

AUGUST 14, 2022
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, MILLHOUSEN, IN

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Sacrament of **Anointing** is available upon request. Please call the parish office to schedule.

Sacrament of **Reconciliation** is available on Sundays, after Mass.

Sacrament of **Baptism** is scheduled by appointment. Please call the parish office for sacramental preparation.

Sacrament of **Marriage** requires at least six months of preparation. Please call the parish office prior to setting your wedding date.

Rosary – Monday 10:30 am:

Weekday Mass & Holy Hour – Thursday Evening – Holy Hour 5:00 pm; Mass 6:00 pm

Bulletin information is due by Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

Office is closed on Mondays

Sunday Mass – 9:00 AM

Mass Intentions:

August 14 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Dennis Schwering

August 21 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – Nell Ann Pfeifer

August 28 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Jerry Jacobs

Liturgical Ministers: August 21st

August 28th

Cross Bearer: Trevor Stone

Oliver Hamilton

Servers: Andrew Stier, Mary Stier

Campbell Johannigman,

Brooklyn Ortman

Ushers: Mark Stier, Tim Hoeing, Dave Stone Bill & Nikki Johannigman

Lector: Mary Jo Wenning Nikki Johannigman

Offertory Bread: Cindy Hermes, Kate Bedel Kristen Stier

Musicians: Womens Choir Mens Choir

Eucharistic Minister: Mark Stier Norbert Hoeing

Counters: Josh Hornberger, Randy Huff Steve AmRhein, Kate Bedel

Stewardship of Treasure : Our Sunday Collection:

Needed Each Weekend to Meet Budget: \$2000

Sunday Envelopes: 1550.00

Cash & Loose checks 961.00

Total 2511.00

Remember in Prayer: Jennie (Schutte) Patrick, Becky Ogle, Stephanie Harrison, Alvin Pfeifer, Benji Ortman, Dennis DiGiusto, Rylie Bennet, Amy Hermes, Drew Holzbauer, and Jane (Johannigman) Faulconer.

Ruth Atchley, sister of Jeannie Harrison, passed away Monday Aug. 8th. Arrangements are at Bass & Gasper funeral home. Please remember her and her family in prayer.

In Addition, please remember all those who grieve.

Dates to Remember:

Auction is over for another year!!!!!! Thanks to one and all for all the great work have done to make successful!!!!

Religious Education: Last day for Registration

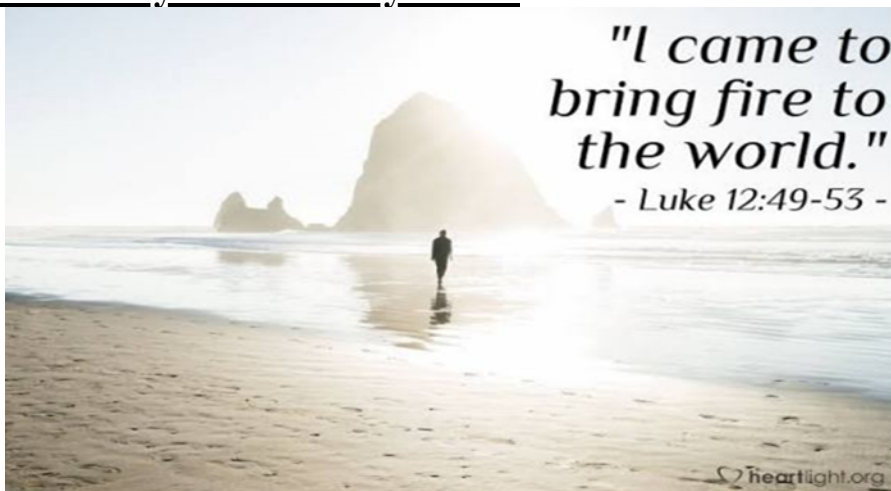
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Help Wanted:

Can you spare a few hours each week (morning or afternoon) to spend at the parish office?

We are currently looking for volunteers for Monday and Friday. The initial goal is just to create a presence at the Church, answer the phone and meet people who may come to the office. Later it may include some secretarial duties. If you can help in this ministry, please contact Father Binu at the phone number or email address listed above and leave a message.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time.



Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law." (Lk; 12/51ff)

There is no passage in the Gospel that sounds as shocking as the above one. The words sound strange on Jesus's lips and we find difficult to take it literally.

We know that if there is something that stands clearly in the gospel, it is the fact that Jesus came into the world to bring what man needed most: PEACE. **Peace between man and God**, by reconciling man with God; **Peace among humanity** by truly making them all God's children, brothers and sisters of one another; **Peace within in the heart** of each one, by making forgiveness of sin available to anyone ready to accept the gift.

Jesus obtained the precious gift of peace for man at a very high price; at the cost of his own blood. “In him we have redemption through **his blood**, the forgiveness of sins. (Eph. 1/7)

The prophets had announced the Messiah as man of Peace: Isaiah gives him the title “Prince of Peace” (Is. 9/6) while the prophet Micah foretold that he himself would be our peace in his own person: “He will be our Peace” (Mi. 5/5)

The picture of Jesus which emerges from the Gospels corresponds to that of a Messenger of Peace which the prophets had spoken of him.

Right at the birth the angel announced him to the shepherds singing “Peace on earth to men whom God loves.” Lk. 2/14 In the sermon on the mount, Jesus proclaims that God will recognize as his own children those who sow peace around, all the peace-makers; they shall be called God’s Children (Mt 5/9) Jesus wanted his disciples to be like himself, messengers of peace wherever they went: In whatever house you enter, let your first words be “peace to this house”. (Lk.10/5)

His gift to his apostles as he was about to start his passion was peace. “Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. (Jn 14/27) Finally, on rising from the dead, Jesus hastened to communicate his gift of peace to his apostles repeating his wish twice as if to stress its preciousness “Peace be with you” (Jn 20/ 20-21)

So, the picture which we draw from the scripture of Jesus as man of Peace, sowing the seeds of peace. Then what was meant by “not peace.... but division.”

It is not Jesus who brings division among people; when Christ comes along, he comes offering forgiveness, salvation, peace and love to everyone. But not everyone accepts his gifts, and those who reject them, turn, not only against Christ but also against those who have chosen to side with Christ, since their Christian life becomes a rebuke to their sinful life.

Hence the division about which Jesus speak in today’s even within the family: a husband may turn against his wife for having chosen Christ, parents may turn against children and vice versa; it is not Christ who brings the division; he only brings love and salvation, but those who side against him by refusing to be saved.

So, it clear that Jesus came into the world to destroy sin and offer salvation. Each and every person that comes into the world has to make a choice, either to accept or reject Christ’s love and salvation which he offers and there is no neutrality. May Christ the King of peace strengthen us in our endeavor to be his disciples and become a channel of Peace.

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