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ST. ELIZABETH

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CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Fr. Rand Langhorst
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 choir, miscellaneous)

Mass Times: Saturday 5:00pm,
 Sunday 10:00am, Weekdays & Holy
 Days as posted in bulletin

Confession: Saturdays 4:00pm-
 4:35pm, Sundays 9:00am-9:35am
 Offered any time by appointment.
 Half hour before Friday Masses
 for 15 minutes

Baptism
 Contact priest to set up
 appointment and or instruction
 before any date is set.

Matrimony
 Contact priest first before date is
 set and at least 6 months prior.

Classes and retreat required.
Anointing of the Sick
 Contact priest or parish office.
 Education: CCD, Sundays 11:15am-
 12:30pm.

Interested in becoming Catholic?
 Contact office or pastor for more
 information.

*All bulletin news due at noon the
 Wednesday before the Sunday it is
 to appear. Email rectory-
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June 30, 2024: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
<i>Monday 7/1</i>	8:00am	Names in Book of Memories & Blessings
<i>Tuesday 7/2</i>	7:00am	Angela Weber
<i>Wednesday 7/3</i>	5:30pm	Jacques & Annie Daniel & family
<i>Thursday 7/4</i>	7:00am	Jim Safford
<i>Friday 7/5</i>	5:30 pm	Gail Spindler
<i>Saturday 7/6</i>	8:00am 5:00pm	+Sylvia Prather Missa pro populo
<i>Sunday 7/7</i>	10:00am	Poor Souls

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS July 6-7, 2024: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector/Reader	Loren Baxa	John Bode
Acolyte	Phil Heimann	Michael Krondak
Server	Elijah Heimann	William Krondak
	Volunteer Needed	Alex Krondak
Music	Monica Mordja	Choir
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Volunteer Needed	Dave Beran
Rosary		

Stewardship: June 23, 2024: Adult \$3,056, Peter's Pence- \$320

Beginning this week, the Tuesday weekday Mass will begin at 7:00am.

The church doors will be locked on the 4th of July after Mass—please use the code to get in if needed.

Attention all Parishioners! Our Parish's Knights of Columbus 12530 Fr. McGivney Council, invites all Parishioners to celebrate the 25th anniversary of our founding. Please join us Thursday, July 25 for Mass at 5:30pm, followed by a potluck meal in the Hall. The Council will provide a taco bar and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert.

Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph—Our Blessed Mother and the Carmelite Sisters invite all to an evening pilgrimage to their Chapel at 9300 West Agnew Road in Valparaiso, Nebraska, and to participate in their annual Solemn Preached Novena, July 8-15th. Mass each evening is at 7 PM, except Sunday, which is at 9:30 am. On July 16th, the feast of Mount Carmel, the 5:30 pm Mass will be offered by Archbishop Gullickson.

Three old ladies are sitting around a table playing bridge and bragging about their sons. “My Freddie,” said Margaret, “Everyone should be so lucky to have a son like my Freddie. Once a week he brings me a huge bouquet of flowers, he’s constantly bringing me out to restaurants to eat, if I so much as hint that I want something the next morning it’s on my doorstep.” “That’s very nice about your Freddie”, says Gertrude. “But with all due respect, when I think about the way my Sammy takes care of me, it just can’t compare. Every morning as soon as I wake up he greets me with bacon and freshly brewed coffee. Every lunch he comes over and cooks me a gourmet lunch, and every supper he brings me to his house for supper, he truly treats me like a queen.” “WELL!” Says Barbara “I don’t want to make any of you feel bad or anything, but wait until you hear about my Harry, twice a week he pays someone \$200 an hour just so he can lie on their couch and talk to them, and who do you think he speaks about at those prices? Asks Barbara with a big excited double chin smile, “I’ll tell you who he speaks about! ALL HE SPEAKS ABOUT IS ME!”

When we enter the body of the church, we dip our fingers in the holy Water and make the sign of the cross. The holy water reminds us of our baptism and our need for repentance as we enter into the house of God. We bless ourselves with the sign of the cross in honor of the Holy Trinity, mentioning their names and accepting Jesus as our Lord and Savior who saved us by his cross. Then we genuflect, (kneel down on the right knee), and bow our heads, or, if we are unable to kneel and rise again, to remain standing and bow deeply, adoring the real presence of Jesus in the tabernacle, before moving into the pew. Once in the pew, we close our eyes and thank God for bringing us to His temple to participate in the Eucharistic celebration.

