

Assumption Catholic Church

206 Dakota Street, PO Box 67, Callaway, MN July 10, 2016

Here is a thought from last week's homily: In the Sacrament of Baptism we were claimed by Christ by the minister, our parents and godparents when they traced the sign of the cross on our foreheads. This cross is an invisible brand: we belong to Christ.

To live life well calls for a good share of balance. We need to balance our food intake with the rest of our life styles. When we are out of balance, we become over-weight or under-weight. Our bodies are forgiving in the short term, but a diet out of balance will eventually catch up to us. We will enjoy the benefits of good habits or suffer the consequences of poor habits.

Parents need to help teenagers balance school and extra-curricular activities. There are simply too many good things to do! How many teenagers get eight or nine hours of sleep each night during the school year? How often does an extra-curricular activity interfere with the Lord's Day or with our Wednesday evenings? It is hard to find the right balance!

I am thinking about balance because it was a struggle for me this last week. I was asked to do a funeral out of the parish. I agreed, which meant I needed to cancel a Mass and arrange for a communion service. I needed to cancel meetings and rearrange appointments. On my way to this funeral, I received a call and was asked to preside at another funeral in another parish. This time I said that I could not do it. Was that the right decision? I have felt guilty for it since the phone call. I am nervous to meet my friends again because now I have refused to participate in the funeral of their mother. Surely they understand. But still, how awful is it to be too busy to do a funeral?

Balance sometimes requires difficult decisions. It is easy for me to say "NO!" to a caramel roll, but not so easy to say "NO!" to things that are good and important. Just like extra-curricular activities for school age kids, there are simply too many good things to do.

Is your life in good balance? If it is, let me know how you do it!

Mass Schedule for Sacred Heart Church in Frazee
Saturdays – 9:00 am and 5:30 pm
Sundays – 8:30 am
Weekdays: Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 9:00 am
Wednesdays – Frazee Care Center 10:00 am

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Mass Times
Thursday @ 7:00 pm
Sunday 10:30 am

CONFESSIONS:
Thursday @ 6:15 pm
Sunday after Mass

ADORATION:
Thursdays: 5:00-7:00 pm

Raffle Tickets for the Fall Dinner are here! See Mark or Kristi Stalberger to pick up yours.

We need people to volunteer for cleaning the Church during the summer months. Consider this an act of love for the Lord in His house of worship.

Progressive Ag Safety Day, Callaway, MN, Saturday July 23: CHS is partnering with the Progressive Agriculture Foundation to host a free Progressive Agriculture Safety Day for children ages 4-12 and their families Saturday, July 23, at the Callaway Community Center, Callaway, MN, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hands-on demonstrations reveal the hidden hazards of farm surroundings and other rural areas. There will be demonstrations on electrical, chemical, ATV, water, railroad, fire and propane safety. No registration is necessary. The safety day starts at 8: a.m., and a free lunch will be provided at the conclusion of the morning event. Find out more at chsmahnommen.com or contact Jennifer Chick (Jennifer.chick@chsinc.com).

Question of the Week: Whom did I pass by on my way to today's Eucharist, and what hands-on mercy can I offer that person?

PRAYER REQUESTS: A PRAYER TO PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE BELOW:

Lord, we pray for your loving support for the people listed below and their families as they deal with their illnesses. Guide the doctors who are seeking answers and making decisions about care/ treatments. We pray that their illness is at a stage favorable for effective treatment. Enable their bodies to respond well to care/treatment and their soul to experience comfort and peace in you. Make this an experience that draws them and their loved ones closer to you as well as to one another. We commit them to your mercy. Amen

Sharon Winter, Ken Blattenbauer, LaMae Blattenbauer, Wendy Berg (Ginny Warren's sister), Rosella Olson (Ginny Warren's mother), Danny Nelson, Ray Lundberg, Stella Hazelton, Alice Bellefeuille, Dan Rousu, Mark Stalberger, Milo & Lucille Winter, Shelly Scheler, Gabriel Fain, Sherry Steffl, Ernie Clark, Lowell Baker, Martha Donley, Connie Olgaard, Jeff Wirth, Rita Pearson, Walt Welle, Shawna Donner, Brian Hazelton, Irene Hazelton, Steve Strawsell, David Strawsell, Jerry Braaten, Deb Clark, Jamie Weigel, Albert Schouviller, Rick Flottesch, Lori Stalberger, Jim Hazelton, Cleo Baker, Brent Pearson, Jerry Flottesch, Phil Bellefeuille, Ken Jacobson, Allen Gulseth.

"Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'" (Luke 10:37)

This was Jesus' command at the end of the Good Samaritan story. But did you know that the Samaritans and Jews despised each other? The moral of the story is to love our neighbor, who may be someone you don't know, someone that looks different from you or someone you don't like, without expecting anything in return.

Collections for July 3, 2016
\$925
Maintenance Fund
\$25

UPCOMING:

Sept 11: Parish Fall Dinner

Mass Intentions
Thursday, July 14: +Phil Thomas
Sunday, July 17: +James & Grace Fairbanks

Ministry Schedule for July 17, 2016

Ministers of Holy Communion
Kristi Stalberger, Lori Stalberger & MaryAnn Jorgenson
Lector
Bill Steffl
Ushers
Jerry Flottesch & Pat Stalberger
Presentation of Gifts
Max & Karen Klarer
Altar Servers
Katie Larson & Kalie Steffl
Money Counters
Cleo Starkey & Ken Pearson