. Thank you to all who support our parish.

Envelopes:\$705.00

Offertory:\$175.00

Weekly Online Giving:\$405.00

Misc Envelopes:\$70.00

- Catholic Messenger Subscriptions– Please pay for your Catholic Messenger Subscription. It is \$30.00 for a year. The church is billed for this expense.
This year we owe:\$ 2,296.00 We have collected:\$1,272.00

Come to me, all who
labor and are
burdened and I will
refresh you, says
the Lord.

Happy Birthday!
July 11– Carey Hasley

Happy Anniversary!
July 9– Dick & Barb DeNeve– 8 years
July 13– Mike & Diane Wentland– 56 years

Announcements

- **A & R Meeting**– The next A & R meeting will be on Tuesday, July 9 after the 8am Mass. Please try to attend.
 - **KC MEETING**– The next meeting will be on Tues. July 9 at 7pm at the KC Hall.
 - **Vacation Bible School**– Marengo Parish is offering VBS for children PreK-6th grade. It will be held Aug 6 from 4-7pm at the St. Patrick parish center. This is free to attend, but please register your kid(s) with Angie Carney at 319-560-8476.
 - **Need Teachers**– We are in need of two teachers for this upcoming year, for 3rd/4th grade. If you are interested in teaching this Fall, please call Evan at 319-721-6000.
 - **FOUND PICTURE**– There is a picture of Fr. Hoening with a little boy at his First Communion. We found the picture in the Sacristy and have been trying to identify the boy, so that we can give the picture to the family. Father was here from 1979-1990. Please take a look and see if you recognize him, the picture is behind the glass case in the Vestibule. Thanks.
 - **Cemetery Donations**– Please consider giving a donation to the cemetery fund. The mowing is expensive and there is not a lot of money in this account. Thank you in advance!
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- **Domestic Violence**– Silence does not help the ones we love find hope or safety. If someone you care about is being abused, call 319-351-1043 or 800-373-1043 www.dvpiowa.org
 - **Married Couples**: Would you like to relive the excitement, romance, and passion from your honeymoon? Rekindle that spark on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information call Denise and Greg at 563-920-9419 or sign up at wwme.org. Upcoming dates are Sept 27-29, 2024 in Dubuque and November 8-10 in Holstein, IA.
 - **Child Sexual Abuse**– Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline at 800-362-2178. If abuse involves clergy or church personnel, also notify Alicia Owens, Victim Assistance Coordinator at 563-349-5002

Taste and see that
the Lord is good;
blessed the man
who seeks refuge
in him.

Important Information for Both Parishes:

Nine Month Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe to be prayed each day until December 12th, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

O Virgin Mother of God, we fly to Thy protection and beg Thine intercession against the darkness and sin which every more envelop the world and menace the Church. Thy Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, gave Thee to us as our mother as He died on the Cross for our salvation. So too, in 1531, when darkness and sin beset us, He sent Thee, as Our Lady of Guadalupe, on Tepeyac to lead us to Him Who alone is our light and our salvation.

Through Thine apparitions on Tepeyac and Thine abiding presence with us on the miraculous mantle of Thy messenger, saint Juan Diego, millions of souls converted to faith in Thy Divine Son. Through this novena and our consecration to Thee, we humbly implore Thine intercession for our daily conversion of life to Him and the conversion of millions more who do not yet believe in Him. In our homes and in our nation, lead us to Him Who alone wins the victory over sin and darkness in us and in the world.

Unite our hearts to Thine Immaculate Heart so that they may find their true and lasting home in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Ever guide us along the pilgrimage of life to our eternal home with Him. So may our hearts, one with Thine, always trust in God's promise of salvation, in His never-failing mercy toward all who turn to Him with a humble and contrite heart. Through this novena and our consecration to Thee, O Virgin of Guadalupe, lead all souls in America and throughout the world to Thy Divine Son in Whose name we pray. **Amen.**

His Eminence Leo Cardinal Burke

- Website:** stpatrick-stbridget.org please look at it, get up to date information and your bulletins!
- Office Hours:** The **St. Bridget office** will be open most afternoons. Any questions please, call Linda Gensley @ 319-647-2294 or call Father at the rectory @ 319-647-2220. **St. Patrick Office** hours vary. Any questions, please call Julie Howe at 319-361-7393 or the office at 319-642-5438 and leave a message.
- Confessions:** There will be confessions heard before all Masses at the parish where Mass is held.
- Marriages:** Please arrange with Fr. Lemaster at least six months in advance. Engaged Encounter or Pre-Cana is required.
- Baptisms:** There is a preparation class required in order to have your child baptized. Please contact Father Lemaster for more information 319-647-2220.
- Newcomers:** You may register in **St. Bridget Parish** by calling the office at 319-647-2294. To register at **St. Patrick Parish**, please pick up a registration form from the book rack at the entrance of the church and return to the office or by calling 319-642-5438.
- Hall Rental:** Anyone interested in renting out **St. Bridget hall** please leave a message at 647-2294. The fee is \$100. To rent **St. Patrick parish center** please call the office at 319-642-5438. The fee is \$150 for parishioners plus \$200 deposit (returned if cleaned and no damages). Non-parishioners and Commercial rates are also available. For rental of either parish hall the lessee must fill out our parish agreement and check on the availability of dates. Proof of insurance required.