June 24, 2018

Holy Family Church

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BAPTISM: Baptisms are generally scheduled on Sunday. Parents must attend a class held on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. WEDDINGS: Arrangements should be made six

months In advance by calling for an appointment with a priest or deacon.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confession/Penance - Saturday 4-5 P.M. SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Upon Request - Please call Fr. Murray if you are planning on having any surgery and he will be happy to anoint you.

Holy Family Church Welcomes Everyone

No matter what your present status is in the Catholic Church; no matter your family or marital status; no matter where you are in the practice of faith; no matter what your self image may be; you are invited, welcomed and loved at Holy Family Church.

DEACONS:

TRUSTEES:



Sunday	June 24, 2018THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST
9:00	Angelika Capone by Augie and Family
11:00	Markus Arthur Gentile by His Parents
11.00	Dustin and Melissa
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Monday	June 25, 2018Weekday
9:00	Ken and June Hartz by Sam and Joyce
9.00	Surace
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Tuesday	June 26, 2018Weekday
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10:00	Frances McGowan and Deceased Members
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	Frances McGowan (at the Summit)
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	Doctor of the Church
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Our Parish Nurses will be taking the summer off starting in July. They will be back the first Sunday in October to take your blood pressure. Have a safe and fun-filled summer!

<u>RECTORY OFFICE HOURS</u> – Monday, 12:30PM-

4:00PM; Tuesday–Thursday, 9:00AM-4:00PM, closed for lunch noon-12:30PM; Friday, 9:00AM-1:00PM.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS The next class will be Monday, July 9th, at 7PM in McGivney Hall. Please call the Rectory at 315-782-2468 during business hours to sign up if you are planning on attending **this required class**. Thank you.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday: June 24th 10:00AM Coffee Hour (Gathering Area) 1:30PM The St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity of the 3rd Order of Secular Franciscans Meeting (McCarthy Hall) Monday: June 25th 9:30AM Holy Hour for Vocations (Church) **Tuesday: June 26th** 9:30AM Holy Hour for Vocations (Church) 10:00AM Mass (Samaritan Summit Village) 5:30PM-7:00PM Impact High School Group (Greystone Bldg.) Wednesday: June 27th 9:30AM Holy Hour for Vocations (Church) 10:00AM Legion of Mary (McGivney Hall) Thursday: June 28th 9:30AM Holy Hour for Vocations (Church)

Friday: June 29th 9:30AM Holy Hour for Vocations (Church)

INQUIRY If you are interested in the Catholic Faith or know of someone who is, please contact our R.C.I.A. Director Kathy Allan at 315-785-8576 for an appointment.

<u>The Nativity of St. John The Baptist</u> – June 24, 2018

John leapt with joy in his mother's womb in the presence of Jesus. Are you called to the special joy of total dedication to Jesus? If you are considering a vocation as a priest or a religious, talk to Fr. Steven Murray at 315-782-2468 or Fr. Doug Lucia at 315-386-2543/ <u>dlucia@rcdony.org</u> or Cathy Russell, the Diocesan Vocation Coordinator at 315-393-2920, ext. 1450/<u>crussell@rcdony.org</u>. See us also on Facebook or at <u>www.myvocation.net</u>.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE JUNE 30th & JULY 1st

- 5:15 Daniel McCullouch
- 9:00 Jack and Samuel Charlebois, Bennett Pistner
- **11:00** Samantha Booth, Keely and McKenna Cooney **5:15**

ACTIVITIES AHEAD IN OUR PARISH Come join us for Monday, July And ends on From: 9:00am - Noon Grades: K For more info: call 315-782-6750 or 315-782-2468 **OUR PARISH SCHOOL NEWS** ENROLL NOW WITH IHC! WHY WAIT? • K-12 & St. John Bosco Preschool Program! • Free busing in local area & Fort Drum for K-12! • Scholarships & Tuition Assistance Available! • 100% Graduation Rate & 95% College Attendance! • Middle States Accreditation · Small class sizes to boost academic achievement • Weekly Art, Music, and Physical Education Programs! VISIT WWW.IHCSCHOOL.ORG OR CALL 315-788-4670 TO SCHEDULE A VISIT!

