

Parishioners of Holy Trinity Catholic Church

A special welcome to Bishop Harrington who is presiding at my installation as pastor at the 9:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart. It was my pleasure to work closely with Bishop Harrington as rector of the Cathedral and as dean of the Winona Deanery. Bishop Harrington will celebrate his 75th birthday this year, the official date on which he is to submit his letter of resignation as our bishop. So, we join in thanking him for his many years of service to the Diocese and the care and concern he has shown for our communities of Owatonna and Litomysl.

On Wednesday, the leadership council of our two parishes hosted a get-acquainted picnic at Litomysl. It was a nice way to meet some more of our parish leaders and get to know a few more names. My thanks to all for their efforts and for their service.

This week I celebrated the 23rd anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. Thanks to all who offered a work of "Congratulations". I deeply appreciate your concern and support. At Mass that morning I reflected on one of the lines from the penitential rite used that day: "You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness." The Eucharist has been a rich source of blessing in my life. As we gather at the tables of word and sacrament we are nourished, sustained, challenged and blessed - all that so that we can grow in lives of holiness.

Those of you who have been to Mass at Sacred Heart might have noticed the chalice I use at Mass. This was an ordination gift from friends of my family. Inscribed on the bottom are words from the ordination rite: "Imitate the mystery you celebrate." That is my goal in my priesthood - to imitate the self-giving of Jesus, even to death. I am aware of my own shortcomings in that regard but continue to strive to more fully live up to that command.

On Saturday, I will be traveling to Winona for the ordination of the new priests for the Diocese. Will Thompson, Jeff Dobbs, Tom Niehaus, and Ubaldo Roque will be ordained by Bishop Harrington. It is a wonderful day for our diocese to have such a large class. They will be assigned to parishes and schools in the diocese as their first priestly ministry. One's first assignment always holds a special place in our hearts. I was assigned to St. Stanislaus Parish in Winona and as teacher at Cotter High School. Please pray for them as they begin this life of ordained service to the Lord and His Church.

...Fr John Sauer

Riehle Decorating from Cresco, Iowa is working on painting the interior of the church. They will also be cleaning, lightly sanding, and varnishing the pews. This project will take approximately one month.

The cost for the painting is \$26,500. The finishing of the pews is \$4,800. Funding for this project will come from the Earl McNearney estate monies, which was a gift of \$44,000 to the parish.

We ask for everyone's cooperation during this time, when we will be celebrating Mass in the church basement.

Johnsburg Jamboree - Sunday, July 13 - 11:00 a.m. Polka Mass - 12:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Bake Sale, Brats, Beer, Food, Games - Two dance floors with Free Admission!

Mass Intentions

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Friday & Sat. - NO MASS
Sunday - 10:30 a.m. - Jerome Seykora †

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Lec - Clarence Horesji
EM - Sharon Skala
Cup - Bruce & Rose Ann Kubicek
Servers - Michael Skala & Kendra Boecker
Gifts - Randy Borchert Family
Ushers - Tom Boecker & Kevin Noble
Music - Combo Rosary - Marie Kubicek

6/15/08- Adult - \$621, Off. - \$61.60, Youth- \$1.20

St. Isidore School Calendar Winners:
June 22- Richard Jirele, rural Owatonna

Festival News:

Attention St. Blanche Guild Members: We are asking for a donation of \$7 (or more) to be used in purchasing prizes for the Children's Games. You may give this to Mary Ann Rysavy or you may mail it to her @ 10325 Co Rd 45, Owatonna, MN as soon as you can. Thank you.

Please pick up your Festival tickets on the tables in the church basement. **PLEASE NOTE:** The price has been changed to **\$2** per ticket or \$10 per book. You are welcome to take extra tickets. *Please read the enclosed letter.* Everyone is encouraged to sell as many as they can, as this is the biggest moneymaker for the Festival. Also pick up some Festival Posters and help put them up. The Festival is on Sunday, July 27th beginning with a 10 a.m. Polka Mass. All parishioners are needed to help that day. Pray each day so the day of the Festival will be cool and dry!!

Good Clean Items for the Flea Market may be brought anytime and be put in the church basement or garage.
NO CLOTHES PLEASE!!

Parade Float Helpers needed: If anyone is interested in walking/roller blading along with our parade float in the Blooming Prairie 4th of July Parade advertising our Festival, please contact Troy Anderson at 363-1701, or e-mail yorte21@hotmail.com

To The Women of the Parish ~

The Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church Women extend an invitation to you to join them on Wednesday, Aug. 6 for a 9:00 a.m. Brunch. They would like to know how many ladies will attend, so please RSVP by July 31st by calling Marilyn Helleck at 583-7874 or Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church at 437-3000.

Upcoming Events -

Saturday evening, August 9th: St. Isidore's 50th Birthday Party - Everyone is welcome!

Please remember in your prayers the great grandson of Francis & Marcella Jenó. May he rest in peace.

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE SUMMER!!!