

Mass Schedule for the Week

MONDAY, August 13th, Weekday

7:00 a.m. Health & Blessings for George J. Connelly—Int. Family

TUESDAY, August 14th, Saint Maximilian Kolbe

7:00 a.m. +Marie Jakelski—Int. Connie

4:00 p.m. +Becky Neulieb—Int. Dan & Beth Pishkur

WEDNESDAY, August 15th, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 a.m. +Veronica Skierkowski—Int. Family

8:30 a.m. Health & Blessings for Donald Wentland—Int. Rick & Sue Pelis

THURSDAY, August 16th, Weekday

7:00 a.m. +Eugene Kucharski—Int. Jerry Krenz

FRIDAY, August 17th, Weekday

7:00 a.m. +Jeanette Dobeski—Int. Nancy Adrian & Julia Perring

SATURDAY, August 18th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Carol Bartuzik—Int. Stan Yagelski

4:00 p.m. +Louise Lewinski—Int. Lynn & Diane Haverstock

SUNDAY, August 19th, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. ++William Edward & Margaret Mary Dooling—Int. Deborah

10:00 a.m. ++Clarence & Helen Tylicz—Int. Michael Tylicz

CSA- Update

Our CSA goal this year is **\$35,944.00**. We have received **\$6,000.00** to date. Please consider donating. We have a long way to go before meet our goal. Last year at this time we were thousands ahead in donations than we are today. Every donation, small or large, helps us to meet our quota. As always, we are responsible to reach our given goal. We will be assessed a loan if we do not raise the funds. We are hoping to avoid this. Please help your Parish, donate today!

CCD Classes

The St. Stanislaus CCD classes for 2018-2019 will start on Sunday, September 23rd. Registrations are available in the vestibule of the Church. Fees are \$50.00/per student or \$75.00/family.

July 50/50

Congratulations to Joe Kelly who won our July 50/50 Drawing. Joe \$165.00. Stop by and get your ticket for August.

ND Games

We need volunteers for the Notre Dame Football Concessions. If interested, call Brother Shaun Gray at 219-898-8625.

Grateful

Our School was remembered in the Estate of Edward & Evelyn Kaczka. We are extremely grateful for their generous deed. May God grant them eternal rest.

Liturgical Schedule

Date/Mass	Acolytes	Ushers	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
Sat., Aug. 18th 4:00 PM	Natalie Herbert Nathaniel Weiss	L. Haverstock, S. Janus, J. Sosinski, D. Pishkur	Mary Pytynia, Karen Wojasinski, Mary Kay Senderak	Tom Nazimek
Sun., Aug. 19th 7:00AM	Brother Shaun	F. Adrian, T. Yagelski, R. Worek, D.Povlock	Brother Shaun	Brother Shaun
Sun., Aug. 19th 10:00AM	Evan Hebbe Connor Reynolds	C. Kamont, D. Przybylinski, S. Poplawski, T. Poplawski	Nancy Luethke, Ruth Mokrycki, Stan Przybylinski	Barb Skierkowski

August Money Counters: Cliff Wozniak, Barb Skierkowski, Gail Bonfield

**The Collection for
Aug. 4th & 5th**

First Collection

4:00 pm	\$1,945.00
7:00 am	\$2,633.00
10:00am	<u>\$2,016.53</u>
Total	\$6,594.53

Second Collection

4:00 pm	\$335.00
7:00 am	\$570.00
10:00am	<u>\$200.00</u>
Total	<u>\$770.00</u>
Total	\$7,364.53

Please turn off your cell phone upon entering the Church. If God calls, He will leave a message.



Summer is Over

Both Offices will resume normal business hours beginning this week.

Bulletin Info

- The deadline for the bulletin is on
- Mondays at noon. If you would
- like something inserted in the
- bulletin, please contact the
- Church Office at 219-879-9281.

**Upcoming Events
In Our Parish**

August 15th—First Day of School

Memorial Board

We are accepting names for our Garden Memorial Board. For \$100 donation, you can remember a loved one, living or deceased, with a name plaque. We thank our volunteers who have been keeping our garden looking beautiful. It takes hard work to keep up with it and we are extremely grateful for your service.

