

St. Joseph's Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel



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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS Sunday 9am: St. Joseph's 11am: SPP

WEEKDAYS

HOLY DAYS Vigil 7pm: SPP Noon: SPP

CONFESSION Sunday 8:30 am: St. Joseph's (or by appointment)

HOSPITAL VISITS: Call Parish Office

HOMEBOUND: **Call Parish Office** to schedule Communion

Evangelize

July 3, 2022

OUR VISION

To expand and strengthen the Christian Community in which the Gospel of Jesus Christ is demonstrated and

OUR MISSION

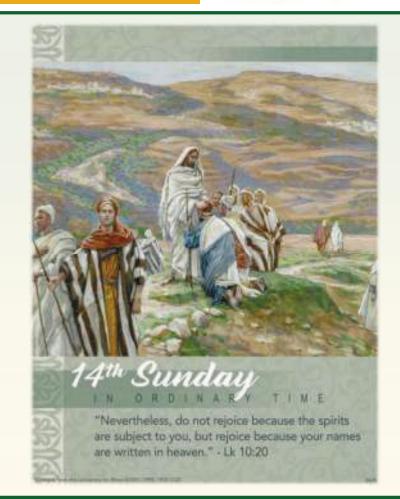
In the spirit of our patron saints and missionaries, we commit ourselves to a pilgrimage of faith through Evangelization, Sanctification and Social Service ministries.

ST. JOSEPH'S

SHRINE OF **ST. KATHARINE DREXEL** P.O. Box 808 28 Cameron Street Columbia, VA 23038 p: 434.842.3970



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BULLETIN & ANNOUNCEMENTS DEADLINE Fridays-1 week in advance-In writing to karen.davidson@saintspeterpaul.org

Readings for the Week of July 3, 2022

Sunday:	Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/Gal 6:14-18/
	Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9
Monday:	Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
•	Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10//Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:	Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday:	Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9,
	10. 11 [9])/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

Observances for the Week of July 3, 2022

Sunday:	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Thomas, Apostle
Monday:	Independence Day
Tuesday:	St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal
Wednesday:	St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday:	
Friday:	
Saturday:	St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Next Sunday:	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 2022

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE WITH A SPECIAL MEMORIAL

BREAD & WINE Donor Anita Paul

Memorial

Roger Paul

ALTAR FLOWERS Donor Anita Paul

Memorial Roger Paul





SANCTUARY CANDLE

Donor

Anita Paul

Memorial

Roger Paul

Or have a Mass said for a loved one. Contact the office for availability.



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME July 3, 2022

"The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few." Are you called to be a laborer for Christ as a priest?

Call the Vocations Office to speak with Father Brian Capuano at 804-359-5661

Or write vocations@richmonddiocese.org





ENCOUNTER

GREAT AND MEMORABLE:

THREE JUNE WEEKENDS AT STS. PETER AND PAUL GROUNDS

I am so grateful to God for three great and very successful weekends behind us now:

June 10th, 11th and 12th: we had a very successful Yard Sale. I am told it is one of the most successful ones we have ever had. Most grateful to Cynthia Aycock for putting up a great team she worked with to raise for our parish over \$12,000. Thank you Cynthia and your team!

June 18th and 19th: was a solemn feast of Corpus Christi, that was very spiritually uplifting. I was so thrilled that it was well attended by members of both Sts. Peter and Paul and St. Joseph. Deacon Bob must be thanked for working out all the details that made this day memorable and wonderful honoring God.

June 25th and 26th: we celebrated as a parish, our Parish day, honoring God and thankful for our Patron Saints: Peter and Paul. This was also celebrated with very beautiful Liturgy, and thereafter we had a very wonderful picnic. Doug Mullinex and his team made everything possible to ensure that this day is celebrated in a manner that it deserves. Thank you Doug and your team!

All these events took place successfully because of the family spirit and the teamwork that we share as a parish. I am so grateful to all of you who stepped up to make each of these events leave a positive impact in the parishioners' lives. Such successful events make me so proud being your pastor. And I would like to use this space to thank you for making me a proud pastor, as I lead you on this journey.

Now, we all look forward with excitement to see these events happening again next year.

Blessings! Fr. David



PARISH YOUTH



Discipleship Week - August 3-6, 2022

Discipleship Week is a chance for rising 10th to 12th grade teens from across the diocese who desire to know Jesus better and to live and serve as He did. A high school retreat for those looking for more: more faith in their own lives, more community with Catholic peers and more action to spread the Good News. This week will include growth in personal discipleship through prayer, mentoring and practice training on how to be a Catholic leader who leads from their love of Christ, and being a youth leader at EPIC where these skills are put into practice.

