

JULY 13, 2003- 15th Sunday of the Year

† *Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for their journey but a walking stick – no food no sack, no money in their belts.*

-Mark 6: 7-13

ZITS: 'A MATURITY MOMENT'

Zits is the daily newspaper comic strip by Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman that chronicles the foibles and angst of being a teenager – and being the parents of teenagers.

In a recent strip, 15-year-old Sara is having a bad hair day – very bad. “Gaaa! I hate my hair!” Sara screams. “I swear, I should just cut it off and start all over!”

Her mother calmly suggests, “That’s a great idea, Sara! I know some people who would like to have it.”

“Ha! Are you kidding? Who would want to be stuck with a whole head of this stuff?” Sara demands to know, pointing to her unruly do.

Mom hands Sara a brochure for “Locks of Love,” an organization that makes wigs for kids with cancer.

“Wow, this is so amazing!” Sara says as she reads the pamphlet. “So this ‘Locks of Love’ organization would use my hair to make wigs for kids with cancer?”

“Or with other types of medical hair loss,” her mom explains. “That way your problem becomes somebody else’s solution.”

Sara is deeply moved by the pictures and stories in the brochure. Humbled and a little embarrassed, Sara becomes very quiet and thoughtful for what seems like an eternity.

“Are you okay, Sara?” Mom finally asks.

Sara says quietly, “I think I’m having a maturity moment.”

CONNECTION: *Thomas Merton wrote that a child only begins to become an adult when the child realizes he or she is not the center of the universe. Christ calls us to embrace such moments of “maturity” – precious moments when we manage to put aside our own needs, problems and wants for the sake of the more critical needs of another; rare moments when we realize that we are not the center of the world but a part of a world much greater than ourselves, that we are connected to everyone through the dignity we all share as sons and daughters of God; holy moments when our disappointments and hurts at what life has handed us are transformed into gratitude to God for the gift of life itself. As Christ sends us forth to do the work of discipleship, may he open our hearts and minds to such “maturity moments,” enabling us to be disciples of his compassion and healing along our journeys to the dwelling place of God.*

The deadline for all bulletin items is noon Monday. The item submitted will be printed in the following Sunday’s Bulletin. Please remember space is limited. All submissions may be edited for length and content. Thanks-Editor

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2003

7:30am Mass

9:30am Mass

10:30am New Parishioner Registration

11:30am Mass

1:00pm Baptisms

2:00pm Baptisms

6:15pm Mass

MONDAY, JULY 14, 2003

8:00am Rosary (Chapel)

8:30am Mass (Chapel)

7:00pm Boy Scout Adult Committee (Room 204)

7:15pm Earthen Vessels Rehearsal (St. Cecilia)

TUESDAY, JULY 15

8:00am Rosary (Chapel)

8:30am Mass (Chapel)

9:00am Camp TNT

6:30pm Picture Directory Meeting (Room 201)

7:00pm St. Vincent de Paul (Room 204)

7:00pm Engaged Couples Retreat (Rms. 206 & 208)

7:15pm *Wild Honey & The Locusts* (St. Cecilia)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

8:00am Rosary (Chapel)

8:30am Word/Eucharist (Chapel)

1:00pm Silvertones (LL108)

THURSDAY, JULY 17

8:00am Rosary (Chapel)

8:30am Mass (Chapel)

FRIDAY, JULY 18

8:00am Rosary (Chapel)

8:30am Mass (Chapel)

SATURDAY, JULY 19

8:00am Engaged Couples Retreat

3:30pm Reconciliation

4:30pm Mass

SUNDAY, JULY 20

7:30am Mass

9:30am Mass

11:30am Mass

6:15pm Mass

Please Note:

**All decorations
must be removed from
St. John’s Cemetery
Two weeks after
July 4th.**

Thank you.

Before I Forget...

- *I have hope because I believe that God is born anew each morning, because I believe that God is creating the world at this very moment in time. It is happening now. We must be ready to expect the unexpected from God. God is here, near us, unforeseeable and loving. I believe the Holy Spirit is at work in the Church and in the world, even where the name of God is unheard. I believe in the surprises of the Holy Spirit. To hope is a duty, not a luxury. To hope is not to dream, but to turn dreams into reality.*

-Cardinal L. J. Suenens

Maybe you've heard this story, but it's such a good one that it deserves repeating every now and again.

