

From the desk of Fr. Podraza

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**  
In the parable, the weed does not destroy the wheat. It only makes it more difficult for the wheat to grow to maturity. So it is with the Christian. No one can take his faith from him, but living up to it is made more difficult by the evil influence and bad example of sinners. If some succumb to this evil influence and give up the practice of their faith, the fault is theirs. God can force no man to serve him. The patience of the farmer in letting the weeds grow on until harvest time, exemplifies the infinite mercy of God toward sinners. The weed could not change its nature, but the sinner can change his ways and God gives him every chance and every help to do this, up to his last moment of life. No sinner will be excluded from heaven because of the sins he committed but because he did not repent of these sins while he had the opportunity.

**DIVINE MERCY:** Please personally experience God's loving mercy for us by going to confession often. Begin with examination of conscience. More next week.

**JUST A REMINDER:** During the Summer Season, and the week of Totus Tuus, the buildings around the Parish campus are still being used. Please be sure to turn off all the lights indoor and outside, check the restrooms that the stools are not running and faucets are turned off, re-set the thermostats back to normal settings and lock all the doors when events are done. This will help to secure buildings during the Summer Season. Thank You for your help in this matter.

**MASS TIMES:** During the week of Totus Tuus, Mass times will change. Monday through Friday, July 24 through July 28 Mass will be celebrated at 11:15 a.m. in St. Rose Church. There will be no Mass at St. Andrew's Tuesday and Thursday, July 25 and July 27.

**BEAVER CREEK CEMETERY (rural Crofton):** Mass will be celebrated at Beaver Creek Cemetery on Monday, July 24th at 7:30 p.m. followed by a Rosary. Please bring your own chairs.

**SAINT ROSE SCHOOL REMINDER:** We can help the school during the Summer Season by saving our Box Tops for Education labels. Cut the labels and deposit them into the marked plastic container in back of the church. The goal is to fill the container!! This is an easy way to support the school. Thank you for your generous spirit.

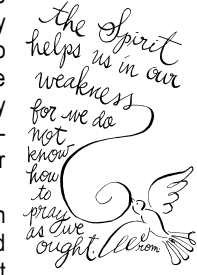
**CONFIRMATION:** Saint Rose Confirmation team is looking for volunteers to help teach and help teachers in the classrooms. We do need a couple of people to work on the Confirmation paperwork. If you would like to help, please call Father Tim Podraza 402-388-4814 or call Maureen (Mo) Woockman 402-388-4650 for more information. More details later.

**FOOD PANTRY:** Throughout July please donate packages of spaghetti items: boxed or bags and jars or cans of spaghetti sauces. Your donations go to families in need around the area. For some families hunger is a struggle throughout the year. Please be generous.

**PRAY FOR:**  
"Favorable weather for farmers during the summer growing Season."  
"Rain on dry farmlands in the area."  
"Parishioners, family or friends who are in need of healing: mind, body and spirit."  
"The Blood of Christ to extinguish the fires of restless hearts and souls so that they are filled with love and peace."

Thank you for remembering our parish with a life estate agreement on your vacation home.

**2017 MARRIAGE CELEBRATION - NORFOLK**  
Archbishop George J. Lucas invites you to attend the annual Mass honoring marriage and your anniversary on Sunday, October 8th. This event honors couples who are celebrating 5, 25, 40, 50, 55, 60 or more years of marriage. Rosary at 1:30 p.m., Mass at 2 p.m., St. Mary Church, 2300 Madison Ave, Norfolk. Seating begins at 1:15 p.m. Reception immediately following ceremony. **Registration required by Friday, July 28th, 2017.** To register contact Reggan Simons 402.551.9003 x 1300.



**ST. ROSE - GIFT TO GOD - JULY 16, 2017**  
*Sunday Giving needed weekly - \$5,070.00*

Sunday	\$ 3,428.00	\$11,000.00 Borrowed from Legacy Fund in June
Plate	\$ 230.00	
Children	\$ 23.75	
Ed Endowment	\$ 952.00	

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**  
**The sick:** Allan Arens, Bernadette Tramp, Heather Hegge, Jeanine Johnson, Christy (Tweedy) Hebeisen, Ray Poppe, Craig Gobel, Ann Johnson, Sue Sandvig, Sr. Janet Guenther, Jeanne Schmidt, Terry Woockman, Paul Arens, John Poppe, Gerald Tramp, Chris Kuehler, Kathy Pinkelman, Larry Thunker, all the troops overseas, and those suffering from natural disasters.  
"Heavenly Father accept our prayers offered for them."