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This summer, I have been meeting with pastors and their synod parish planning teams to thank them for their hard and good work, to digest the details of their pastoral initiatives and to seek clarification regarding implementation of their synod goals.

As you know, we had the diocesan synod in June of last year, which produced goals and objectives in each of the eight areas of Church life. Rather than embracing a top-down approach, i.e. asking everyone to do the same thing in the same way simultaneously, our leadership discerned that more pastoral fruit would emerge if we asked each parish to create their own plan, based on their strengths, challenges and deficits.

To accomplish that end, many of our diocesan department leaders and several permanent deacons embraced the role of parish consultant, leading clusters of parish teams in a process of self-analysis, planning and strategic thinking, all oriented towards the question: How can we grow the mission of Jesus Christ in our community? The image that helped me to articulate this process is that of a restaurant buffet.

If the diocesan synod results are a smorgasbord of transformative ideas, pastoral practices, spiritual goals and strategic initiatives, each parish was asked to walk through the food line, choosing 3-5 objectives that they would like to work on for the next three years. My mantra in this whole process has been that everyone can't do everything, but everyone can do something. The results have been astounding!

Every single parish in our diocese has participated in this process. Priests, deacons, lay ministers and parish leadership have been engaged, visionary in many cases, and have experienced transformation along the way. When parish representatives presented their synod plan to me at the Pentecost service at Holy Angels Cathedral in May, their pleasure and pride in the power of their accomplishment was written all over their faces.

Kudos to all of the parish leaders and consultants who made this extended and detailed endeavor a success, which has exceeded my expectations and hopes! I feel tremendous gratitude and inspiration.

As I have delved deeper into the parish plans with the teams this summer, common goals emerge. Many want to reach out to inactive, disengaged and wounded members of the community with invitation, hope and healing. Others want to create dynamic adult formation experiences, or to think strategically about the needs of our high school youth.

Many parishes are rejuvenating their pastoral councils, creating commissions for evangelization, stewardship, youth ministry or liturgy. Some seek to hire communications directors, create a dynamic social media presence or better publicize what they are already doing. Many want to grow in their service and advocacy of the poor and suffering.

The plethora of ideas, hopes and beginnings is astonishing to me!

I also asked the teams how the diocese can help them actualize their synod plan. What resources do parishes need to succeed? Answers included training in evangelization and stewardship, guidance on how to create an effective council or commission, assistance with technology and social media, support for the goal champions as they seek to implement the plan, conversations with diocesan staff to match resources to needs more effectively. These suggestions will help us on the diocesan level to truly help our parishes and schools to achieve their goals in fruitful and dynamic ways. The diocesan offices, staff and structures exist only to help our local communities to flourish. We all need to continue growing in the demanding and satisfying embrace of servant leadership.

Two upcoming responses to the synod are the reformulation of the Diocesan Pastoral Council this September and my pastoral visits to each parish in 2019. Via telephone conversations, I am asking each pastor to name a parish delegate to the council, which will meet quarterly. Four priests, four deacons representing the four deaneries, the chairs of the diocesan commissions and some diocesan staff will fill out the membership.

Council meetings will focus on the themes of the synod, offering some spiritual formation, a lifting up of successes and best practices, as well as strategizing to overcome obstacles, challenges and consideration of things that just are not working.

The diocesan pastoral council will serve as the vehicle to communicate, energize and support the synod implementation process, as well as holding all of us accountable to our commitments.

Secondly, I will be visiting each parish in 2019 for an entire day, celebrating Mass, visiting the sick, meeting with parish groups and discussing the ongoing growth of the synod process with leadership. This experience will give me a better understanding of how each community is seeking to grow in the good life of the Gospel and to offer support, gratitude and encouragement.

I have repeatedly said that we can never be afraid of failure. We will only succeed if we risk the possibility of not doing so. I have often learned more from what has not worked than what has. We can never lose hope or become discouraged at lack of results or stalled initiatives. I would rather fall flat on my face than never try anything because of fear. We will ultimately succeed with the grace of the Holy Spirit, as we strive to live the high ideals of Jesus Christ and renew the Church we deeply love. + Donald J. Hying