It's the story of the businessman whose wife was experiencing depression. She began to mope around and be sad, lifeless- no light in her eyes, no spring in her step, joyless. It became so bad that this "man of the world" did what any sophisticated person would do. He made an appointment with the psychiatrist. On the appointed day, they went to the psychiatrist's office, sat down with him and began to talk. It wasn't long before the wise doctor realized what the problem was.

So without saying a word, he simply stood, walked over in front of the woman's chair, signaled her to stand, took her by the hands, looked in her eyes for a long time, then gathered her into his arms and gave her a big, warm hug. You could see the change come over the woman. Her face softened, her eyes lit up, she immediately relaxed. Her whole face glowed.

Stepping back, the doctor said to the husband, "See, that's all that she needs."

With that, the man said, "Okay, I'll bring her in Tuesdays and Thursdays each week, but I have to play golf on the other afternoons."

Back in the 4th century B.C., Hippocrates coined the term, "melancholia". We may euphemistically refer to it as "the blues" or "a slump" or "feeling gloomy". More accurately, the experience is depression. It attacks the rich and the poor. It has no respect for race or creed or nationality. Young people suffer almost as much as adults. Did you know that suicide is the second leading cause for the death of teenagers?

For some depression is sporadic; for others it's chronic. For some it is severe, and demands professional help. For others, it's mild but still strong enough to make one's life tough and oppressive. When depression is severe, it makes us powerless. Even when it 's mild, it colors our lives gray and robs us of joy, hope and meaning. Depression is the most common emotional problem in America today. Chances are each one of us knows someone who is depressed. In 1982, Clarence Forsberg wrote "The Art of Coping" Even Preachers get the Blues. Yes, even women and men who have given their lives to God and are in service to the church get depressed. Many of the saints suffered from depression. If we are going to deal with our depression, blues, and lows, we must be honest with God. That is why the Psalms are great for prayer

Read Psalm 40. The Psalmist writes: "I waited patiently for the Lord; He inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the desolate pits, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God." Did you get it? God drew me out of my miry bog? Look up bog and mire in your dictionary. Some times, our lives are like a "miry bog". Sometimes the blues bogs us down and we can't experience the abundant life Christ promised to His followers. One of the problems with Christians is that we think there is something wrong with our Christian experience if we admit we are not "up"! Do you think Jesus was "up" while He hung on the cross? What did he say? "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

When we are low, blue, down, depressed, the temptation is to retreat in to ourselves, to hide in our homes, or even hide through alcohol or other drugs. The psalms remind us to stay close to God. And God gives us other people, significant people in our lives, to stay close to, those who really love us and care for us.

A few years ago at a workshop I met an elderly black woman from Youngstown. Life had been hard for her and her ancestors who had been slaves. She told our group the praising God over and over again, year after year, gave them all hope. That God was faithful in the past and God would continue to be faithful today, tomorrow and always. Then she sang an old black spiritual about praise: "Get so happy, praising my Jesus. Get so happy, praising my Jesus. Get so happy, praising my Jesus. Ain't got time to die."

There is hope. Can we put our hope and trust in God... and bring the hurting to Jesus Christ?

Fr. Bill

The Family of Norbert Zamor will have a memorial Mass on Saturday, July 26 at 11:00 am in the Chapel of Angels. Norbert, who had been living in Georgia, passed away in December 2002.

Fallfest 2003

"A Harvest of Memories" September 19, 20, 21



Friday:

Timeless Hollywood

A Gala Dinner Event

Join us for a nostalgic look at the
Golden Age of Hollywood.

High Rollers love to play in the casino after
dinner. Glamour Girls and Handsome Leading
Men won't want to miss this event.



Saturday:

Street Dance
featuring:

The Rockin' Hollywoods



Sunday: Booya,

Games for all ages, Raffle,
Entertainment Stage, Food, Beer and
Lots of Fun.

Volunteers needed for many areas
Sponsorship and Donation Opportunities

Can you help?

Call (651) 633-8333



Camp TNT...

TNT CAMPERS: Camp TNT meets again Tuesday, July 22. All campers should plan to be at St. John's by 9:00 am. Please dress appropriately for your work project. Wear closed toe shoes. (Do not wear sandals.) Be sure to bring a bag lunch. Pop and a "treat" will be provided.

Please check the schedules to be sure that you will be able to attend your scheduled sessions. Service site coordinators need the information to schedule service sites appropriately. Call Liz (763-754-7666 ext. 6) if your plans have changed. Call Rick Craig (763-754-7666 ext 1) if you have any questions.

