

Dear Visitation Family,

Shalom (Peace)!

Although we have entered into the second half of the calendar year, and are in the middle of a hot summer, it is important for us not to lose sight of our call and mission as Catholics, as well as the goal we set for ourselves this year as a parish family. The Scripture readings for this Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time of the Liturgical Year “A” help us to remember and refocus on the same.

As Christians, our call and mission is to be “**Growing Disciples OF Christ and to be Growing Disciples FOR Christ in Faith and Service**”. Our goal as a parish family this year is to “**SEE Jesus in Liturgy and Life & BE Jesus in Family and Community**”.

As we see **Jesus in the Liturgy today through the Scriptures**, we discover **God’s great love and care for every single faithful disciple of His**. In the parable of the wheat and the weeds in today’s gospel (*Mt 13:24-43*) the faithful disciples are the wheat, and the weeds are the children of the evil one sown by the devil. Even as the wheat and the weed grow side by side in our families, our communities, our Church and in our world, pay attention to Jesus’ concern for the wheat when the slaves of the master in the parable ask if they can go and pull up the weeds: “*No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with the weeds. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters to first collect the weeds and tie them up in bundles for burning but gather the wheat into my barns.*” God is so concerned with the life and protection of every one of His faithful. The author of the Book of Wisdom in the first reading (*Wis 12:13,16-19*) speaks about this goodness of our God that goes beyond just protecting the good and preserving them for life. He recognizes a forgiving God who expects the conversion of even those who have gone astray: “*There is no God besides you who have the care of all, that you need show you have not unjustly condemned. Your might is the source of justice your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all. For you show might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved. But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us. And you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins.*” The recognition of this benevolence of God makes the psalmist sing with us: “*Lord, you are good and forgiving*” (*Ps 86*). It also prompts St. Paul who was the beneficiary of that forgiving love of Christ and the Holy Spirit to say: “*The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; and the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because He intercedes for the Holy ones according to God’s will.*” (*Rom 8:26-27*).

“**You taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind.**” (*Wis 12:18*). **That is the way to BE Jesus in Family and Community**. Just as the smallest mustard seed fully grows into a large plant to give shelter to the birds, and just as a little yeast in a batch of wheat flour leavens the whole dough overnight, so must we **in whom the grace of God and the seed of faith is infused must grow into fullness, to love and serve God and bring others into His Kingdom by our patience and perseverance.**

“**Have you ever really had a plan for spiritual health and growth?**” asks Matthew Kelly in *Resisting Happiness* (pg 154).

God bless and Mary protect you and yours! *I am blessed to be your Father in Christ!*

Rev. Edwin Kagoo

THY WILL, LORD!

## Announcements

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

### DID YOU KNOW?

## 8 Modern Errors Every Catholic Should Know and Avoid (cont’d.)

*By Monsignor Charles Pope*

**3. Universalism** – Universalism is the belief that most, if not all people are going to be saved in the end. This is directly contrary to our Lord’s own words wherein he sadly attests that “many” are on the road that leads to destruction and “few” are on the narrow and difficult road that leads to salvation (See [Matthew 7:14](#), [Luke 13:23-30](#)). Dozens of parables and other warnings also come from our Lord in this regard and the straight-forward teaching of the Lord makes it clear that we must soberly accept that many, and not a few are going to be lost unless we, by God’s grace urgently summon them to Christ and to authentic discipleship.

I have written extensively on this elsewhere and do not intend to rewrite all that now. But universalism is a serious discrepancy that is widely held today.

Countless Catholics seldom if ever hear sermons that warn of judgment or the possibility of hell. Neither do they mention it to others or even consider it as an actual possibility.

Given the pervasiveness of universalism there is very little urgency among Catholics to evangelize or even live the faith themselves. This attitude has to go if there is going to be any serious reform in the Church or evangelical zeal. **(to be continued)**

**10 WEEK SERIES ON CATHOLICISM:** Look forward in September to an awesome series on different aspects of our Catholic Faith taught by the well-known author and evangelist Bishop Robert Barron in our parish as part of our spiritual growth as disciples. **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 daily activities during this summer. Remember, we need God at all times!

***WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU INVITED SOMEONE TO BE A PRIEST OR A RELIGIOUS? DO IT TODAY!***

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<i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>				<i>July 23, 2017</i>
	<b>July 22<sup>nd</sup></b> <i>Saturday, 6:00pm</i>	<b>July 23<sup>rd</sup></b> <i>Sunday, 8:00am</i>	<b>July 29<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Saturday, 6:00pm</i>	<b>July 30<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Sunday, 8:00am</i>
<b>Intentions</b>	+Ronnie Ranly Respect Life	<b>Parishioners</b>	+Alois Ketterman +Leona Brenek +Erwin Kahlig +Gladys Kahlig	<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	Jerry Loden	Shawna Ranly	Tammie Frenzel
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Charles Wright Family	Gary Ketterman Family	Edwin Green Family	Bradley Rudloff Family
<b>Ushers</b>	Red Carson & Joey Hoelscher	Louis Vrana & Hagen Hoelscher	Walton Hering, Jr. Carl Hubik	Marvin Meyer Edward Meyer
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Greneta Ordner	Geraldine Kahlig	Amanda Moeller	Gary Ketterman
<b>Money Counters</b>		Lonnie Ranly Bill & Kitty Reid		Chris & Peggy Hrabal Georgia Ketterman
<b>Rosary Leaders</b>	Elmer & Geraldine Hoelscher	James & Jane Kahlig	Elmer & Geraldine Hoelscher	James & Jane Kahlig
<b>Vocations Cross Family</b>		James & Jane Kahlig		Al & Lou Buckholt
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	7/29 & 8/6	Doris Wilde, Jerlene Vrana, Stacy Lorenz, Callie Wilde, Melody Vrana		
	<b>July 25<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Tuesday, 8:00am</i>	<b>July 26<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Wednesday, 8:00am</i>	<b>July 27<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Thursday, 8:00am</i>	<b>July 28<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Friday, 8:00am</i>
<b>Weekday Mass Intentions</b>	+George Lange	+Larry R. Hoelscher +Buddy Hering	+Anton Zeig	+Mildred Bruggman +Charlotte Ann Thornton

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Saturday Mass – 6:00pm  
Sunday Mass – 8:00am

Reconciliation: Sat. 5:20pm - 5:50pm and Sun. 7:20am – 7:50am

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 23, 2017

*Our Mission is:*

**TO SEE JESUS** & **TO BE JESUS**  
*In life and liturgy* & *In family and community*

**Sanctuary Candle** – in Memory of Charlotte Ann Thornton, Ervin & Lucy Willberg and Special Intentions for the Albert S. and Augusta Arnold Family.

**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 Buckholt, Gene Kreger, 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.

**No Meetings This Week**

**Offerings:**

**July 16th** \$1,585.00  
**Children's Collection** \$15.00