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Twelve Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21, 2020

From: Fr. Christian Adike

WE ARE ON VACATION IN THE WORLD. Larry and Harry, *two homeless men* were given a chance to travel to a third world country on an all-expenses paid trip. They were told to carry nothing and return with nothing...They were to make sure they spend all that was given to them. Provision had been made for their expenses and welfare which they would get upon arrival at their destination. The only caveat was that neither of them knew when they would be asked to return home. As they arrived, they were both given a huge sum of money and a credit card with no limits, but reminded to spend it all before returning to their home country. At this, they became instantly wealthy by local standards. *Harry* thought to himself. "Wow! This is my opportunity to live like a king for I don't know how long this would last". So he went and rented a Ferrari and rented the best room in the best hotel in town. He went to the best stylist, shaved and transformed his looks. He had parties everyday. He went to very expensive restaurants to eat and drank expensive wines. Everyone in the city thought the cars and the wealth were his and they loved and respected him for it. But...At the back of his mind, Harry knew he would go back home someday and leave all of it behind but he didn't want to think about it. Right now he was living in the moment and enjoying himself to the fullest...

Larry, on the other hand rented a small Honda to get him around town and stayed in a modest inn. He thought to himself. "This money will not last and I don't know when I am going back so I have to do something tangible with it." He decided to use it to change some people's lives while there was still time. So he got busy, went out on the streets and started making a difference. He didn't just give away money, rather he tried to help people to be self-sufficient. He provided food for those that are hungry. Clothed the naked. He paid off all the school fees of some promising young ones to enable them get an education and take care of themselves and their families. He found some responsible adults and funded them in a business that guaranteed they would be able to take care of their family and create employment. He visited the prisoners and cared for them. He devised a means of helping some of the homeless people get off the street and getting them into a trade for he thought "I wish someone would do this for me when I get back" In fact, while Larry was busy changing lives Harry was busy enjoying himself with life of luxury. Then after just two months they were suddenly notified that it was time to go back. They hadn't even finished spending all the money but still had to leave it all. They both said their goodbyes and headed for the airport. At the airport they were given their original clothes to put back on before boarding the plane back to their country...Harry reminisced on the good times he had but wasn't too happy that he was going back to his old life. How would he readjust to being homeless? Larry on the other hand felt good. He came with nothing and is leaving with nothing, but he at least helped others. Readjusting to being a homeless person wouldn't be a problem because he never lived like a wealthy person anyway and always had it at the back of his mind that he would leave it all someday. But... little did they know that each moment they spent on vacation was being secretly recorded and they would be rewarded accordingly. Now, which one do you think would be sent to the slums as a homeless person and which one would be entrusted with large sums of wealth and position of authority? In your own judgment as a good practicing Catholic or Christian which one of them used what he was given wisely and why? (Copied)

*The same goes with our lives here on earth. We are sent here on a mission and will return empty handed except for the recordings of our dealings here on earth. Each and everyone of us entered the world with nothing; we were born without even a cloth and will leave the world with nothing. Everything you acquired on earth will be left for others to use as they want. Do you know that God is recording everything each and everyone of us is doing on earth. He keeps records of our good deeds and delete our bad deeds when we are remorseful and confess our sins seeking forgiveness. When we (Ministers of the Gospel) preach to you through the influence of the Holy Spirit reminding you of your wrong doings we are not judging you but the Holy Spirit is making you feel bad about your wrong doings and seek God's forgiveness. If you don't seek God's mercy and forgiveness on earth you can't do that when you die. Many a times we look at ourselves in the mirror and think that what we see will always be there, forgetting that we are wearing a temporary cloth-a human body, that would be required of us to wear off before we leave this world. Our vacation on earth is but a short time while eternity is forever. WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME ON EARTH, LET US THEN WORK HARD TO GET RID OF OUR SINS AND HAVE MORE RECORDS OF GOOD DEEDS. How we spend this vacation determines how we get to spend eternity.



So.... HOW ARE YOU LIVING YOUR LIFE? ARE YOU LARRY OR HARRY ??? Fr Christian.

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(In case of an EMERGENCY and you need to reach Fr. Tony Hesse, call 507-616-1337)

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BAPTISM

Contact the parish office to set an appointment for class and baptism.

