

Dear Visitation Family,

Shalom (Peace)!

This Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time with the message of TRUST is preceded by *the solemnities of the Sacred Heart of Jesus* (Friday after Corpus Christi) and *the Nativity of St. John the Baptist* (June 24) and is succeeded by the solemnity of the two principal patrons of the Church (June 29) *Saints Peter (the “Prince of the Apostles”)* and *Paul (the “Apostle of the Gentiles”)* which serve as perfect bookends to this week that is in the middle of *the Fortnight for Freedom*.

In recent days I have been saddened not only by the untimely death of some of my dear friends, but also by the horror stories that I read about some gruesome attacks on innocent Christians by some terrorist groups. One story said that in Iraq and Syria nearly 250 children, all under four years of age, were put in the dough mixer and kneaded to death. Another story was that the terrorists tortured a boy, while demanding that his father and two others renounce their Christian faith, before executing all four of them by crucifixion. Eight Christian women were publicly raped and beheaded. And the sad and horrible stories go on and on.

Today’s readings and the feasts of *Saints Thomas More, John Fischer, John the Baptist, Peter, Paul, The First Martyrs of the Roman Church, and Thomas the apostle* in recent days remind us that **the persecution of God’s faithful is an ongoing story. But so also is God’s faithfulness and fulfillment of His promise of salvation.** And hence, our hope and joy!

“**You have been saved by the grace of God in the person of Jesus Christ (Rom 5:12-15). Therefore, do not fear those who can take away your mortal life (Mt 10:26-33), for the Lord will protect and defend you (Jer 20:10-13 & Ps 69)**” is the message of today’s liturgy for every disciple of Christ growing in Faith and Service. Looking into the lives of prophets like Jeremiah in the first reading, or apostles like St. Paul in the second reading, or the God in human flesh, Jesus Himself, in the gospel, we who are called to SEE Jesus and BE Jesus are left with **only one option to live: TRUST God.** In the recently concluded 8 week Bible Study called “*A Quick Journey through the Bible*”, Jeff Cavins singled out the lack of trust as the reason for all the woes of Israel throughout salvation history. Trusting in God is the key to happiness and the only required qualification to be a true disciple of Christ.

**Trusting is especially necessary when we are faced with challenges and difficult choices. Trusting is not a passive verb, but it involves a personal and total commitment to accept and carry out God’s Will joyously and lovingly.** Here is Matthew Kelly’s thought for us: “*Why do we resist God? Because deep down we don’t trust Him. Why do we cast God and his ways aside? Because deep down we think that God is trying to limit our freedom. Pray this novena for Trust: “Loving Father, I come to you today to make myself 100 percent available to you. I lay everything I have and everything I am at your feet. Take what you want to take, and give what you want to give, Command me in all things. I will do whatever you ask me to do. Transform me and transform my life, so that I may become the-very-best-version-of-myself and lead others to you with my life and my love”* (Resisting Happiness page 176-177).

God bless and Mary protect you and yours!

Yours in Christ’s service,  
**Fr. Edwin Kagoo**

**THY WILL, LORD!**

## Announcements

*(Please submit bulletin announcements 2 weeks in advance of the expected publication date.)*

### DID YOU KNOW?

Every other year the diocese of Austin gives out an award called the LUMEN GENTIUM Award to lay people, one from each parish, in recognition of their good work in witnessing to Christ and in continuation of the mission of Christ to the world. The title of the award is taken from the second Vatican council which named one of its 16 documents with the same title, and also highlighted the importance and the necessity of the role of the laity in the life and the mission of the Church, through their daily witnessing to Christ and thus by their own holiness and service shine as the light for all people to see, just as the light on a lamp post or a city on the hill.

While so many of you through your selfless service and through the sanctity of your lives are worthy nominees for this award from the diocese, the bishop has asked that only one person be nominated from a parish. I am confident that all of you would join me in saying that JAMES KAHLIG is a worthy candidate to be nominated and recognized as the recipient of this award from the bishop for the year 2017 although James himself in his humility and simplicity would like to rightly shy away from any temporal recognition.

James is a good catholic layman with a strong faith and a joyful spirit of service. He is an exemplary husband, father and grandfather. He is involved in servant leadership roles in the various ministries and apostolates in the life and liturgy of the parish with a generous heart. He serves both the young and the aged in the communities locally and internationally to spread the joy of the gospel.

Please join me in thanking and congratulating James Kahlig for being the Lumen Gentium awardee for the year 2017.

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**FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM** is from June 21<sup>st</sup> through July 4<sup>th</sup>. Each year dioceses around the country arrange special events to highlight the importance of defending religious freedom. It started on the vigil of the feasts of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More, the two great saints who died as martyrs defending religious freedom, and ends on our Independence Day. In this time of polarization in our culture, we can contribute to a better understanding of religious freedom in a way that respects all people through Prayer, Reflection and Action each day.