EPIC 2022

EPIC is a one-day diocesan event for rising 6th-8th grade youth. This event is intended to be a highly energetic day that is focused on two things:

- (1) Building community and friendships with other middle school youth, and
- (2) Encouraging zeal for our Catholic faith.

Throughout the day, youth will experience everything from inflatables to a service project, relay races to Mass. They will also interact with high school teens who attended Discipleship Week in the days prior to EPIC. At the end of the day, middle school youth will walk away feeling excited about their community and their faith.

Please join us. It is going to be EPIC!

EPIC is August 6, 2022. Contact John Verga for more information.

Stay tuned for more upcoming events for our Youth.

CONTACT: john.verga@saintspeterpaul.org



Join our Diocesan World Youth Day 2023 Pilgrimage, where you will experience excitement for the Catholic faith everywhere you turn - in the healing waters at Lourdes, on the fields of Fatima where the sun danced, and at the multi-lingual prayer sessions led by Pope Francis.

Several fundraising activities are coming soon:

 Car wash, babysitting, spaghetti dinner, yard sale table, and a basket auction

Look for details to come...

For more info, contact: Linda Mangiaracina at:

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Join Scouting!

Do you have a son or daughter between the ages of 11 and 17? Now is the perfect time to sign him or her up for Scouts. The

Scouting program helps youth develop academic skills, self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives.

For more information contact:

Boy Scouts Troop 138 (boys): Chuck Palmer charleswpalmeriv@gmail.com 571.212.4445

INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS: JULY 2 - JULY 10, 2022

* Represents Saint Joseph's Parish

Day	Date	Mass	For	Status	Requested By	
Saturday	7/2	5pm	Dominick Capuano	D	Jenna Lynn Zink	
Sunday	7/3	9am*	Misa Pro Populo			
Sunday	7/3	11am	William Kraemer	D	Jim & Claire Kraemer	
Wednesday	7/6	9am	Tom Miglas	D	Barbara & Chet Senig	
Thursday	7/7	9am				
Thursday	7/7	5pm*				
Friday	7/8	9am	Ann Insetta	D	Gerard & Linda Zink	
Saturday	7/9	5pm	Robert Nieves	D	Timothy & Eileen Monahan	
Sunday	7/10	9am*	Misa Pro Populo			
Sunday	7/10	11am	Isidore Gomes	D	Kirk & Katie Gomes	

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who serve our country particularly . . .



Michael Bohtelo, Devon Burger, Gerard Holodak,

Sarah and Taylor Graese, Raymond Markle, Kevin and Kathleen O'Malley, Katie Marron, James Fulford, Rhett Hartwell, Andrew Thompson, Sasha and Lonnie Kuhlow, William Furst, Matt Hendl, Luke Marron, Damien LaForenza, Mark Mason, Russ Marron, Christopher McCarthy, Zach Marron, Josiah Noble, Jose Langoria, Joseph Ayuso, Alex Ostrowski, Adam Warren, and Matthew Reinitz.

Pray God keeps them in His care.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Michael Amato, Melissa Bowling, Mary Callahan, Doug Caron, Sharon Cassidy, the Compton family, Jean Dalsky, Connie D'Amico, Emily Desgrosiellier, Bill Ellis, Ann Gasparro, Patricia Golgosky, Patrick Granville, Bob Griffin, Mary Anne Grimes, Phyllis Guthrie, Tom Harrison, Jack Hartwell, John Hobby, Margaret Johnson, Ron Johnson, Carolyn Kerrigan, Tom Kinter, Judi Kuhlow, Jackie Kraemer, Marcia Lagomarsino, Annie & Joe Lodato, Patti Markle, Art Menard, Rose Meyer, John Misorek, Irene Nadig, Rosario Nixon, Rose Patterson, Daryl Perry, Donald Raab, Carol Scampoli, Mary Ellen Scango, Carol & Ted Starowicz, Marylou Stock, Anna Sturhann, Bob Toepfert, Chase Turano, Claire van Nierop, Cornelia Waters, Mike Waters, and Walter Welham,

Please call the office at **434.589.5201** for homebound or hospital visits.



Congratulations to the following couples who celebrated wedding anniversaries in June:

Frank & Susan Feliciano	- 29 Years				
Mark & Helen Clowes	- 30 Years				
John & Kathy Konoza	- 37 Years				
Gerry & Linda Zink	- 38 Years				
Patrick & Donna McCarthy - 50 Years					
Bob & Sue Scott	- 55 Years				
Ed & Ellen Ferris	58 Years				

EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

Pew Count Sat 92 Sun 117	June 25/26	
First Offering	\$ 2,564	
First Offering: Faith Direct	\$ 1,693	
Total	\$ 4,257	
June MTD Debt Reduct	ion \$ 18,146	

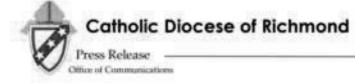
The Debt Reduction collection occurs at the beginning of each month.