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Wisdom	1: 13-15; 2: 23-24
Psalm	30: 2, 4-6, 11-13
2 Corinthians	8: 7, 9, 13-15
Mark	5: 21-43 or
	5: 21-24, 35b-43

Because of sin. sickness, and death have entered the world (1), but are overcome through the resurrection of Jesus. He hears the cry of those in need (Ps), healing the sick and raising the dead to life (3). He made himself poor that we might become rich (2).

ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OUR PARISH

44TH ANNUAL ST. JAMES FAIR will be June 28th through June 30th. State Street in Carthage. Thursday and Friday the hours are 6:00PM-10:00PM and on Saturday the grounds open up at noon-10:00PM. Come and enjoy rides, games of chance and raffle, food, drink, entertainment and much more. You won't want to miss this family event!

FAMILY GUGGENHEIM: "Family - Become What You Are!" It's time to register for Family Guggenheim. Bring your family to the most meaningful weekend of the year! Hike, swim, pray, play...be. Visit https:// www.rcdony.org/familylife/family-guggenheim.html to register.

Contact Deacon Henry and Dayna Leader for information at 315-323-0827 or dleader@rcdonv.org Three sessions to choose from. Session 1: August 16 - August 19, 2018 Session 2: August 23 - August 26, 2018 Session 3: October 5 - October 7, 2018

CHANGE OF DATE FOR FUNDRAISER to benefit Watertown Catechetical Board's Special Religious Education Program: Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes with Barcelona August 18-August 27, 2019. There will be a trip presentation on Tuesday, August 28th, 2018, 6PM in the Knights of Columbus room at St. Anthony's School. For more information or for a brochure, contact: S.S.A.S Travel LLC or Mike & Cathy Deline at (315) 788-4791

PARISH NURSE'S NOTES

School is out or will be out soon and your Parish Nurses have a few summer outdoor tips to share:

- 1. Never swim alone.
- 2. Limit outside activities between 10AM and 2PM when the sun is the strongest.
- 3. If you are watching children of any age in a pool, lake, river or pond, do not use your cell phone, text or read while "on duty".
- 4. If you live in a tick infested area, always check yourself, children and pets when coming in, & then shower.

"In peace, I will both lie down and sleep, for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety."

Psalm 4:8

PRESENCE

The Mystery of the Eucharist On FORMED Please do not forget to check this out on our website.



John Bernard Ard David Caulkins **Richard Boulton**

Note From the Pope,

POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis started a new catechesis series on the Ten Commandments. In it, he especially focused on youth, saying "the universal desire, felt especially by young people, to live a full and authentic existence and not to settle for a life of bland mediocrity."

He explains that through the commandments and the call to something "greater," one is able to store up treasure in Heaven.

Thus, the pope explained that "the Lord wishes to give us that something greater, the treasure of life in abundance. In coming weeks, we will reflect on how the Law finds its fulfilment in the new life of grace."

SUMMARY OF PAPAL CATECHESIS

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today we begin a new series of catecheses dealing with the commandments. In the Gospel passage we heard earlier, a young man asks Jesus: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?". His question expresses the universal desire, felt especially by young people, to live a full and authentic existence and not to settle for a life of bland mediocrity.

Jesus first tells the young man to follow the commandments, but then points beyond them to something "greater", something that is still lacking. He invites the young man, who has obeyed the commandments from childhood, to sell what he has, give to the poor and follow him, promising that in this way he will have "treasure in heaven" (Mk 10:21). Here we see the meaning of Jesus' saying that he came, "not to abolish the Law but to fulfil it".

The Lord wishes to give us that something greater, the treasure of life in abundance. In coming weeks, we will reflect on how the Law finds its fulfilment in the new life of grace. In the Ten Commandments, read in the light of Christ, we will find a door through which we can follow Jesus to the fullness of life: his own life and our life as God's children.

Upon all of you, and your families, I invoke the joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. God bless you!



If you would like information on the Knights of Columbus or information on joining the Watertown Council No. 259, go to the following web link <u>www.KofC.org/JoinUs</u>.

OUR TITHING PARISH ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This Year	\$	8,074.00
Last Year	\$	7,527.25
Youth	\$	23.00
Thank you for your o	conti	nued generosity.

Note From the Pastor,

It's Our Church, It's Our Future is the theme for the Diocesan wide Capital Campaign. Because 75% of the money raised stays here in our parish and only 25% goes to the Diocese, it is really our campaign more than the Diocese's.