The Knights of Columbus Meeting will be at 7 pm on July 8 in the Parish Hall. Please remember to bring your KC card to identify yourself as a standing member.

The Daughters of Charity Meeting will be Sunday, July 14 after Mass.

The Knights of Columbus monthly free will breakfast will be Sunday, July 14 from 8:30 am-11:30 am in the Parish Hall.

The Peter's Pence Collection is your opportunity to join Catholics from around the world in assisting the Holy Father's emergency relief efforts to aid victim of war and natural disasters. Please be generous as your means allow.

Striking or beating the breast with the hand, and bowed head, an ancient sign of sorrow and penitence, survives as a liturgical gesture in the Mass. The gesture of beating the breast is carried out during the recitation the *Confiteor*: “I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, And, striking our breasts, we say: “through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;” Then we continue: “therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.” Striking the breast at the words “*through my own fault.*” expresses our repentance physically, in body language.

A Feast on the Fourth of July: On the fourth of July, most Americans have their minds on picnics, fireworks, and other ways of celebrating American independence. But on the calendar of the universal Church, the day has a different meaning, and it's one worth recalling. July 4 is also the memorial of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, an Italian man beatified in 1990 by Pope John Paul II. He was born in 1901, into a rich and influential Italian family. His father was the owner and editor of one of Italy's most important newspapers, La Stampa. He also served periods as a senator and as Italy's ambassador to Germany. His parents had little interest in religion or in fostering any kind of faith in Pier Giorgio and his sister. Somehow, by the working of grace, he managed from a young age to develop a faith and an attitude toward life that was very different from the environment in which he was being raised. Though his family was rich and blind to the struggles of poverty, he became interested in caring for the poor. Despite his parents' indifference to religion, even as a child, he found himself on fire with faith and love for God. At the age of 7, he was invited by his parish priest to receive Communion on a daily basis, something that was very rare at the time. As a teenager and into his 20's, he began to actively serve the poor in and around Turin. He joined the St. Vincent de Paul Society. He made visits to slums, hospitals, homes for the elderly, and jails. He took food from his family's well-stocked kitchen and distributed it to many hungry families. His parents responded to this mainly with irritation. They were initially opposed to his daily reception of Communion, and his mother once asked the parish priest to encourage Pier Giorgio to spend less time saying rosaries. Pier Giorgio's sister has written that when he was 17, "at home, everyone wished he was different." It was during Pier Giorgio's late teens that his father was appointed to be ambassador to Germany, so the entire family moved to Berlin. During this time, he got to know the young Karl Rahner, just a few years his senior, who was just about to join the Jesuit order. Rahner went on to become one of the most significant Catholic theologians of the twentieth

century, known particularly for his work as a theological expert at the Second Vatican Council. One might wonder whether a young man of Pier Giorgio's faith ever considered the priesthood. In fact, he did. He ultimately rejected the idea, though, because he wanted direct and personal contact with people, especially with the poor whom he felt particularly called to help, and he believed that being a priest would get in the way of that. Pier Giorgio's promising life, however, was cut short when he died suddenly in 1925, at the age of 24, from polio. But his death provided a remarkable moment of evidence for the holy life he had been leading. As word spread around Turin that Pier Giorgio had died, crowds of people, mostly the poor and the sick whom he had spent so much of his time helping, began to gather at the Frassati home, where his body lay. They asked permission to enter, and soon a line of mourners, all of them strangers to his parents, began filing into the house, wanting only to touch his body. They lined the street, too, when his body was transferred from the home, and crowded into the church as his funeral was celebrated. His parents could only watch in awe at this testimony to the service he had been doing almost under their noses, but of which they had barely been aware. Since his beatification, devotion to this young prophet of charity and justice has grown quickly. Frassati Societies, groups intended to help Catholic young people grow in faith and witness to it in their lives, have popped up in Catholic parishes, high schools, and college campuses. Pier Giorgio takes his place among a unique group of holy men and women who seem to have had the grace to encounter Christ in a particularly intense and literal way through the poor. Mother Teresa of Calcutta and Dorothy Day are two other examples of such an experience. On one occasion, one of Pier Giorgio's friends asked him how he could walk into the homes of so many poor people, when there was so often such an unpleasant smell inside. Pier Giorgio said that approaching the poor was approaching Christ. "Around the poor I see a special light, one that we do not have," he said. Pier Giorgio's apostolic life and prayer life was fueled by an

