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**June 30, 2024**

**13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday Masses**  
10am & 8:00pm

**Confessions**  
Sunday, 7:30pm

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\*In case of immediate need, call your parish office to reach a priest directly.

This Week's Happenings

**Wednesday (7/3)**

Parish Council Meeting 6:30pm

**Sunday (7/7):**

Mass: 10am & 8pm

**Offices are closed on July 4th and 5th**

**The Significant Value of "Patriotism" – and the Destructive Nature of "Nationalism"**

Our society's celebration of the Fourth of July gives us the chance to consider the meaning of and the distinction between "patriotism" and "nationalism" in the light of the Gospel.

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The word "patriotism" comes from the Latin word "patria", which refers to "homeland". It is a form of "love" – of appreciation for, and active concern for the well-being of, one's home.

"The virtue of patriotism (and it is a virtue) begins at home and works outward: neighborhood, town, county, state, region, country." [2] "All healthy love of patria—of home, family, country—can be an occasion for learning to respect and love our neighbor. . . . It naturally leads to the love of the neighbor who comes from another country altogether." [1]

"Meeting people from other countries who love their native lands as I love mine is an occasion for building bridges, not walls. . . . As Catholics, [we seek] the oneness of a body with all its varied organs operating in the fullness of their identities, including family and national identities." [1]

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"[Patriotism] needs to be contrasted with nationalism, which arises not out of love but out of the sin of pride.

"The nationalist thinks [one's country] is 'the best,' that [its people] are 'the best,' that [its] politics and culture [should be applied on every other country]. [The nationalist's] fundamental attitude is not one of gratitude and satisfaction, but of expansion and even imposition. There is no [respect or] room for foreigners. . . , because their countries and their people are not 'the best.' They are [viewed as] inferior in history or constitution or military power or table manners." [2]

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Jesus proclaims that, if you seek . . . to love your home, your family, your people, and your country in a healthy way, it's essential to "strive first for the [Reign] of God and God's righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:33). Whenever any forms of loyalty [become more central than] the commands of God, they are no longer good. The story of what happens when we fail to subordinate love of patria to love of God, and turn the nation into an idol, is written in blood across human history in atrocities such as the genocide of the Native peoples of the Americas and the Nazi murder of millions of Jews. [1]

In an article entitled, "What is the Catholic response to the rise of nationalism?", Cardinal Robert McElroy (San Diego, CA) wrote, "[There is a need for a] 'rearticulation of what patriotism means for the citizens of our nation: a patriotism that recognizes that every member of our society constitutes equally "the people," a patriotism that sees greatness not in power or wealth but as a moral and spiritual aspiration founded in justice, freedom and solidarity; and a patriotism that advances America's [role] in the world in a manner that enhances the dignity and integral human development of all peoples."

*Kevin LaNave, Peace and Social Justice Coordinator, Christ Church Newman Center*

*Fr Derek Wiechmann*

Other sources

[1] "True patriotism is about building bridges, not walls: Nationalism is contrary to a Christian ethos, but there's still a place for healthy patriotism", Mark P Shea

[2] "Patriotism Begins At Home", Karl Keating

## Parish Prayers

† Jacob Olson  
† Carrie Ahrens  
† Michael Dale  
† Shawn Preisler  
† Don Teff, brother of Bonnie Stachowski  
† Arleen Boyd, Mother of Glenda Prom  
† Parisa  
Skip & Pati Rothstein  
† Julie Gabrielson  
† India Faith Krueger Wasilowski  
† Bob Trisko  
† Frank Roehl  
Nkeiru  
Innocent, Chinwe, and their family

## An adaptation of the "Prayer of St Francis"

Pope Francis has composed the following adaptation of this well-known prayer:

"Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Help us to recognize the evil latent in a communication that does not build communion.

Help us to speak about others as our sisters and brothers.

You are faithful and trustworthy: may our words be seeds of goodness for the world:

where there is shouting, let us practice listening;  
where there is confusion, let us inspire harmony;  
where there is ambiguity, let us bring clarity;  
where there is exclusion, let us offer solidarity;  
where there is sensationalism, let us use sobriety;  
where there is superficiality, let us raise real questions;  
where there is prejudice, let us awaken trust;  
where there is hostility, let us bring respect;  
where there is falsehood, let us bring truth. Amen"

## Turning down the heat in our polarized church and country

In mid-May, Cardinal Robert McElroy (San Diego, CA), Bishop Daniel Flores (Brownsville, TX), and Bishop Robert Barron (Rochester, MN) engaged in a dialogue with one another, sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, on the challenge of polarization in the Church and our society today and the path forward. The conversation . . . [explored] important topics such as the Synod on Synodality, encounter, and where to find hope amid the polarization.

For an article about the dialogue, see:  
[www.americamagazine.org/faith/2024/05/17/usccb-roundtable-polarization-civilize-it-247980](http://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2024/05/17/usccb-roundtable-polarization-civilize-it-247980)

For the video of the dialogue, see: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izXU2n5Aj0Y&t=167s>

## Fr Joe Herzing will be celebrating his 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood Sunday August 4

Holy Family Church in Little Falls  
Outdoor Mass (tent) is at 1  
Reception 2-5

You are welcome to attend! Prayers instead of gifts please!!

Please RSVP for food to Cindy at:

Email: [hfoffice@havenofmercycatholic.org](mailto:hfoffice@havenofmercycatholic.org)

Or [Havenofmercycatholic.org](http://Havenofmercycatholic.org) (Events)

Or on your cell phone: 320-632-5720 or



July 22-26, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM  
For children entering K-5th grade

\$25 per child  
Registrations due by July 3 and can be turned into the parish office

**Hometown Nazareth**  
Where Jesus was a Kid

VBS Registrations are now available in the Gathering Space.

If you are interested in volunteering to be a group leader or leader assistant, please contact the Holy Spirit Parish office at 320/251-3764.

## Vacation Bible School

## ONLINE GIVING:

Please scan this QR code to donate to the many needs of our parish. Thank you!



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