Our next DEBT REDUCTION Collection is

JULY 2ND AND 3RD

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

THE NEXT MONTHLY BAKE SALE IS THIS WEEKEND. BAKED GOODS ARE ACCEPTED BEFORE MASS.



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For Immediate Belease: June 24, 2022

Bishop Knestout Statement Following U.S. Supreme Court Ruling on Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization

(RICHMOND, Va.) - The Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout released the following statement today, June 24, after the United. States Supreme Court issued a final ruling on Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization:

"Today, I am gratified that our nation's highest court has overturned the fundamentally unjust Roe v. Wade decision and restored to states the ability to protect the dignity and rights of the human person from the moment of conception. Every life – both mother and children – is sacred and immeasurably loved and valued by God. I pray that throughout our ration – including here in Virginia – lawmakers will open their hearts to the opportunities before them to protect unborn children, support women in crisis pregnancies and promote life-affirming alternatives to abortion.

"Our local Church works to support and walk with women and couples who find themselves in unexpected or stressful pregnancies. As followers of Christ, we must walk with them during these challenging times.

"Throughout the year, many of our parishes and Catholic institutions faithfully are the hands and feet of Christ by providing support so women can be assisted, comforted and strengthened to transform their lives in order to give their baby life. I am deeply grateful for the work of <u>Commonwealth Catholic Charities' Seton Housing Program</u> – a new initiative, nearly a year old, which provides a whole life care for mother and baby. In the eastern part of our state, <u>Catholic Charities of Eastern Vircinia</u> served and empowered more than 350 mothers through its Pregnancy Support Program. Portsmouth-based <u>HousetLife</u> dedicates itself to supporting mores with unplanned pregnancies and being a critical intervention to women when they are most in need. This non-profit is supported by many of our Catholic parishes and faithful. Resources are also found through <u>Willamstore</u> House of <u>Mercy</u> – an extension of St. Bede Catholic Church, <u>Mary's Choice RVA</u>, the East End Pregnancy Center as well as the pregnancy resource centers in Richmond and Roanoke supported by the Knights of Columbus.

"For decades, the faithful who have vocalized and promoted the sanctity of life have felt like "the voice crying out in the wilderness" – the words the prophet Isaiah uses to describe the role of John the Baptist in proclaiming the coming of Christ. There have been many courageous, devoted and faith-filed individuals and families who have embraced this teaching. I am thankful for the faithful who use their voice to advocate for the unborn and for the sanctity of all life. This goal must be pursued with fimmess and respect. We should not mistake politeness or civility for faintheartedness. Respect and charity are the Christian manner of stating one's case, listening to what others say and responding. If we are to have any success in promoting pro-life concerns, we must commit to engaging in charitable dialogue.

"While today's decision brings much hope, tragically some will continue and even intensity their advocacy of abortion. I offer my prayers for the vitally needed conversion of minds and hearts and steadfastly ask the Holy Spirit to keep all safe during this time. With prayer and perseverance may we find the peace and abundant life that Christ offers."

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The Disease of Richmond sovers approximately 36,000 square miles and serves more than 220,000 Catholics.



Online donations through Faith Direct help sustain our parish ministries and keep our offertory consistent during the busy summer vacation months. If you make the switch today, you'll be giving steady, consistent support to the parish ministries you care about most in the months ahead - even if you're out of town during summer

weekends.

FAITH DIRECT

Your recurring gifts will sustain and strengthen our parish. You'll provide us with consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/VA249. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Ordinary time is the longest season of the liturgical year beginning the Monday after January 6th, the Epiphany, until the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Ordinary time picks up again the Monday after Pentecost Sunday and lasts until the Saturday before Advent begins. Why the name Ordinary?" It's not in contrast to extraordinary" or "special" but rather stresses the Latin language notion of "ordinal" or numbered Sundays. Ordinary time offers us the opportunity to connect the ordinary lived experiences of our lives with those of Jesus, who modeled for us how to live a truly human existence.