intense love of the Eucharist. He made frequent visits to the Blessed Sacrament when he was able, and these visits sometimes lasted entire nights. He wrote in a letter to a friend of being “consumed with eucharistic fire” that brought a happiness that nothing else in the world could offer. Pier Giorgio was an enthusiastic outdoorsman, so much so that he has sometimes been proposed as a patron of the environment and environmentalism as well. He went on bicycle rides — up to 50 miles long! — and mountain climbing trips with friends. But his love with the outdoors was not just about the beauty of nature. He wrote once in a letter to a friend that he enjoyed the mountain climbing expeditions because they were an opportunity for “contemplating the Creator’s greatness in that pure air.” As we celebrate Pier Giorgio’s feast on July 4 along with celebrating our Independence Day, it’s a great opportunity to become better acquainted with this remarkable witness of faith, justice, and love. (excerpts from article by Barry Michaels)

Books are being sold that contain the stories that Holy Spirit parishioners have delivered monthly from the pulpit. In addition other parishioners have written stories, as well as people who have relocated from the parish. Children from McDaid have drawn pictures and written about their belief in the Eucharist. Part 11 tells about saints who were especially fond of the Holy Eucharist. There is a section about Communicants who have received Jesus Early in Their Lives and Some Who Have Received Jesus Late in Life. Father Sagar has written a beautiful foreword in the book. We are needing to get a number to the printers of those who want to purchase a book/books. The books are \$15.00. please call Kelsey, the Holy Spirit parish secretary at 308-534-6623 and she will take your information to order. Deadline: orders due by 5:00pm July 3, 2024.

Cursillo upcoming events July School of Leaders: Saturday, July 13, 2024, 9 am, St Mary Parish, Aurora, in person and virtual via Zoom (meeting ID: 629-734-5912). July Ultreya – July 14, 2024, North Platte, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 1:30

pm CT. 34th National Encounter - July 25-28, 2024, Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY. Fall 2024 Region VI Encounter - September 27-29, 2024, Kansas City, KS. De Colores!

St. Pat’s High School is hosting an American Red Cross blood drive on July 22, 2024! Donating at this drive will help hospital patients in need, while also helping establish a scholarship fund to benefit our students as they move on to higher education. Make an appointment today by calling or texting Cara at 308-289-9146, downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App or by using sponsor code “stpatirish” on RedCrossBlood.org. Those who come give blood in July will receive a Fandango Movie Ticket by email to see TWISTERS on us! PLUS, automatically be entered for a chance to win a 2025 Ram 1500 Big Horn®! See terms: rcblood.org/Twisters

The Catholic Daughters of America 1549 Court of Our Lady of Fatima next meeting is Monday, July 1st, 6pm at St Patrick's Spiritual Life Center. Please join us for an Ice Cream Social & BINGO following the meeting.

The Bishops Speak: In their statement “Catholics in Political Life” (June 2004), the United States bishops said the following: “We need to continue to teach clearly and help other Catholic leaders to teach clearly on our unequivocal commitment to the legal protection of human life from the moment of conception until natural death. Our teaching on human life and dignity should be reflected in our parishes and our educational, health care and human service ministries. “We need to do more to persuade all people that human life is precious and human dignity must be defended. This requires more effective dialogue and engagement with all public officials, especially Catholic public officials. We welcome conversation initiated by political leaders themselves.”

Prayer Requests: ill-Mary Koenig, Ken Bjornstad, Dave Pinkerton, Gail Staehr, Margaret Scheideler, Diane Zeleny, Andrew Winter +Gene Johnston +Fr. Ferdinand Boehme +David Moss +Adonna Sis +Tyler Behm