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Assumption Catholic Church

Father David's homilies--frazeesacredheart.org>Homilies.

206 Dakota Street, PO Box 67, Callaway, MN

August 23, 2020

Here is a thought from last week's homily: *In their hearts the disciples had already concluded what Jesus verbalized for them: she is a Gentile dog, not worthy of their time, their mercy, or the good news of the Kingdom of God.*

There are about 15 baby evergreen trees in the rectory yard. All of them were transplanted here as saplings. At first they were so small, the grass could be taller than them. Each one had the a utility flag to mark its existence. Like buried piles and lines, they could be inadvertently injured or destroyed.

Today some of them are 30 inches tall. They no longer need little flags to avert the mower. A few years has made a big difference. I can hardly imagine what they will look like in 10 years.

We can be impatient with the faith of those who are precious to us. They are still saplings and we want them to be towering and strong like the cedars of Lebanon. For some, the years pass and it seems like there is no growth at all.

I have found that hollering at the trees produces nothing good, nor is there any benefit from shaming them for being weak. I do what I can to keep them safe. They are watered and weeded. Growth is up to them. I don't like this. I want them to be ten feet tall by my command.

What is in the mind of God when he looks at us? Are we as tall and strong as we can be? Probably not. We may be the sapling and we don't even know it. God says, "I will nurture him with patience; I will give her another year to bear fruit."

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Mass Times
 Thursday 7:00 pm
 Saturday 7:00 pm
 Sunday 10:00 am

CONFESSIONS:
 Thursday @ 6:15 pm
 Sunday after Mass

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

Safe Environment 2020/21: It is time to renew Safe Environment Certifications. If you work/volunteer for the Assumption Parish with either youth or vulnerable adults, this certification is required by the Diocese and must be completed every year. Go to: <http://www.crookston.org/secertification> to complete your certification online. If you do not do it online, get a hard copy of the information and test component from Marlys. Let's everybody get this done by September 30. It creates a bookkeeping snarl if everyone does not do it by then; besides, Marlys hates having to be a nag!!!

A HUGE thank you goes out to Bill Steffl for scrubbing the graffiti of the sidewalk and siding of the church last weekend. 🙌 (👍👎👏)

Question of the Week: How do I answer the question Jesus asked disciples: "Who do you say that I am?"

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

Rosella Olson (Ginny Warren's mother), , Mark Stalberger, Sherry Steffl, Ernie Clark, Martha Donley, Connie Olgaard, Deb Clark, Rick Flottesmesch, , Brent Pearson, Jerry Flottesmesch (RIP), Peter Pearson, Jeanine Kivi, Peg Braaten, Connie Collman Bergren, Darrell Beck, Brian Hazelton, Hali Thomas, Jim Hazelton, Chris Fairbanks, Jim Foltz, Pat Hilber (Coleen Tietz's brother-in-law), Ken & Rita Pearson, Ethan Estabrooks , Easton Lammers (grandson of Roger and Sharon Winter), Judy Dwinell, Marlene Scherping. Jerome Jirava, Jr., Josh Janousek and Cleo Baker.

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?"
(Romans 11:35)

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give the Lord anything—God already owns it all. God made everything. All we can do is return a portion of God's many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts open our hearts to joyful generosity! Through your generous sharing, you just may be the answer to someone's prayer.

Sunday, August 16, 2020—\$945
Assumption of Mary--\$207

Mass Intentions

Thurs., Aug. 27: In honor and petition to Good St. Joseph
Sat., Aug 29: For the People of Assumption and Sacred Heart parishes
Sun., Aug. 30: For Marriage and Family Life

Ministry Schedule for August 23, 2020

| Saturday | Lector | Sunday |
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| DonTietz | | Al Foltz |
| | Usher | |
| Damian Zurn | | Danny Steffl |