**ACTIVITIES IN JULY / AUG - ST ROSE & ST ANDREW**  
*Eucharistic Adoration (Wednesdays) 9 AM until 10 PM - St. Rose Church*

**July 23 - 28 - Totus Tuus Summer Youth Program at St. Rose for Grades 1-12**

July 24 Mass at Beaver Creek Cemetery, 7:30 PM. Bring your own chairs.  
July 26 SR Totus Tuus Parish Potluck, 5:00 PM, (St. Rose Hall)  
July 27 SR Knights grill burgers for Totus Tuus Team and Grs. 7-12, 6:30 PM  
July 31 Last rosary for 2017 at Beaver Creek Cemetery, 7:30 p.m.  
Aug 6 SR Bazaar Envelope for donations - leave in collection basket  
Aug 14 St. Rose School Open House, 5:30-7:00 PM  
**Assumption Holyday Eve Mass:** 7:00 PM - St. Rose  
Aug 15 **Assumption Holyday Masses:** 8:15 AM - St. Rose and 7:00 PM - St. Andrew  
First Day of School with early dismissal - St. Rose / Crofton Public  
Aug 19/20 **Annual Mission Appeal - Columban Fathers - Fr. Tom Cusack**  
Aug 20 NEW Lector / EMHC Training, 1:30 PM, St. Mary's Church, Norfolk  
Aug 21 SR Finance Meeting, 7:30 PM, (St. Rose Education Center)

**SCHOOL NEWS** Preschool Openings at St. Rose School for Tues /Thur morning preschool. Call the church business office 402-388-4393 or school office 402-388-4393 for more information or to register your child.

**Take A Hike T-Shirts on sale now in the back of church.** Please see Curt Arens. St. Rose Take A Hike program raises awareness of the healthfulness of staying active and raises funds to benefit the mission of St. Rose Parish and School. Saint Francis of Assisi is the patron Saint of this year's campaign. **T-Shirt orders due by July 24th.**

**100 CLUB WINNERS:** July 9: \$50 - Judy Peitz  
July 16: \$50 - Card # 1079

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**Ladies GUILD**  
**Division 12:** Serves next funeral. Chairman, Tracie Wiebelhaus; Co-Chairman, Arlene Steffen.  
**Division 7:** July Church Cleaning. Chairman, Karen Altwine; Rosanne Hoebelheinrich, Co-Chairman.



**READINGS FOR JULY 30, 2017**  
1st Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 Psalm: 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130  
2nd Reading: Romans 8:28-30 Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon July 24 \*11:15 am (SR) Deceased of Frank & Mary Potts  
July 24 7:30 pm Mass at Beaver Creek Cemetery for All Deceased (rosary to follow)

Tue July 25 \*11:15 am (SR) Bette Arens by C.M.

Wed July 26 \*11:15 am (SR) Audrey Gobel Sutton and Pauline Tramp Gobel

Thu July 27 \*11:15 am (SR) L / D Podraza Family

Fri July 28 \*11:15 am (SR) L / D Cyril & Laverta Mauch Harold Tramp

Sat July 29 8:00 am (SR) Gerald & Lucille Arens Family  
5:30 pm (SR) SA / SR Parishioners

Sun July 30 8:30 am (SR) Christian Mothers  
10:30 am (SA) Christian Mothers

\*Due to the Totus Tuus Summer Youth Program, please note Mass time changes for Monday through Friday—this week only!



**SATURDAY, JULY 29 @ 5:30 PM - ST. ROSE**  
SET UP: Jim & Mary Ann Wortmann  
LECTOR: Roger Janssen  
EMHC: Deacon Frank, Emily H., Marilyn T., Nancy S., Jim W., and Mary Ann Wortmann - Visit shut-ins  
SERVERS: Kendall Thoene, Tom Maibaum, Ashley & Ellie Tramp  
USHERS: Justin Foxhoven, Bill, Ron, and Tony Guenther  
GIFTS: Jeremy & Jami Stevens