Early responses to the campaign have been very positive here at Holy Family. Before "Commitment Weekend" began we had more than \$100,000 pledged from 22 households. If you did not commit last weekend, I hope you are ready to commit this weekend.

If you have any lingering questions concerning the campaign, please contact me. Allow me to assist you if you have any concerns. I can assume things are clear, however if they are not, I can't explain if I don't know what the questions are.

Fr. Steven Murray



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We Need Everyone to Participate!

Our parish continues to make progress as we work toward reaching our goal in the *It's Our Church, It's Our Future* Campaign. Families can demonstrate their support to the campaign by filling out a pledge card or pledge envelope.

Last weekend was Pledge Weekend. To the all families that made their commitment at Mass last weekend, we want to extend a special "Thank You!" for joining the families who were able to make their gift. Thank you for your support!

Please help us build on this success and reach of goal of **100% participation** by making your pledge today! It is only through prayer and sacrifice that we can make this campaign a success. Please make your gift soon to reduce the amount of follow-up contacts our volunteers will be making over the next few days.

Total Commitment	10% Initial Payment	48 Monthly Payments	Daily Sacrifice
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$937.50	\$30.82
\$25,000	\$2,500	\$468.75	\$15.41
\$20,000	\$2,000	\$375	\$12.33
\$15,000	\$1,500	\$281.25	\$9.25
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$187.50	\$6.16
\$5,000	\$500	\$93.75	\$3.08
\$4,000	\$400	\$75.00	\$2.47
\$3,000	\$300	\$56.25	\$1.85
\$2,400	\$240	\$45	\$1.48

Gift plans are based on a 10% initial payment, however, a down payment is not necessary to begin your pledge.
 Payment reminders will be mailed to you in accordance with your payment plan (monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annually)

• The Diocese also accepts gifts of stocks, IRA, direct debit and credit card payments.



Discovering **hope and joy** in the Catholic faith.

One Minute Meditations July 2018

Holy Family Church Rev. Steven M. Murray, Pastor

Forgive yourself first

Forgiveness can be a gift we easily offer to others but deny ourselves. Yet, learning to forgive ourselves is a critical ingredient in the ability to forgive others. Consider offering yourself the loving gift of forgiveness:

Release the emotion. A well-formed conscience feels guilt for sin. A mistake triggers sadness and regret. Holding on to these negative feelings makes them patterns that become part of who we are. Instead, attack the emotion associated with the transgression and release it. Go to

Confession, perform acts of kindness, make amends to change the way you

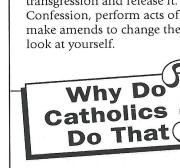
Clarify morals. The reason most of us feel ashamed of our wrongdoings is because they are out of line with our

> faith and morals. Fortunately, examining our actions can actually clue us into what we really feel is important. Bringing our actions in line with our beliefs is a positive outcome from transgressions. Growth makes forgiveness possible.

Give yourself a do over. Refusing to forgive ourselves means we are locked in the past. Instead, the goal is to learn from the experience to avoid repetition. To help, write down how you would act differently if you had the

chance to do it again. You will see the skills you have acquired as a result and be able to move on to a better future.

Why do Catholics pray?



We pray to bond with God, whether to praise him, to ask forgiveness for our sins, to thank him, or to ask him for help. Prayer is our connection to God, who created us and wants to have a relationship with us.

Our prayer is always a response to God's invitation: "Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #2560).

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP: Picnic Time! While we enjoy the beauties of Creation that surround us, why not choose reusable plates, cups, silverware or paper products instead of throwaway plastics for your summertime gatherings. Did you know studies show that more than 50% of plastics are disposed of after a single use? Caring for "our common home" can happen one simple purchase at a time!

Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati

Pier Giorgio was born in 1901, in Turin, Italy. From a young age, he had a

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deep love for

Eucharist and the Blessed Virgin and had a rich spiritual life. Pier used what resources he had to help the poor. He was devoted to serving the sick, caring for orphans and helping the servicemen returning from war. He studied engineering to better serve Christ among the miners, but died before completing his degree.