**Peter’s Pence Collection next weekend** is to provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, disease and others in need of emergency assistance.

**Baptism Class** Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 9 am. Contact Eileen Lewis for more information.

**KC News: Fund Raising Raffle** - Tickets \$20 each or 6 for \$100. Sold today and next week after Mass. Drawing for the five prizes on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Don’t have to be present to win. All sold/unsold tickets should be given to Terry Frenzel or Mark Hoelscher by July 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Semi-Annual Breakfast and Blood Drive** will be July 9<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to the pancake and sausage breakfast. The Scott and White crew will be here to accept blood donations that morning. If you can, please sign up to donate - your precious gift could save a life!

***When was the last time you invited someone to be a priest or a religious? Do it today!***

**Calendar for Summer Vacation:** Please include daily Mass, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, regular confessions, Family Rosary, Scripture readings, and Works of Mercy as part of your daily activities during this summer. Remember, we need God at all times!

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<i>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>		<i>June 25, 2017</i>		
	<b>June 24<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Saturday, 6:00pm</i>	<b>June 25<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Sunday, 8:00am</i>	<b>July 1<sup>st</sup></b> <i>Saturday, 6:00pm</i>	<b>July 2<sup>nd</sup></b> <i>Sunday, 8:00am</i>
<b>Intentions</b>	+Erwin Kahlig +Gladys Kahlig Living & Deceased Members of the Gerhard Hoelscher Family Living & Deceased Members of the Joseph and Caroline Kahlig Family	<b>Parishioners</b>	+Lewis Hoelscher +Leonard Wilde +Charlotte Ann Thornton	<b>Parishioners</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Kolby Kosel Kelby Kosel Brenden Dorskocil Kasen Ordner	Nolan Kahlig Logan Kleypas Bryce Fikes Maddie Dach	Emma Hering, Preston Hering, Nate Hoelscher, Elizabeth Ordner	Adam Herwald, Mike Lewis, Helen Gausemeier, James Lorenz
<b>Lector</b>	Tammy Ryan	Tammie Frenzel	Tammy Ryan	Susan Neumann
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Paul Dorskocil Family	Jerry Loden Family	Walton Hering, Jr. Family	BA Ranly Family
<b>Ushers</b>	Paul Dorskocil & Randy Lorenz	Todd Dorskocil & Jeff Hering	Calvin Wilde & Craig Ordner	Johnny Polach & Charles Moeller
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Deacon	Deacon	Amanda Moeller	Walton Hering, Jr.
<b>Money Counters</b>		Chris & Peggy Hrabal and Georgia Ketterman		Louis & Jerlene Vrana and Horest & Bernice Weaver
<b>Rosary Leaders</b>	Mike & Sylvia Heise	Kay Rabroker & Jane Kahlig	Elmer & Geraldine Hoelscher	Johnnie Thornton & Gary Ketterman
<b>Vocations Cross Family</b>		Deacon Bill & Carol Smetana		Randy & Linda Lorenz
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	7/1 & 7/8	Doris Welch, Mandy Arney, Donna Reid, Cindy Hoelscher, Janet Wilde, Katie Wilde, Audra Palmer, Joycelyn Parker		
<b>Weekday Mass Intentions</b>	<b>June 27<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Tuesday, 8:00am</i> +Larry R. Hoelscher	<b>June 28<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Wednesday, 8:00am</i> +Alois Ketterman	<b>June 29<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Thursday, 8:00am</i> +Harold Ranly 60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv: A.T. & Doris Voltin	<b>June 30<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Friday, 8:00am</i> Special Intentions for Jean Burns

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Deacon Julian Tyboroski

Saturday Mass – 6:00pm  
Sunday Mass – 8:00am  
Reconciliation: Sat. 5:20pm - 5:50pm and Sun. 7:20am – 7:50am

## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 25, 2017

*Our Mission is:*  
**TO SEE JESUS & TO BE JESUS**  
*In life and liturgy In family and community*

**Sanctuary Candle** – in Memory of Donna Thornton, LeRoy Garvey, W.M. Entrop & Elizabeth Entrop

**Please pray for the sick & suffering:**

Jeff Bernsen, Carla Welch, Josie Kleypas, Dennis Fuchs, Beatrice Arnold, Steven Pletzke, Sr. Clemence Ribitzki, Pattie Pletzke, Mike Meyer, Kyla Frei, Bobby Bulls, Cathy Didner, Sr. Benedict Zimmerer, Don Drake, Al Buckholtz, Gene Kregger, Hudson John Halfmann, George Wright, Charles Ordner, Edwin Green, Craig Thornton, and Grace Hoelscher.

**Free Book** – Best known author, Matthew Kelly’s recent publication – **Resisting Happiness?** If you want a copy, please contact the parish office.

**“Life is short. Never waste a day.”**

**“Do not count your days,  
But make your days count”**

**Offerings:**

**June 18<sup>th</sup>** \$1,458.00  
**Children’s Collection** \$25.00