**SUNDAY, JULY 30 @ 8:30 AM - ST. ROSE**  
SET UP: Larry Koch  
LECTOR: Dana Wortmann  
SERVERS: Jarett Ferden, Ethane Haberman, Jenna Jackson, Rylie Arens  
USHERS: Chad Guenther, Bill Cobler, Russ Dendinger, Jim Hames  
EMHC: Deacon Frank, Maxine S., Ed K., Deb K., Arlene S., and Ed Steffen - Visit shut-ins  
GIFTS: Dave & Julie Tramp  
MONEY: Linda Jackson, Neal Neuhalfen

**SUNDAY, JULY 30 @ 10:30 AM - ST. ANDREW**  
LECTOR: Rich Kaiser  
SERVERS: Wiley & Madie Ziegler, Emma Fiedler  
EMHC: Mike Jackson, Sally Gubbels, Ron Gubbels-shut-ins  
GREETERS, GIFTS, \*VOCATION CROSS: Jason Hans Family and \*Joe & Mary Skrivan

**SR RELIGIOUS ED NEWS:** The Crofton CCD program is seeking a CCD Teacher for 2017-18. If you would like to help a child find God in their life, please consider sharing your talent with the CCD Program. Call Terry Mueller (402) 388-4733 or 605-660-6814 cell phone. *Parents of First Graders, please register your child for CCD by contacting Terry Mueller.*

CCD Registration forms for Grades 1-7 are located in the church lobby by the bulletin board! For planning purposes, we ask that you register your children as soon as possible!  
FFY Registration forms for Grades 11 and 12 are located in the church lobby by the bulletin board! Contact FFY Coordinator, Deb Kube, with any questions.  
Confirmation Formation: Students in Grades 8, 9, and 10 will be in Confirmation formation beginning this fall. *More information forthcoming.*



**ST. ANDREW'S - GIFT TO GOD - JULY 16, 2017**  
*Sunday Giving needed weekly - \$1,340.00*

Sunday	\$ 1,458.00
Plate	\$ 32.00
Children	\$ 8.00

**ST. ANDREW'S NEWS**  
**MOWING SCHEDULE:**  
July 16 - July 22: Jeff Hochstein, Jason Hans  
July 23 - July 29: Wade Jenness, Richard Kleinschmit  
July 30 - August 5: Keith Koertje, Kirk Hamm  
*Just a reminder to please also mow the grotto area.*

**HELP WANTED**  
Volunteers needed to help with St. Andrew's religious education (CCD and Confirmation) classes this fall. We are asking you to thoughtfully pray and consider giving your time to your church. Contact Barb Jackson as soon as possible if interested (402) 373-2696.



**AREA EVENTS**

**July 31, Monday:** Annulment: Pathway to Healing - If you or someone you love is affected by divorce, join us for this seminar! All are welcome. Deacon Ron Ryan will present basic information and answer your questions regarding the annulment process. Annulment sponsors will be in attendance. Monday, July 31st from 6:30 - 8:00 at St. Patrick, 204th and Maple Streets, Elkhorn. Contact Denise Carlson by July 28th to register. 402-551-9003 Ext. 1304 or dmcarslson@archomaha.org

**August 12, Saturday:** Knox County Fair Mass - On Saturday night, August 12th, Mass during the Knox County Fair will be celebrated in air-conditioned comfort in St. Andrew's Church, Bloomfield at 7:00 p.m. (not at the Fairgrounds' Pavilion) with Fr. Timothy Podraza as celebrant.

**August 25-27:** Retrouvaille - Stress in Your Marriage? Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register call 1-888-317-5654.

**TOTUS TUUS** Summer Youth Program for Grades 1-12 coming to St. Rose on July 23 - 28, 2017. —Junior high/high school will meet Sunday, July 23 through Thursday, July 27 from 7-9:00 p.m. with evening check-in at St. Rose Hall. —Grades 1-6 will meet Monday, July 24 through Friday, July 28 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. with morning check-in at St. Rose Hall.

Additional activities during the week include:  
• **Totus Tuus Parish Family Potluck, Wednesday, July 26th at 5:00 p.m.** in St. Rose Church Hall. Bring your favorite hot or cold dish.

• **St. Rose Knights are grilling burgers at 6:30 PM (please note time)** for the Totus Tuus team and the Junior high / high schoolers' final night (Thursday, July 27).

**Still not too late to register!** Totus Tuus forms can be found in the back of SA/SR churches. If interested in participating, must bring completed form with you (signed by parent) at check-in. If you do not have a registration, plan to come about 10 minutes early to fill out the paperwork to be signed by parent.