	Sat	2-Jul	Confession	4:00p	Church	
			Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church	
			Bake Sale After Mass	6:00p	С	
		3-Jul	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's	
			Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's	
	Sun		Mass	11:00a	Church	
			Bake Sale After Mass	12:00p	С	
			Mass in Spanish	2:00p	St. Joseph's	
	Mon	4-Jul	Independence Day - Office is CLOSED			
	Tues	5-Jul	Troop Committee	6:30p	122	
	Tues		Youth Group Leaders	6:30p	119	
щ	Wed	6-Jul	Mass	9:00a	Church	
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S			Knights of Roundtable	6:00p	St. Joseph's	
ROOM SCHEDULE			Cursillo	6:00p	123	
ö		8-Jul	Mass	9:00a	Church	
Ř	Fri		Adoration	9:30a	Church	
			Benediction	3:00p	Church	
		9-Jul	Confession	4:00p	Church	
	Sat		Vigil Mass	5:00p	Church	
			Golf Tournament Meeting	6:00p	Commons	
	Sun	10-Jul	Confession	8:30a	St. Joseph's	
			Mass	9:00a	St. Joseph's	
			Mass	11:00a	Church	
			Golf Tournament Meeting	12:00p	Commons	
			F - St. Francis (Parish Ctr)	R - St. Raphael (Church)		
	Boom L	edger	E - St. Elizabeth (Parish Ctr)	M - St. Michael (Church)		
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			FUMA-Fork Union Military Academy			



SIGN UP TO SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS in the Adoration Chapel M - Th, 6am - 8pm Contact: Denise Minor

dminor92@gmail.com

GENERATE DONATIONS ALL YEAR WHILE SHOPPING THROUGH AMAZON

Whenever you shop deals at smile.amazon.com, Amazon will donate a portion of its proceeds to Sts. Peter and Paul Church.

Here's how: https://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1570812



SAINT OF THE WEEK St. Elizabeth of Portugal | July 5

St. Elizabeth was born to Peter III of Aragon and his queen Constantia in 1271. Like most royal girls of the time, she was betrothed at an early age, and was married to King Diniz (or Dinis, English: Denis) at the age of 12. Although her husband's infidelities and life of sin caused much scandal, Elizabeth was a good and pius queen. She attended Mass daily and dedicated her life to helping the poor. She established orphanages and shelters for the homeless. She also founded a convent of Poor Clares at Coimbra, Portugal.

Often called Peacemaker, Elizabeth was from her birth a reconciler of conflict. Her birth brought her father and his estranged father James to peace. Later when her own son and husband came to war out of jealousy, she rode between armies and reconciled the two men. After King Diniz died in 1325, she went to live as a lay member at the convent of Poor Clares that she had founded. But her fight for peace was not over, she undertook a long ride to keep the army of her son Afonso IV, from fighting that of Alfonso XI of Castile. Although she was successful, she died shortly after from a fever.

Saint Elizabeth was canonized on May 25th, 1625, by Pope Urban VIII. In the United States her memorial has been transferred to 5 July since 4 July is Independence Day, a national holiday.



Year of the Eucharist Sts. Peter and Paul Church

The Year of the Eucharist coincides with the beginning of the three-year Eucharistic Revival project proposed by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Eucharist, with its many facets, will be the focus of our attention with special emphasis on believing, celebrating, adoring and living the Eucharistic mystery.

> Please join us in sharing the new **"Exploring the Eucharist Exhibit"** in the Invitation Room (formerly St. Raphael room).

Here we hope you find inspiration to move us all closer to the Eucharist in our daily lives.

The second edition of "Reflection on the Eucharist" entitled, "Invitation of the Eucharist" is now available.

FIRST EVER MEMORY ALBUM OF STS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH

Many exciting things are happening as we prepare for our 40th Anniversary, and there is so much history to honor!

In continued preparation for our 2026 Celebration, we invite you to share your special thoughts and memories about Sts. Peter & Paul Church. What is your first recollection? When did you arrive? Who was our Pastor at that time? What significant experiences here hold a special place in your heart?

Our goal is to create an archive of your presence in our parish family for today and for future generations. If you have something to share with us, please contact Eileen or Tim Monahan at <u>emttouch@gmail.com</u>.

Thank you for your participation in this fun, memorable journey!





PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Are you interested in helping our Parish progress and live out its motto to Evangelize, Sanctify and Serve?

We are looking for a few good people to serve on Parish Council. If you are interested, please contact Doug Mullinex or another member of Parish Council: Frank Pilk, Cynthia Aycock, Janet Forster or Joe Amato.

Elections will be held July 10th. You could make a difference. Please consider helping with this important ministry.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, September 11, 2022 Sts. Peter & Paul Annual Golf Tournament & Awards Dinner

\$75

12pm - Registration/Practice;

1pm SHOTGUN start (18 holes)

Where: Lake Monticello Golf Course

Awards Dinner following at St. Francis Hall

Dinner is Included for Golfers, \$5 for each Guest

Forms are available in the Commons.



