

Assumption Catholic Church

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July 11, 2021

If You Forget, You Will Not Forgive

Turning away from his brothers, Joseph wept.

When we forgive someone, we do not forget the hurtful act, as if forgetting came along with the forgiveness package, the way strings come with a violin.

Begin with basics. If you forget, you will not forgive at all. You can never forgive people for things you have forgotten about. You need to forgive precisely because you have not forgotten what someone did; your memory keeps the pain alive long after the actual hurt has stopped. Remembering is your storage of pain. It is *why* you need to be healed in the first place.

Forgetting, in fact, may be a dangerous way to escape the inner surgery of the heart that we call forgiving. There are two kinds of pain that we forget. We forget hurts too trivial to bother about. We forget pains too horrible for our memory to manage....

The pains we *dare* not remember are the most dangerous pains of all. We fear to face some horrible thing that once hurt us, and we stuff it into the black holes of our unconsciousness where we suppose it cannot hurt us. But it only comes back disguised; it is like a demon wearing an angel's face. It lays low for a while only to slug us later, on the sly....

Enough, then, to light up a warning sign: never mistake forgetting for forgiving.

Once we *have* forgiven, however, we get a new freedom to forget. This time forgetting is a sign of health; it is not a trick to avoid spiritual surgery. We *can* forget because we have been healed.

But even if it is *easier* to forget after we forgive, we should not make forgetting a *test* of our forgiving. The test of forgiving lies with healing the lingering pain of the past, not with forgetting that the past ever happened.

(from **Give Us This Day**, July 7, 2021 by Lewis B. Smedes, *Forgive and Forget: Healing the Hurts We Don't Deserve*)

If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).

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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

Announcements

Your 2021 envelopes are in the Fellowship Hall on a table. If you have not picked yours up, please do so. Postage is expensive for us to mail them out.

We are in need of more parish members to help with cleaning of the church and fellowship hall. It is 1 night a month for about 2-3 hours. **Many hands make light work!** Our next church cleaning will be Wednesday, July 15. Please mark your calendars.

Question of the week: Can I recall a time when I was provided what I need to bring God's blessings to others? Can I trust in God whenever I feel inadequate to the task?

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
Sherry Steffl, Ernie Clark, Martha Donley, Connie Olgaard, Deb Clark, Rick Flottemesch, Brent Pearson, Peter Pearson, Jeanine Kivi, Peg Braaten, Connie Collman Bergren, Darrell Beck, Brian Hazelton, Hali Thomas, Chris Fairbanks, Jim Foltz, Pat Hilber (Coleen Tietz's brother-in-law), Ken & Rita Pearson, Judy Dwinell, Marlene Scherping, Jerome Jirava, Jr., Josh Janousek, Cleo Baker, Don Tietz, Violet Fairbanks, Irene Hazelton, Phil Bellefeuille, Virginia Warren (RIP), Scott Pulse (son-in-law of Rick and Virginia McDougall) and Betty Matter.

"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts." MARK 6:8

Imagine taking nothing but a stick when you go on a trip. The Apostles must have really trusted in God's providential care. Think of all the material things "we can't live without" in today's world. We make our life's journey more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Putting God first in everything and putting our money and possessions second gives us freedom because we don't become "slaves" to wanting to acquire more things.

Sunday, July 4, 2021--\$957

Mass Intentions

Thurs., July 15: +Mark Stalberger

Sun., July 18: +Veronica Havercamp

The **2021 - 2022 Safe Environment training module for the Diocese of Crookston** is now available. Our Safe Environment year begins on July 1st, 2021 and runs through June 30th, 2022. Safe Environment certification is necessary for every adult volunteer or employee age 18 or older in the Diocese of Crookston who has the potential for unsupervised contact with children or vulnerable adults.

Certification includes a criminal background check, training related to recognizing and reporting child abuse, and agreement to abide by the Diocesan Safe Environment Policy and Code of Conduct. Please go online to www.crookston.org/offices/safeenvironment/certification to complete the certification. When you complete the test and hit submit, you should see your test scores with a message that says you are finished. If you don't see this message, you will have to retake it. Please complete your Safe Environment by August 1, 2021. See Marlys with any questions.

Ministry Schedule for July 18, 2021

Altar Servers

Julia Steffl

Eucharistic Ministers

Ken Pearson

Lector

Karen Klarer

Presentation of the Gifts

Pat Stalberger Family

Ushers

Kevin Larson & Danny Steffl