



St. Mary of the Assumption, West Point, Ia  
St. Boniface, Farmington, Ia  
July 12, 2020

# *15<sup>th</sup> Sunday* IN ORDINARY TIME

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“Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.” - Mt 13:7-8



## Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week July 19–25, 2020

“Live the truth and beauty of God’s plan for married love!” is the theme of this year’s Natural Family Planning Awareness Week, a national educational campaign of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to celebrate God’s design for married love and the gift of life and to raise awareness of Natural Family Planning (NFP) methods. “NFP,” as the U.S. bishops have written, is supportive of Catholic beliefs about married love because it “respects the God-given power to love a new human life into being” (see, U.S. Bishops, *Married Love and the Gift of Life*).

The dates of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week (July 19–25, 2020) annually highlight the anniversary of *Humanae vitae* (July 25) as well as the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother.

Participation in an Introduction to Natural Family Planning is required of all couples of child bearing age preparing for marriage in the diocese. Couples should contact Marianne Agnoli, 563-676-9745 if they are interested in registering for a free live online instruction.

### Seven members of Deacon Formation Class VIII will be instituted as Lectors this Sunday, July 12 at 3pm at the Cathedral.

These seven members and their wives include **St. Boniface parishioner, Mike Linnenbrink (Liz)**, Ryan Burchett (Monica) of St. Paul the Apostle, Kent Ferris (Lori) of SS. Mary & Mathias, Andy Hardigan (Shannon) of Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace, Angel Hernandez (Lourdes) of St. Patrick, Gary Johnson (Theresa) of Divine Mercy Parish and Andrew Reif (Tracy) of St. Mary, Dodgeville. They will then begin their third year of Candidacy.

According to the Church’s law and practice, the instituted lector is charged with proclaiming the readings from the Sacred Scriptures (except for the Gospel), announcing the intentions in the Prayer of the Faithful (in the absence of a Deacon), and reciting or singing the psalm if there is no cantor (GIRM #99). As distinct from the typical parish reader, these men will now exercise this ministry in a permanent way.

As part of the Rite, Bishop Zinkula will bless them, saying: “Grant that as they meditate constantly on your word they may grow in its wisdom and faithfully proclaim it to your people.” In handing them a copy of the Scriptures, he reminds them to “be faithful to handing on the word of God, so that it may grow strong in the hearts of his people.” As their formation continues, we ask that you please keep them and their families in your prayers.

There are three phases to the Deacon Formation Program: Inquiry, Aspirancy, and Candidacy. During the Year of Inquiry, men and their families begin to more intentionally explore the possibility of a call to the diaconate. Aspirancy is “primarily a time to discern the capability and readiness of an aspirant to be nominated to the bishop for acceptance as a candidate for diaconal ordination” (*National Directory*, §182). According to the *National Directory*, the “Candidate path in diaconal formation is the occasion for continued discernment of a diaconal vocation and immediate preparation for ordination” (§204). The study of theology and related topics becomes a central part of the four-years of Candidacy. Pastoral field placement, parish ministry, and meetings with one’s mentor and spiritual director continue. Please Pray for these men and all who may be called to a vocation in the Catholic Church.

### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

*God, source of all good gifts, Open the ears of our hearts to the voice of your Spirit and to the cries of your people. Give us the grace to answer your call to priestly leadership to diaconal service to religious witness and to lay ministry in your Church. Help us to live holy lives faithful to our baptismal promises our marriage vows our religious professions our commitment to ordained ministry. May we proclaim Christ boldly in gentle word and in compassionate deed in the assembly of the Church and in the world. For it is in Christ’s name and in the power of the Holy Spirit that we raise our voices in prayer. Amen.*





**Question:** Why do Catholics baptize babies?

**Answer:** For adults who want to be baptized, the celebration only takes place after a long, guided, and thoughtful process through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This is also true for many Protestant Christians, who are baptized later in life, often after a personal, transforming religious experience. So, it seems fair to ask why our Catholic tradition includes infant baptism. After all, if we make adults who want to become

Catholic wait months and even years as they grow in their understanding of Christ and his teachings, why should babies — who “do nothing” — be baptized?

Our custom of infant baptism dates back to the earliest days of the Church, when St. Paul baptized entire households, including, we presume, children (see Acts 16:15, 33; 18:8). That had become common practice by the second century. When Christianity was legalized 200 years later, infant baptism became the normal practice throughout the Church. We recognize that in Baptism, we are given the grace to overcome original sin — the human tendency to choose ourselves and our own wills over God — and to become members of the Church. This is the gift we give to infants in Baptism.

