

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 25, 2010

**Homily Next Week:**

Fr. John Whitney, S.J.

**Readings for  
August 1, 2010**

FIRST READING: ECC 1:2, 2:21-23

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 3:1-5, 9-11

GOSPEL: LUKE 12:13-21

**Weekend Mass Schedule**

**Saturday** - 5 p.m.

**Sunday** - 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

**Weekday Mass Schedule**

**Monday - Friday** - 7:00 a.m.

**Reconciliation**

**Saturday** - 3:30-4:15 p.m. in the Church  
or by appointment

**Parish Center Hours**

**Monday-Thursday** - 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Friday** - 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Saturday** - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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## Loving The Church

As many of you know, last week the Vatican issued a statement in which the ordination of women was declared a “grave derelict”—i.e., a serious sin—against the sacraments. In the same statement, the sexual abuse of minors by clergy was, similarly, declared a “grave derelict” against the natural moral law. Although it was not the intention, according to statements from various officials, to equate these two issues (the former being a matter of sacramental practice, the latter a matter of moral law), the juxtaposition cannot help but appear to link the relative seriousness of the two matters. Consequently, many Catholics have been dismayed that such an unimagined sin as the sexual abuse of minors by those sacramentally bound to care for them could even be spoken of in the same context as a dispute regarding theological conclusions and ecclesial practice. Regardless of one’s view of the ordination of women, putting these issues together seems painfully misguided.

How often it seems that the Catholic voice in public discourse (or even in private interaction) is presented as one of harsh judgment, rather than one filled with the compassion of Christ. Whether in a national news story about the excommunication of a woman who has an abortion to save her life, or in a local anecdote about a pastoral associate who refuses to marry a couple unless both are confirmed; in an encounter with a pastor who says that one cannot be Catholic and vote for Obama, or in the privacy of the confessional where a penitent is chastised for not attending more often, the Church can seem more interested in pushing the unworthy away from the altar, than drawing all people to Christ’s redeeming love. How many leave the Church, filled with anger or hurt by teachings (or teachers) which seem to deny the complexity of human life? How many are tempted to leave when it feels as though being a faithful Catholic requires a suspension of their intellect and will? Feeling condemned or ridiculed (e.g., as “cafeteria” Catholics), how many simply check-out emotionally, intellectually, and eventually physically from an organization that no longer feels like a community—let alone a communion?

Undoubtedly much of this is exacerbated by our own American tendency to chafe at authority; and perhaps, too, by a media whose bread-and-butter is in controversy. Yet, my own experience leads me to say that those who flaunt authority or want only to hear bad news about the Church have already headed for the door, while those who remain within this community long to find a way to love and understand the universal Church as they love the particular community in which they find themselves. They long for a thoughtful and complex faith, one marked not by condemnation of others and self-protection; but, by generosity and grace, by humility and respectful welcome for all us redeemed sinners. Indeed, most of us don’t want the harsh borders—between the faithful and the unfaithful, between conservative and liberal, between secular and sacred—but want partners and companions, who gather at the table in fear and trembling (as St. Paul says), aware that God is doing something wonderful in our midst, if we but pay attention.

And the truth is, what is desired is the deepest truth of the Catholic

## Calendar

Monday, July 26	Sacred Silence, 7 PM
Sunday, August 1	Come to the Quiet, 5 PM

## Pictures, pictures, pictures!

One of the summer projects is going through staff boxes – we have lovely photos that were submitted for the St. Joseph Directory. They are in the reception area in a box labeled DIRECTORY PICTURES IN ALPHA ORDER

**First Communion Pictures and Discs** The following families can pick up their pictures at the Parish Center in the reception area: Dore/Jundawan, Kirtland, Rothmeyer, Scroggs, and Soukup.

**Day of the Dead photos** are available to be picked up as well.

We will only hold these photos through the end of September.

## *Come and See*

*What the Catholic Faith has to offer!*

- *Are you, your spouse, a friend, or an acquaintance a member of another faith tradition but worship regularly here at St. Joseph's?*
- *Are you experiencing God's call in your life and seeking Baptism or full communion with the Catholic Church?*
- *If you are, please consider participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. The RCIA is an opportunity to explore with others what the Catholic Church has to offer. It is an opportunity, through a process of discernment and gradual conversion to become a full member of the Catholic Church.*

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*If you are interested contact Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at 329-5981x106 or [steve@stjosephparish.org](mailto:steve@stjosephparish.org). We would be happy to meet with you and provide further information.*

faith. We are a Church built on thoughtful interaction and passionate discussion, with a rich tradition that is too often truncated for the ends of some few. As we read and get angry, we should also study and get wise, speak together and get informed, love each other and get grounded in the grace that will transform us. Let us not despair but work, so that our Church might be something other than a set of rules that we support or oppose: that it might be, instead, the living body of Christ.

*St. Joseph Community extends its prayers and hopes for the following intentions:* For Carol and for Marie's healing and recovery . . . For Margaret, Karol and Sonja's comfort . . . For upcoming choices that our young adult offspring will be making.

## Prayer Tree



*"Children, let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth." ~ 1 John 3:18*

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of parishioner, Dr. Janusz Dominik, whose funeral was last week. May perpetual light shine upon him.

## Seniors on the Go ...

- Thursday August 5th – Lunch and Trip to Luke Wing Asian Museum ( Free admission) Meet at Parish Center – 11 am
- Friday August 6th - Mass with Sacrament of Anointing Mass at 11:30am
- Thursday August 19th Seniors Planning meeting– 11:30am- 1:00pm Brown Bag Lunch – Parish Center

Sign-up with Renee at the Front Desk or call 324-2522

## St. Joe's at the Mariners & Ichiro Bobblehead Night

**Mariners vs. 1st Place Minnesota Twins** on August 27 at 7 PM. Join us by purchasing tickets on the parish website. Just check the Calendar for more information.

## For Those Needing Assistance

### Assisted Listening Devices

For those who need hearing assistance, please see an usher for one of our new devices.