

The Pastor's Corner

SENT TWO BY TWO... TO SLU??

During my first two years of seminary at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, we were part time students at Saint Louis University, as we completed our general education requirements (subjects such as mathematics, history, science, amongst others). It was a rather odd experience, I'll admit, because every morning we would load up vans, all dressed up in our seminary polos, drive to SLU, go to classes, and depart by noon. While there were plenty of people that commuted to SLU every day, the priest in charge of our formation reminded us of this Gospel quite often when we departed- it was as if we were going out two by two!

To be a disciple being sent out in the time of Jesus had to seem to be a daunting task. They were being sent out with very little to their names except a series of tasks: to preach repentance, to drive out demons, and to anoint the sick. This must have almost been terrifying to do, especially because these things were so new and so unlike anything that the people would have been used to. Even as they weren't used to any of this- that didn't stop them from pushing on. They simply went off, and ministered to a world in need of the Gospel- two by two.

We also live in a time where the message we preach is not necessarily new, but is so unlike anything the world has seen before or even practices on a daily basis. Going to Mass weekly? Not very popular in the world's eyes. Praying to God? Seems quaint according to worldly standards. Giving to the poor? Why do that when the world says we focus first on number one?

Whether we are in the time of the disciples, our own day, or even in a car going to SLU- we are being sent out two by two as Jesus's disciples. Do we have what it takes to be faithful to that call?

-Fr. Belken

Readings for Next Sunday

**The Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**
July 21, 2024

Jer 23:1-6
Eph 2:13-18
Mk 6:30-34

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

On behalf of myself and the entire parish family, thank you to all who helped with, assisted at, or participated in our 2024 parish picnic. This is a vital part of our parish life, and we are all grateful!

-Fr. Belken

BISHOP RICE'S JULY PRAYER INTENTION

May our national efforts to renew and strengthen our belief in the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist bear fruit!



THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME · JULY 14, 2024



Saint Lawrence

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 14-20, 2024
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Mass Schedule						
Sat.	Jul	13	4PM	Parish Family	Thu.	Jul 18 7AM Patrick Shelton
Sun.	Jul	14	8:30AM	Alex Jr. & Vera Burger	Fri.	Jul 19 7AM Al & Rose Kern
Mon.	Jul	15	No Mass		Sat.	Jul 20 4PM Andrew Essner
Tue.	Jul	16	No Mass		Sun.	Jul 21 8:30AM Parish Family
Wed.	Jul	17	No Mass			

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION. JUL 14-Theresa Essner, JUL 21-Carol Klipfel, JUL 28-Dorothy Deason.

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

July 7, 2024: Loose \$421, Envelopes \$2860, Total: \$3281.

FRIDAY, JULY 19th, ADORATION. St. Lawrence Church, 7:30-10:30AM.

FRIDAY, JULY 19th, CHURCH CLEANING. Chairman: Brent & Diane Ashcraft
David & Stephanie Asmus, Dustin & Heather Benson, David & Pam Beussink.

DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND (DDF). As of the 10th week of DDF, 91 families have graciously donated out of 211. Thank you so much. We are over 98% of the way toward reaching the goal. To date, our parish has given \$22,890.00 toward our \$23,472.00 goal. We need \$582.00 to reach the goal. There will be St. Lawrence Picnic 2024 koozies available for purchase at the soda stand for \$3 during the picnic this weekend. All profit will go toward DDF.

PASTORAL NOTE: INTRODUCTION OF ALTERNATE PENITENTIAL RITE - Starting in a few weeks, Father would like to introduce an alternate penitential rite from the Roman Missal (occurs at the very beginning of Mass, before the Gloria or opening Collect). The dialogue will go as follows, with congregation saying the bolded parts:

Presider: Have mercy on us O Lord.

R. For we have sinned against you.

Presider: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

R. And Grant us your salvation.

Presider: May almighty God have mercy on us...

ST LAWRENCE CELEBRATION. We are now taking donations for fireworks for the closing ceremony of our St. Lawrence day celebration on **August 11th**. Please put in an envelope marked "Fireworks" and either drop in the collection plate or the rectory. Thanks in advance.

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sat. Jul 20 4PM	Frank Glueck
Organist/Cantor:	Sat. Jul 20 4PM	Bernice Kern/Mary B. Glatetter
Gift Bearers:	Sat. Jul 20 4PM	Mr./Mrs. Chris Grojean
Servers:	Sat. Jul 20 4PM	Luke Benson/Drew Benson/Parker Reeves
Ushers:	Sat. Jul 20 4PM	Elmer Heisserer/Kenny Heisserer/Ralph Heisserer/ Kenric Heisserer

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sun. Jul 21 8:30AM	Diane Ashcraft
Organist/Cantor:	Sun. Jul 21 8:30AM	Bernice Kern/Kari Bickings
Gift Bearers:	Sun. Jul 21 8:30AM	Mr./Mrs. John David Harper
Servers:	Sun. Jul 21 8:30AM	Ty Glatetter/Callen Glatetter/Vanellope DeShaney/Leigha Estes
Ushers:	Sun. Jul 21 8:30AM	Scott Heisserer/Shawn Heisserer/Brian Heuring/ Dean Heuring

CODE OF CONDUCTS. Code of Conducts are available online or in the Parish Office to be signed for volunteers, workers, and PSR staff/teachers for the upcoming year. Please come by to sign as soon as possible. **This year another form needs to be signed. The "Fair Credit Reporting Act" background check form also needs to be signed along with the CoC form.** Both are available online and in the Parish Office.

FOOD PANTRY. Summertime can be difficult for food pantries. We received a nice donation of cereal and instant potatoes from Gilster MaryLee but need help to buy other items. Please consider a donation. You can put your envelope in the collection marked: Jesus in Disguise Food Pantry. Thank you.

THANK YOU. To all who helped in the kitchen on Friday and Saturday for our picnic meal. Good workers, good food, and a good time. God bless you for everyone's hard work. Thanks, -Kara and Pat

THANK YOU. Thanks to everyone who came out for the annual picnic, thank you to all the countless parishioners who not only gave of their time but much more to make the picnic a great success. When all the expenses have been reported, a detailed report will be available in the foyer of the church. The picnic funds are a huge part of our annual budget. It helps greatly with bills, repairs, and upgrades. Thank you again for all you do, for the hard work, and for your dedication. God Bless!

STEAM TABLES. Please do not remove the sneeze guards on the steam tables in the Parish Center. The parish has purchased plexiglass replacements to prevent further breakage of the glass guards. Do not remove the plexiglass sneeze guards for any reason. The sneeze guards are in place to comply with health regulations. Thank You.

MASS INTENTIONS. Whenever the church has a Mass that is skipped because of a circumstance, then that intention is moved to the next available day on the Mass calendar. Mass intentions for the upcoming year will be taken starting October 15, on a first come first served basis. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.