Very Rev. Jeffery J. Noble, V.F., Pastor

Weekend Masses
Saturday Evening: 6 pm
Sunday: 7:30 & 10 am

Confessions
Saturday: 4:30 pm
Thursday before First Friday: 4 pm

Parish office hours: Monday thru Thursday - 9 am to 4 pm

Sacrament of Baptism
Arrangements are to be made in advance at the parish office. Parents and Godparents attend a Baptismal Preparation Session prior to the baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage
Couples planning to marry need to talk to a priest at least six months in advance of the wedding.

Sacrament of the Sick
Please call a priest immediately in case of illness. The homebound are urged to have their names placed on the Sunday and First Friday Communion lists.

Music Ministry
Stephen Toney, Director / Organist - Phone: 389-4507
Peggy Hoffman, Assistant Director

Faith Formation
139 Church St. – Phone: 781-1042
Janet VanEerden, Director
Meredith Bon, Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Elk County Catholic School System
Sam MacDonald, President
600 Maurus Street – Phone: 834-7812

St. Marys Catholic Elementary School
114 Queens Road – Phone: 834-4169
Deborah Slay, Principal

St. Marys Catholic Middle School / Elk County Catholic High School
600 Maurus Street – Phone: 834-7800
John Schneider, Principal

School Finance Office
600 Maurus Street – Phone: 834-7812
Bob Breindel, Director

School Advancement Office - 834-7812
Susan Jansen, Director
Franchesca Stubber, Assistant Director
Lindsey Straub, Director of Communications – 834-7812

Directors of Admissions
Franchesca Stubber - 834-1480
Elementary / Middle / High School
SEVENTEENTH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, July 31st
7:00 AM  + Jim & Bea Clark

Tuesday, August 1st
7:00 AM  Scripture & Communion Service

Wednesday, August 2nd
7:00 AM  + Jean Riccitelli

Thursday, August 3rd
7:00 AM  L&D Dick & Mary Lee Bankovic Family
6:30 PM  Evening Prayer & Benediction

Friday, August 4th
7:00 AM  + Robert Hupfer

Saturday, August 5th
7:00 AM  L&D Joseph & Helen Gnan, Sr.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

6:00 PM  - Sat. Vigil  + Virginia & Richard Ritter
7:30 AM  + M/M Wilfred Schauer
10:00 AM  L&D Members of the Parish

THE SANCTUARY LAMP for the week of July 31st burns in memory of Leo Gabor

Gospel Summary & Question of the Week
Read Sunday’s Gospel, Mt 13:44-52

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle A

Gospel Summary:
"When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it." Jesus today gives us the image of a merchant who knows he has discovered a great treasure. In fact, its value is so tremendous that the man is willing to sell everything else in order to possess it. Why? Because he knows it will all be worth it. He knows that the pearl will bring him more reward than anything else he has ever owned, more even than all his possessions combined. This Gospel story is meant to help us understand the unfathomable value of the kingdom of heaven. Nothing else can compare to it. No material item, no honor or success, can compete with this pearl of great price. Everything we have, short of this, is finite: limited, temporary, and ultimately fleeting. Eternal happiness, on the other hand, is infinite. It never ends. This is the deep contentment, the satisfaction, the peace, and happiness that we crave the kind that doesn’t disappoint. Like the merchant in the parable, we too should understand the value of this discovery. As Christians, we have "found" the treasure beyond all other treasures! Life in Christ, both now and in heaven, is truly the pearl of great price. The only question is whether we are willing to "sell" all that we have to obtain it. In other words, are we willing to release the other things that claim hold on us? Are we ready to put Christ first in our lives? All of us need to take pause from time to time and examine our attachments and priorities. Money, pleasure, success, or comfort can often seem so important to us that we falsely begin to imagine these things will bring the happiness we so desire. But the message is loud and clear today: the kingdom of heaven is the true treasure we long for.

Question of the Week:
What would you be willing to “sell” or do without, in order to achieve your dreams for yourself or your family?

MINISTERS’ SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 5th & 6th

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Greeters: Please feel free to welcome your fellow parishioners at the Mass you are attending. Thank you for your ministry!

All Ministers: Always check the website at www.qwchurch.com for any last minute changes to the ministers schedule. It is the most up to date for the schedule!

ACT as if everything depended on you; TRUST as if everything depended on GOD.
St. Ignatius of Loyola
VOCATION CALENDAR  Please consider joining the Parish 31 Club for Vocations to the Religious Life.

