

## PASTOR'S NOTES

Dear Friends,

This week I will be away on my annual retreat. A few days of silence, prayer, and relaxation with God will, I hope, provide a refreshing opportunity to review the last year of my priesthood and to return reinvigorated for another year full of grace. Know that on my time away I will remember you at the altar and in my personal prayer, and I would be most grateful if you remembered me in your good prayers this week as well.

Eucharistic Ministers: Two minor changes in the way we minister. The first, most of you already know. After you have distributed the precious body and blood, please take the ciborium and chalices into the sacristy and leave them on the counter. I will then purify the vessels and, after mass, wash them.

Also, the bishop has asked all parishes in the diocese to offer the same response to anyone in the communion line who does not receive communion. Whether it be a young child before first communion or an adult, the minister is to say, "Receive Christ into your heart." There's no need to offer a blessing, to touch the person, or to say anything else.

The bishop has asked us to make this change for two reasons. First, no blessings may be given by anyone when the Eucharist is present because when he is present, it is the Eucharistic Christ who blesses, as would happen at Benediction.

Secondly, he would like all to have the opportunity to receive Christ, either physically by taking the Eucharist, or spiritually, by receiving him into their hearts. Should you have any questions about this new practice or if you would like me to go over it with you, please don't hesitate to ask. It took some getting used to for me as well.

With joy and gratitude for the days ahead!

Fr. Seth

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quadpastoralunit.com,  
has the current bulletin online.

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## OUR GIFTS TO GOD

### THE WEEK OF 7/30/17

St. Mary's \$1,489	Budget (\$1,900) -\$411
Sacred Heart \$897	Budget (\$900) -\$3
Visitation \$535	Budget (\$400) +\$135
St. Sebastian \$180	Budget (\$400) -\$220

## LONGITUDE

2017 Aug 7-11:

Fr. Seth will be on retreat.

2017 Aug 10-20:

Illinois State Fair, Springfield.

2017 Aug 14, Mon: Vigil, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00pm, Sacred Heart, Franklin.

2017 Aug 15, Tues: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00am, Visitation BVM, Alexander.

7:00pm, St. Mary's, New Berlin.

2017 Aug 23, Wed: (Date Change)

7:00pm, Quad Parish Finance Meeting, New Berlin.

2017 Aug 27 SUN:

4:00 to 7:00pm in Alexander Park. Food, raffle tickets and silent auction.

2017 Aug 29, Tues:

7:00pm, Intentional Disciples Meeting, Parish Office Building, New Berlin.

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Carole Fitzpatrick, Floann Kirsch, Nancy Flach, Calyssa Richie, Zach Overton, Dale Fitzpatrick, Julie Bergschneider, Mary McCray, Carl Bertolotti, Heather Boudreau, Don & Margaret Laughery, Jane Ryan, Jean Knight, Tina Green, Sy & Judy Haber, Donna Reichart, Presley Kerber, Joyce Henn, Olivia Loving, Sam Haycraft, George Eck, Opal Sutura, Theresa Yates. \*\*Call 488-3545 to submit names, which will appear with presumed consent\*\*

## DEATHS

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bill Gordon, parishioner of Sacred Heart Church, who passed away on Monday, July 31, 2017. The Funeral Mass was held on Thursday, August 3, 2017, at Sacred Heart Church.

*May the angels lead him to paradise.*