ALL 7TH-12TH GRADERS are invited to join us Tuesday, August 5th for a trip to Valleyfair. The cost of the trip, which includes transportation and admission to the park, is \$27. Registered participants will meet at St. John's at 9:30 am and return at 8:00 pm. To register, submit a permission slip and money to Rick Craig, in the parish office, by the registration deadline, July 29. TNT campers are already registered for this trip. Call Rick Craig with questions 763-754-7666.

BROWSING THE "WEB"? Be sure to check out www.theyouthroom.com for photos of youth activities, news of upcoming events, permission slips and more!
<http://www.theyouthroom.com>

Faith Formation News

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? There is a program at St. John's called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) that will answer these questions. If you are interested, please call the parish office for further information the faith Formation Director will contact you in August. RCIA is held each Monday evening from September through May.

ALL FAITH FORMATION PARENTS AND STUDENTS Registration for all Faith Formation Programs (Sunday School, Elementary, Odyssey, Confirmation). **Please return immediately.** If you did not receive a registration form, please call Faith Formation and leave a message (651) 633-1540. Ext. 1211.

Mission Trip 2004

CARIBBEAN MISSION TRIP 2004 Workers are needed to build houses and work with the children in schools in Dominica and Union island which is part of St. Vincent and the Grenadines. The trip will take place January 30th to February 14, 2004. For information contact Tom Quayle at 651-633-0459 or on website: <http://unionisland.com> or www.goodnewswi.com.

Adoration

"The church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this Sacrament of Love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet Him in Adoration..."

- Pope John Paul II

Adorers are needed for the following hours:

2 AM - 3 AM Tuesday

12 noon - 1 PM Saturday

2 PM - 3 PM Wednesday

Other times are also available. Please call Dorothy at (651) 636-1660 or Jerry at (651) 636-2054 to sign up. Substitutes are available for times when you can not make your hour.

Seniors

JULY SILVER TONES MEETING July 16- at 1:00 AFTER lunch at New Brighton Service Center. Make your reservations at (651) 638-2145 before July 15th.

GRAND CASINO Join us July 17 for an adventure to Grand Casino Mille Lacs. Get your brochures in the parish office or at bulletin boards. For more information, call Ginny (763) 784-5254.



SUMMER DELIGHT On August 14th, enjoy the delights of summer in Minnesota. Tour the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chanhassen. From the comfort of a motor coach, an arboretum guide will explain the state's largest public garden.

Enjoy lunch and the beauty of a Minnesota day as we glide over the waters of Lake Minnetonka on a Paradise Boat cruise. (Wide open sun decks or complete comfort with enclosures will allow you to be comfortable no matter what the weather is like.) This 2-hour cruise shows off some of the lakes most magnificent homes and historic estates. **Cost: \$45 for a Silvertone Member, \$50 for a non-member.** Cost includes motor coach transportation, lunch, train, and museum admission. Depart: St. John's 10:00 am.

Return: approximately 3:30 pm.

Deadline Date: July 24th.

Refunds for cancellations made after August 7th will reflect non-recoverable expenses deducted.

Seekers

SEEKERS (Adult Theological Book Club)

You are always welcome to join us we ask only that you read the assignment- or at least a good part of it! Our book selection for August is *Why am I a Catholic* by Garry Wills, Houghton Mifflin, 2002. Our next meeting is Thursday, August 28, 7-8:30 pm in the St. John's Pastoral Center, St Vincent de Paul Room (#210). We are seeking to develop an adult faith. We invite you to join us and explore your faith and expand your vision.

Pastoral Ministry

Nursing Home Schedule

Week of July 13th

Tuesday, July 15th

Word/ Comm 11:45 AM

Presbyterian Homes

Word/ Comm 2:15 PM

New Brighton Care

Thursday, July 17th

Mass 10:15 AM

Innsbruck

Word/ Comm 7:00 PM

St. Anthony

Word/ Comm 2:15 PM

Trevilla

FYI: Both families that stayed with us during our week to host *Families Moving Forward* have found housing now and are settling in to a more serene life...Thank You God.

Check your Faith and Values section of Saturday's paper. The "Open Doors" group will be mentioned-Congrats to this wonderful group of people who have steadily grown and nurtured a very special group that now numbers near 200 on the mailing list.