31st  Kathy & Jim Herzing, Carol Ferringer, Irene Gregory
1st  Eileen Brennen, Dave & Char Gerber
2nd  Vicki Whiteman, Maria & Terry Pontzer
3rd  Laura & Mady Ehrensberger, Rosie Schneider, Delores Frey
4th  Rose Ann, Steve & Juliana Silveri, Lois McCoy
5th  Matt & Becky Avery, Joanne Gasper, Rita Peterson
6th  Mary Hahn, Carol Ehrensberger, Mary Gore, Chrissy & Jason Kuhar

FIRST FRIDAY
This Friday, the Feast of St. John Vianney, is First Friday. Join us for Mass at 7 am. Fr. Jeff and Eucharistic Ministers will be visiting the homebound in the morning and on other mornings this week, depending on schedules. Please call the rectory, 834-4701 if someone in your home needs to be added to the list.

Confessions will be Thursday at 4 pm.

THURSDAY ADORATION
Please join us from after 7 am Mass until 6:30 pm on Thursday for some time of prayer before the Lord during Eucharistic Exposition.

Our day concludes with Evening Prayer at 6:30, the prayer of the Church around the world. When Fr. Jeff is available, Evening Prayer is followed by Benediction.

Again last Thursday, there were times when only one person was present, and even NO ONE for Adoration. If this does not change, we will have to shorten Adoration to morning hours. At a time when many parishes are asking for more Adoration times, it appears we will have to have less. Please help us by stopping by to pray for 15 minutes, a half hour or more, or committing to the open time slots for up to an hour. Time before the Lord is time well spent.

PARISH CARE AND CONCERN PRAYER CHAIN
For those needing prayers, please call Mary Ann Facetti at 781-3085 or Cathy Olson at 834-3844.

QUEEN OF THE WORLD PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM
Name ________________________________
Address ________________________________
Phone No. ________________________________

Please check one:
I am new in the parish & wish to register
____ Change of Address    ____ Moving out of Parish
____ Want Envelopes
____ Interested in a Parish Ministry

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL DIAPER DRIVE
Sunday, July 30th is “Diaper Sunday” the agency is collecting: disposable diapers (any size, any brand), gently used infant clothing up to size 24 months, baby shampoo, baby wash, diaper ointment, and wipes. Drop donations in the designated boxes in the back of church this weekend. Make Monetary donations payable to Catholic Charities and sealed in an envelope marked “Catholic Charities—Diaper Drive.”
**PARISH OFFERTORY REPORT**

July 1, 2016 thru June 30, 2017

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**DESIGNATED COLLECTIONS OF THE DIOCESE**

Weekend of July 22/23, 2017

(These funds go to the Diocese.)

- Peter’s Pence: $40
- National Needs: $20

Thank you!

**MISSION CO-OP WEEKEND**

The monks of St. Vincent Archabbey help people all over the world in their missionary efforts. This weekend, Fr. Bonaventure Curtis, O.S.B., is with us to speak at all the Masses. He invites us to join in prayerful and financial support. St. Vincent Seminary trains priests so they can return to their homeland, for example, in Brazil and Taiwan. We can literally reach around the world with our generous response to these needs. Please do your best to be generous in the special collection today.

**PRO-LIFE PERSPECTIVE** — “Human dignity is the same for all human beings: when I trample on the dignity of another, I am trampling on my own.”

Pope Francis, “Message for the Lenten Brotherhood Campaign in Brazil.” Used with permission

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- Ex 33:7-11; 34:5-9, 28/Ps 103:6-13/Mt 13:36-43

**Wednesday, August 2nd** - St. Eusebius of Vercelli
- Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5-7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

**Thursday, August 3rd**
- Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

**Friday, August 4th** - St. John Vianney
- Lv 23:1, 4-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

**Saturday, August 5th**
- Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

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- Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

**LIFE TEEN YOUTH MINISTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

Now accepting applications for volunteers who feel called to serve our youth. Snack ministry, affirmation ministry, administration ministry, environmental ministry, Youth Mentor, and Music Ministry. Contact Meredith at 512-3112.

**GUARDIAN ANGEL CENTER**

The Guardian Angel Center distributes clothing for clients from newborn through the high school years.

To donate, you can drop off the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month beginning in August or you can call 885-2099 to arrange to have someone there when you can come.

The Guardian Angel Center is open for the 2017-2018 school year every Tuesday in August except August 29th from 10 am to 5 pm. The Center will then be open the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in September, October, November & December.