Discipleship

Disciples aren't just 12 men chosen by Christ long ago. A disciple is one who makes Christ the center of his or her life. "Make room therefore for Christ, and refuse entrance to all others. When you have Christ, you are rich and have need of (nothing) else." Thomas À Kempis

"Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted \bigwedge with more" (Luke 12:48)

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Use the Bible well

There's an old saying, "Bibles that are falling apart usually belong to people who aren't." Try these tips to get the most out of your reading:

Choose a Catholic version. The New American Bible is read during Mass but there are other Catholic translations. Most important is having an edition you enjoy that contains all the Catholic books. (Here is a list:

usccb.org/bible/approved-translations/index.cfm.)

Use the aids. The Bible contains customs and terms that are foreign to us. Read the introductions and footnotes for helpful explanations.

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This Gospel passage records the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes. The crowds following Jesus were hungry, so Jesus asked Philip where they could get enough food. Dismayed, Philip figured that two hundred days' wages still wouldn't buy enough food for them. Like Philip, we can face problems that seem too big for us and get dismayed.

The apostle Andrew was more industrious; he found a boy with five loaves of barley bread and two fish. The boy willingly offered to Jesus all he had, meager though it was. What a surprise



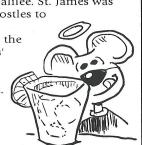
July 3 - St. Thomas (1st Century). Known as "doubting Thomas" for requesting proof of the Resurrection, he made a beautiful profession of faith when he received proof, "My Lord and My God" (John 20:28). Tradition says that Thomas evangelized the Parthians, Medes, and Persians, and ultimately reached India. He was martyred near Mylapore.

July 9 - St. Veronica Giuliani (1727). Born in Italy, in 1660, St. Veronica entered the Capuchin order as soon as she was old enough to marry. Soon after, she began receiving

visions of Christ's Passion and, by a special grace, received the marks of Christ's wounds on her body.

July 25 - St. James (1st Century). When Jesus called St. James and his brother, John, to become apostles, they left their father in a fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee. St. James was one of three apostles to

witness Jesus' transfiguration, the raising of Jairus' daughter, and the agony in Gethsemane. St. James was the first of the apostles to be martyred.



Focus on passages. The Bible will make more sense if you read the sections that are grouped together rather than

sentence by sentence.

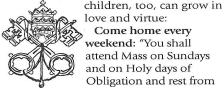
Mark it up. Underline and make notes in the margins as you read to make your book more useful.

Read aloud. The Bible began as an oral tradition. Hearing the passages read may help them become clearer.

Live it. What you read in the Bible will help you find strength to meet the challenges of life. Don't just read it. Live it.

What is \mathbf{O} expected 8 of Catholics?

Successful families have guidelines that help each member grow in love and virtue. Also a family, the Catholic Church recommends basic guidelines so that her



love and virtue: Come home every weekend: "You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on Holy days of Obligation and rest from

servile labor." God wants to see us - often! Take responsibility: "You shall confess your sins at least once a year." Since we are prone to sin, it's important to repair our relationship with Our Lord.

Proper nourishment: "You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season." In the Eucharist, Jesus nourishes us with his Body and Blood - at every Mass!

Make room for love: "You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church." Fasting helps us free our hearts for God's love.

Contribute to the family: "You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church." Whether we donate money, time or resources, our help matters (CCC #2042-2043).

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SUNDAY JUNE 24: THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST Solemnity Readings: Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

His name shall be John. In naming their newborn son, Elizabeth and Zechariah break with tradition of naming their child after a relative. Instead, in obedience to the message of the angel, they name him John. Names are important and all who are present realize that there is something different about this baby when Zechariah regains his speech. The people wonder about what will this child turn out to be? We know the story, that this child will be the herald of the messiah, the one who announces that the one coming after him, he is not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet. He will be the prophet of the most high. Do we take our faith for granted? Do we come Sunday after Sunday to mass and go through the motions? Or do we recognize the miracle each mass, and hear in the dismissal that we too are called to be heralds of the good news. The mass is ended, go and bring the good news to everyone you meet. Go and make disciples.



John 6:1-15;

Loaves and fishes.

when Jesus fed the five thousand "as

much...as they wanted." Even after

they'd had their fill of bread,

there were still twelve wicker

baskets left over. God can't

problems that appear

beyond our ability to

overwhelming. It's easy

give up hope. On our own,

to react like Philip and

be outdone in generosity.

Being faced with

solve can feel

we may not have much to offer. By

offering what we have to God, meager

though it may be, he can accomplish

amazing feats through us.