Just Faith

JUSTFAITH a formation program for parishioners interested in social ministry and would-be prophets, will be offered again this fall at St. John's. JustFaith offers an intensive study of the Christian's call to address the needs of the world. The thirty-week program includes weekly meetings, regular reading, retreats, and immersion experiences. Participation will be limited to the first 15 registrants. The program will run from mid-September to mid-May. For more information, call the Parish Office at 651-633-8333.



Those in our community who are ill:

Beau Anderson, John Battmer, Donald Beaubien, Marcelline Beseler, Marcella Boomer, Karen Bona, Shawn Brewer, Esther Cadwallader, Wayne Carlson, Ann Czech, Louis Czech, Lenore Dougherty, Joe Fellner, Linda Franklin, Bernice Hopkins, Anna Horbatuck, Fr. Michael Joncas, Kevin Keenan, Br. Joseph Katzmarek, Michael Kavanagh, Esther Knapp, Mary Krenik, Linda Leier, Herb Loscheider, Julie Martinez, Nancy Mehrer, Rupert Meyer, Irene Mitchell, Lance and Ann Moe, Corliss Moore, Donna Murphy, Ray Nelson, Cynthia Schwall, Frances Svontek, Ted Spiess, Ed Stich, Richard St. Germain, Sr., Bob Sorem, Fr. Greg Tolaas, Frances Vonacek, Donna Waldoch, Helen Winger, Mildred Werner, Linda Zappa

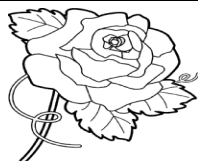
Bulletin Board

PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSELING is again available to all St. John's Parishioners on a no fee basis. Tuesday hours between 10 and 3. Call Teri at (651) 633-8333.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER A World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a weekend full of fresh love, rebirth, and new beginnings. All married couples deserve a richer, fuller life together.

The next weekends are scheduled for July 18-20th at Yankee Square Inn in Eagan and September 19-21 at the Park Inn in Shakopee. Registration is limited. For more information or to register call (toll free) 1-800-795-5683, call 651-426-4710 or visit our website at <http://www.owenblock.com/wwme>.

SEARCH & DISCOVER Single young adults are invited to explore vocation choices at a weekend retreat sponsored by the archdiocese. Gather at Christ the King Retreat Center, Buffalo, for presentations, silent prayer, and the chance to walk and talk with a priest, brother, sister of your choice. July 18-20. For more information call Sister Patrice Tekippe, FSPA: 651-695-8124; or father Stephan Bauer, OSC: 651-486-7456.



ONLY TODAY

My life is an instant,
An hour which passes by;
My life is a moment
Which I have no power to stay.
You know, O my God,
That to love you here on earth—
I have only today.
—St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Birthright

Caring help for pregnant women.

651-646-7033 – St. Paul
763-757-0715 – Coon Rapids

PRAYER LINE

Call one of these numbers with your prayer requests.
All requests are confidential.

651-633-1618
763-784-5254
651-636-5251



OPEN DOORS - A social group for divorced, widowed, and single men and women -- meets the second Tuesday of each month. Come to the meetings or just the events. The door is open -- you're always welcome!!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Every Wednesday - Walking and Jogging Groups will meet from 6:00-7:00 p.m. (weather permitting). Meet at the boat launch area at Long Lake Regional Park. Call Barb at 763-784-6399 with any questions.

July 19 - RSVP for Lorie Line concert on Dec 21 at 2:00 p.m. RSVP & advance payment (approx. \$50) due by 7/19 to Linda at 651-636-6713 or e-mail at linda_see@state.mn.us

July 24 - Restaurant of the Month - watch for more details!

July 26 - Game Night - mark your calendar now!!

If you, or someone you know, would like to be added to our mailing list, or if you would like to receive an invitation to visit our new web site, please call Jan at 651-780-2142.

Scripture Readings for the Week



Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34 – 11:1
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Ex 11:10 – 12:14; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Mt 12:14-21
Sunday: Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

GOD IN ALL

In everything, be it a thing sensed, or a thing known, God is hidden within.

—St. Bonaventure

Weekly Collection

| | Actual | Goal | Capital Campaign II |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|
| June 29, 2003 | \$22,720 | \$23,745 | \$7,641 |
| Since July 1, 2002 | \$1,497,450 | \$1,512,452 | \$492,593 |

Thank you for your generous support!

End of Year totals for fiscal year 2002-2003 and the first two weeks of 2003-2004 will be available in next week's bulletin.