MARRIAGE

Contact the parish office at least nine months before intended marriage.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES COUNSELING

1-866-670-5163

PRAYER NETWORK

Contact Bev Passe
637-5967
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EVENTS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY - June 21

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Father's Day

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a (167A), 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

8 AM Mass - St. Mary – *Seaforth-Live Stream*

(Closing Mass)

People of St. Mary

8 AM Mass - St. Catherine

d. Fran & Dorothy Unlenkamp

10 AM Mass – St. Anne

d. Donald Lensing

11 AM Mass – Our Lady of Victory-*Lucan-Live Stream*

(Last weekend Mass)

People of Our Lady of Victory

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary-*pray on your own*

3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet-*pray in your home*

4-5 PM Holy Hour-Adoration

Note: Sunday Mass times

MONDAY – June 22

St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop

Ss. John Fisher, Bishop & Thomas More, Martyrs

2 Kgs 17:5-8,13-15a,18; Mt 7:1-5

No Mass

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary-*pray on your own*

3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet-*pray in your home*

TUESDAY - June 23

2 Kgs 19:9b-11,14-21,31-35a,36; Mt 7:6,12-14

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary-*pray on your own*

3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet-*pray in your home*

4:45 PM Confessions-SC

5:15 PM Mass - St. Catherine-*Live Stream*

d. Ruth Kalk

WEDNESDAY – June 24

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Is 49:1-6, Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66,80

7:30 AM Confessions-*OLV*

8 AM Mass - Our Lady of Victory-*Lucan-Live Stream*

d. Anton Soupir

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary-*pray on your own*

3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet-*pray in your home*

THURSDAY - June 25

2 Kgs 24:8-17; Mt 7:21-29

7:30 AM Confessions-*SA*

8 AM Mass – St. Anne-*Live Stream*

d. Julia Susana Kronback

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary-*pray of your own*

3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet-*pray in your home*

FRIDAY – June 26

2 Kgs 25:1-12; Mt 8:1-4

7:30 AM Confessions-*SC*

8 AM Mass - St. Catherine-*Live Stream*

d. Phil & Doreen LeGare

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary-*pray on your own*

3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet-*pray in your home*

SATURDAY – June 27

St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop

& Doctor of the Church

Lam 2:2,10-14,18-19; Mt 8:5-17

8:30-9:30 AM Confessions & Adoration-*SA*

9-10 AM Confessions-*SC*

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary-*pray on your own*

3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet-*pray in your home*

4 PM Mass - St. Catherine-*Live Stream*

d. Glenn Bill

6 PM Mass - St. Anne

People of our Parishes

Note: Saturday Mass times

SUNDAY - June 28

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:8-11,14-16a (97A), Rm 6:3-4,8-11; Mt 10:37-42

7:30 AM Confessions-*SC*

8 AM Mass - St. Catherine

d. Richard Irlbeck

10 AM Mass – St. Anne

d. Inez & Bernard Schottenbauer

12 Noon Angelus & Rosary-*pray on your own*

3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet-*pray in your home*

4-5 PM Holy Hour-Adoration

Note: Sunday Mass times

Fr. Christian on Vacation

Fr. Christian is on vacation June 22-26. Fr. Christian will celebrate Mass in our Area Faith Parishes on the weekend of June 27/28th before moving to his new location in Clara City.

Our Gifts to God and to His Church			
Adult Contribution	7,454.00	Adult for Week	7,454.00
Maintenance	640.00	Adult Budget	4,808.00
Student	5.00		
Easter	50.00		
Catholic Schools	150.00		
Cemetery	1600.00		
Loose plate	185.00		
VBS	20.00	YTD Actual	214,785.42
Total	10,104.00	YTD Budget	240,400.00
St. Catherine - Diocesan Ministry Appeal			
121 Donated as of June 16			
Goal	Total Received & Pledged	Amount Due	Parish 20%
\$23,261.63	\$35,510.80	(\$12,249.17)	\$6,857.16

Welcome to New Parishioner



St. Catherine's parish family welcomes Lavonne Forbrook. We are delighted to have you join our parish family.

Happy Father's Day!!