In its essence, the baptism of infants also reminds us adult Christians that the gift of salvation and membership in the Church (i.e., the Body of Christ) is God’s initiative. It is freely offered to us, regardless of where we might be in life’s journey. Salvation isn’t something we earn. Instead, we see that Baptism is the beginning of a lifelong process of growing into the kind of disciples that Jesus wants us to be.

To learn more, see the [“Catechism of the Catholic Church”](#) (no. 1250-1252 and 1262-1270). ©LPi



**St. Mary’s is pleased to welcome Ben Schmitt and Courtney Vandenberg into full communion with the Catholic Church this weekend.**

These two RCIA Candidates are finally going to be able to join the church this Sunday afternoon at 2:00pm. Due to restriction only family of the candidates will be able to attend this Mass.

### **What is meant by coming into full communion with the Church?**

Coming into full communion with the Catholic Church describes the process for entrance into the Catholic Church for already baptized Christians. In most cases, these individuals make a profession of faith but are not baptized again. To prepare for this reception, the people, who are called Candidates, usually participate in a formation program to help them understand and experience the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church. Although some preparation may be with Catechumens preparing for baptism, the preparation for Candidates is different since they have already been baptized and committed to Jesus Christ, and many have also been active members of other Christian communities. The Candidates may be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil or at another Sunday during the year depending on pastoral circumstances and readiness of the Candidate.

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION RETURNS TO ST. MARY’S**

St. Mary’s has begun holding Eucharistic Adoration weekly 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM on Tuesday’s. Per the direction of the Diocese we are only allowed to have thirty minutes of adoration at a time. Anyone interested in signing up to spend thirty minutes in adoration please contact the parish office 837-6808 or Dixie Booten.

St. Mary’s is still required to have no more than 10 people in the church at one time and everyone entering the church will need to respect social distancing and wear a mask.



### **Sunday, July 19th at 2:00 pm at St. Mary’s parishioners will celebrate their First Holy Communion.**

Please keep these young ladies and gentleman and their families in your prayers. Due to the current restrictions for numbers allowed to attend Mass, this celebration will be held exclusively for the communicants and their family. Also, the church will not be open for private prayer during this time.

**NOTICE:** St. Mary’s and St. Boniface will not have Masses Tuesday—Friday this week.  
We will hold our Saturday and Sunday Masses as scheduled.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like Father to remember a friend or family member with a Mass Intention, please contact the parish office 319-837-6808 or via email: westpointstmary@diodav.org

<b>Tuesday, July 14</b>	Bob Fraune
<b>Wednesday, July 15</b>	Jack Barber
<b>Thursday, July 16</b>	Bud Schroeder
<b>Friday, July 17</b>	Ralph & Pat Hoenig
<b>Saturday, July 18</b>	Bertha Todd
<b>Sunday, July 19</b>	Mary Jo Boeding



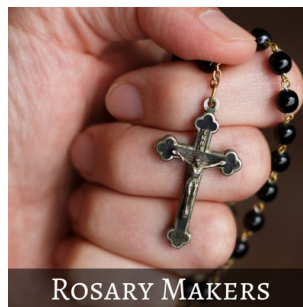
<b>July 11/12</b>	Food Pantry Weekend
<b>July 12</b>	RCIA @ 2:00 PM
<b>July 19</b>	First Communion
<b>July 27</b>	HTC School Board Meeting
<b>July 28</b>	End of the Month Meals

## Readings for the week of July 12, 2020

**Sunday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 [Lk 8:8]/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9  
**Monday:** Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 10:34—11:1  
**Tuesday:** Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 9d]/Mt 11:20-24  
**Wednesday:** Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 11:25-27  
**Thursday:** Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21 [20b]/Mt 11:28-30  
**Friday:** Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 12:1-8  
**Saturday:** Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 [12b]/Mt 12:14-21  
**Next Sunday:** Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

## Observances for the week of July 12, 2020

**Sunday:** 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday:** St. Henry  
**Tuesday:** St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin  
**Wednesday:** St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
**Thursday:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
**Friday:** St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest  
**Next Sunday:** 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



ROSARY MAKERS

The Second Collection for the Month of July is for the Rosary Makers. If you would like to make a donation please drop an envelope marked for the 2nd collection into the collection baskets at the end of Mass or you can mail donations to PO Box 68, West Point, Ia 52656

**REMINDER**

**Reminder:** Whenever you enter the parish office or church, for private prayer, reconciliation, or Mass you must be wearing a mask. If you need a mask please let us know at the parish office!



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