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Dear Parishioners,

Earlier in the month we celebrated the Feast of St. Benedict, known as the “Father of Monasticism.” In the next couple of days, we celebrate additional founders of Religious Orders. St. Ignatius banded together with others to form The Society of Jesus, known more typically as the Jesuits. One of their charisms is the gift of learning/intellect, so needed to be sure our faith can communicate with the continued growth of human knowledge and understanding. After all these centuries, the faith still seeks - and finds - understanding. It is “reasonable,” that is, it makes sense to ascent to our beliefs. Next comes the Feast of St. Alphonsus Liguori, who founded the Congregations of the Most Holy Redeemer, also known as the Redemptorists. They have a rich history of missionary work among God’s people, especially the poor. These saints followed the way of the Lord and yet found unique expressions of their own faith. Others were attracted to their way of life and followed them as they followed Jesus. Our Church now has a great variety of men and women dedicated to particular virtues in religious life… prayer, study, labor, teaching, ministry to the ill, the poor, those far away. Some live in community; some live solitary life. They enrichen the Church and the world by carrying on the saving graces of Jesus. They remind us that our lives can be much the same. We follow the ancient ways of our faith, but do so in very personal and so unique fashion. We share much of it with others, particularly family, friends, neighbors, and fellow parishioners. Hopefully other see the witness we are offering simply by doing what we feel called to do. Perhaps they will join us, or at least find their own expression for their faith in Christ Jesus. Many bishops and popes, including Pope Francis, have come to us via specific religious orders. The Church looks to them for leadership and direction that our faith would always make sense to the world which yearns for and seeks the saving help of our God. Today we are reminded with the presence of Fr. Bona-saints followed the way of the Lord and yet found unique-venture of our own Benedictine heritage. In our time, it is our turn to “carry the torch,” to be “the Light.” -- fr. jeff

NOTES ON MASS TIME CHANGES AND STIPENDS

The consolidation of our Mass schedule and our reduction to only one priest has led to fewer opportunities for Mass stipends, and a need to move some already scheduled Masses.

In general, if Fr. Jeff is not here on weekdays, there is no Mass. And now, we only have three weekend Masses, one of which is directed to be a Mass “For the People” (In our bulletin, it is marked as “Living and Deceased Parishioners”). Every Sunday and Holy Day, it is my privilege and responsibility to pray for the people entrusted to my care. That leaves us with only two Sunday Masses for which there can be a different specific “Intention.”

If we call you to move an Intention, please understand - it needs to happen. If you wish, you may have your “stipend” refunded. Or, we will re-schedule it as best we can. But you must be patient, as we do have quite a backlog now. Or put it this way… please think way ahead in planning of a specific Mass intention. And, if there is no Mass available for that day, be willing to schedule it another time.

Let’s reflect on Mass “intentions.” First of all, everyone is welcome to have an “intention” for Mass. You bring your intention(s) to every Mass. The Lord hears those prayers just as well as the “official” intention. This is NOT about who’s name is announced before or during Mass. If we had the time, we would allow EVERYONE’S intention to be verbalized!

Your “gift” or “Stipend” becomes a gift to the priest who fulfills the intention. There are laws that govern this so a priest does not abuse this practice. First, there is a suggested stipend ($10), but any stipend or NO stipend is also acceptable. On a day when a priest has more than one Mass, he only accepts one stipend. The other is donated to priests who would otherwise have no stipend, such as a retired priest.

I share all this with you to let you know we are trying to handle this with care. I’ve often not been able to schedule my own intentions, for example, for family members, because of other responsibilities. It happens. And, whatever the official “intention” is, I like you, bring many “intentions” to every Mass.

To help alleviate this backlog, the Bishop has given us a special permission to stack some Mass intentions. This can happen on a weekday, but not on a Sunday. For example, on a Monday, we could have two intentions for any given Mass. Both would be announced. The second “stipend” would go to another priest. We would only do this with the approval of both parties on that given day. I would suggest that we do this on a Monday or perhaps a Saturday morning.

The practice of having an official intention for Mass is a long standing one in our tradition. But, all things, considered, it is only one part of our prayer, the Mass, and its purpose should not be overstated.

I hope this clarifies and helps with some of the questions regarding our changes in scheduling. We will always try to work with you and accommodate your requests. We also need you to do the same.

CONFessions

Confessions on Saturday will begin at 4:30 pm. Please do not wait until close to Mass time. Confessions will end by 5:30, typically or perhaps earlier if no one is waiting.