Father's Day Prayer

We give thanks for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers newly embracing their vocation; may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers, but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us, but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen



Third Banns of Marriage for Kacie Rothmeier & Josh Altermatt to be married at St. Catherine. Please keep them in our prayers.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Religious Education June 2020



Sunday, April 19

- 9:30 AM Confirmation Mass—*postponed until Fall*

Sunday, May 3

- 9:30 AM First Holy Communion—*postponed TBD*

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

There is a Baptism preparation class for any person asking for a baptism that has not been at a class in the last 3 years. This class is to be attended prior to baptism.

The next classes scheduled are August 10th at 7 PM at St. Anne's, and Sept 14th at St. Catherine's to register for class call the parish office at 644-2278, or contact Deacon Ryan at popedpt@gmail.com.

Class will not be held if no one registers to attend.

Notice:

For **Live Stream** check our websites:

(www.mystcatherines.org or www.lowafc.org) click on Watch Mass

Facebook page www.facebook.com/mystcatherines/

EWTN: <https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live>

For more prayers or resources, check our diocesan website at: www.dnu.org

COVID-19 Updates: *You may be able to help The Center for Emergency Preparedness and Response, Minnesota Department of Health, is asking that offers for help be funneled to these two places during the COVID-19 pandemic.*

- **Volunteers (people)** at <https://mnresponds.org>

For Department of Labor and Industry updates related to COVID-19, visit: www.dli.mn.gov/updates.

Welcome to our church!

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like that are included. A simple hello and a smile go a long way!

Meals on Wheels



St. Catherine's Church is doing Meals on Wheels for July 16-31st, please sign-up in the gathering space for a time slot to help deliver meals.

Elementary Teachers needed

St. Anne's School in Wabasso is hiring elementary teachers (K-6) for the 2020-2021 school year. Full job descriptions can be found on our website:

www.wabassostannesschool.com.

Employment at St. Anne's offers a unique community of educators, students and community, committed to growing in faith, academics and service. Contact us at 507-342-5389 to learn more.

Choices Pregnancy Center fundraiser



You can make a donation to Choices Pregnancy Center's fundraiser held from Mother's Day thru Father's Day. Because of COVID-19 we will not use the baby bottles, but are still having a fundraiser from Mother's Day to Father's Day. We ask you to drop off your donation at church or mail your donation to the church. Please make checks to Choices Pregnancy Center, CPC.

FOOD SHELF DRIVE



As we are going through a time of uncertainty we will need more food on our food shelves to help the families in need.

We will continue to have the shopping cart out for collection of items to donate to the Redwood Area Food Shelf. Monetary donations can be dropped off at the parish office or in the collection basket.

Redwood Youth For Christ peach sales

\$40 per 25# box (if ordered online before July 1)

\$45 per 25# box (regular pick up)

Redwood Falls order link: yfcminnesota.com

Pick-up location: 1501 E Bridge St. Redwood Falls

Pick-up dates: July 9-11

They prefer pick up, but if deliveries need to be made, call and they will arrange it.

Also, pecans will be available for purchase for \$17 per 1lb bag onsite when you pick up your peach order.

Questions contact: Chris Schmitz @ 218-310-2156

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MINDFULNESS - Coping during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Southwest Center for Independent Living (SWCIL)

Learn tips to lower anxiety, learn quick & easy mediation.

Friday, July 17th at 11 AM online via zoom—FREE

Registration ends Monday July 13th

For information or to register call 507-532-2221 ext 101 or [email Kathy@swcil.com](mailto:email.Kathy@swcil.com). Zoom code and instructions given when you register, call-in option and other accommodations available.

Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!

Jesus, help me each day to deepen my friendship with you. As I come to know you more, may my life be filled with your love.

Help me to live always as a faithful disciple, to build up community and inspire witness to my faith. ~ Pope Francis



Carris Health-Redwood needs homemade masks

Carris Health-Redwood is still in need of homemade masks. We have a donation box that has been placed in the vestibule at the hospital's main entrance so masks can be dropped off without entering the facility. Please label your donation with your name, contact information and the amount of time spent making the item(s). If you have any questions please contact Samantha Loomis at 507-637-4668.

This weeks Calendar Raffle drawing winner

Wed., June 17 \$25 Sarah Stewart-Dwire

Friday, June 19 \$50 Dan Rohman

Sunday, June 21 \$50 Marsha Fluck

Checks will be mailed out to the address on ticket stub. Thank you for buying a raffle ticket.



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