Contact Cynthia Aycock to volunteer or for more information at 434.996.6065



PARISH NURSE NEWS

Catherine Heffley, R.N. is available to meet with parishioners to discuss a health goal or issue.

Please call 757.813.1992 and leave a message. She will return your call to set up a time to meet.

Feel free to ask for a Blood Pressure check. If you are homebound, she can bring you the Eucharist.



MARRIAGE IS A JOURNEY!!

Give your marriage a well deserved vacation. Plan to go on a

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy! Our next experience is:

Sept. 23-25, 2022 at Crowne Plaza, Reston, VA Early sign up is recommended.

For more information visit our website at:

https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/

Feel free to contact Mark & Cathy Stangler at 703-378-4150 or <u>mstang1987@aol.com</u>

DISC GOLF

FREE to play

When: Saturday, July 16th at 8:30am or Saturday, July 23rd at 8:30am

Where: Pleasant Grove Park (not the Dog Park)

- ⇒ Enter Pleasant Grove and take the first RIGHT
- ⇒ Go around the soccer fields and pass the playground
- ⇒ Take a left after the playground. This is below the baseball field and where you park your car to play Disc Golf.

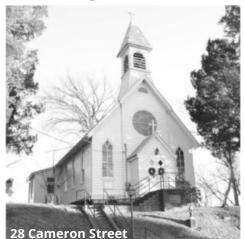
What to bring:

- \Rightarrow Yourself
- \Rightarrow Water
- \Rightarrow Shoes you can hike in
- \Rightarrow Bug spray
- \Rightarrow An attitude to just have fun!

Note: You can come to try Disc Golf, to learn about it, or just hike with a group through the woods around the course. Discs will be provided.



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INTROSPECTIVE GOSPEL MEDITATION July 3, 2022 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Freedom properly defined is freedom properly understood. The Cambridge Dictionary tells us that it is, "the condition or right of being able or allowed to do, say, think, etc., whatever you want to, without being controlled or limited." That same dictionary defines liberty as, "the freedom to live, work, and travel as you want to." Both definitions sound very similar. Is there a difference between freedom and liberty? Many are accustomed to believing that freedom and liberty are interchangeable and simply involve possessing rights and privileges. For the Christian, however, there is a big difference between the two.

St. John Chrysostom directs that "the only person who is free is the one who lives for Christ." There are many other inspirational people throughout history who see freedom as something far greater than liberty. True and properly understood freedom has little to do with entitlement or self-promotion. For the believer, it is a matter of the heart and soul. Freedom (and liberty, for that matter), seen only in terms of the world, can quickly be taken away. The freedom spoken of by St. John Chrysostom can only be lost by personal choice. When one lives for Christ, they live in pursuit of virtues that enlighten one's soul (faith, hope, and love) and strengthen one's character (justice, fortitude, temperance, and prudence). Rather than having the ability to acquire or do more things, true freedom asks us to be detached. Privileges, rights, and responsibilities are important, but they do not define us.

The world is not always open to listening to the truth. "I am sending you like lambs among wolves," Jesus tells his disciples. The secular definitions of freedom and liberty are very attractive. They promise us a great deal. It is no wonder Jesus asks his disciples to travel with very little. The Gospel is not dependent upon things or anything those with worldly power or investment can say or do. When one chooses to live for Christ, they choose to live with peace. That's what true freedom will give us. If we do not want what Christ offers, we can close the door, and the messenger will walk away. Distracted by the lure of personal liberties, we risk losing our freedom. We will not have anything truly life-giving to share with others.

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Mass in Spanish will be offered here today,

July 3rd at 2:00 pm.

All are welcome!

¡Todos son bienvenidas!



St. Katharine Drexel

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

MaryEllen Agolia * Bradford Barrows * Maria Correa * Nona Dooley * Alice Galvez-Sobral * Jane Garland * Mauricio Granados * Andy Mallory * India Martin * Pat Morse * Angelica Motta * Odila Motta * Oscar Motta * Thelma Motta * Denise Pillar * Jordan Watkins * Diane Wolfe *

If you or anyone you know is homebound or needs to be added to our parish sick list, please fill out the short form on our parish's "Pray for Our Sick" page. If you'd like to join our parish email list to keep up with our parish and the needs of our parishioners, please sign up on our parish website:

http://www.saintjosephcolumbia.org/



INDEPENDENCE DAY

Wedding *H*nniversaries

Congratulations to the following couples who celebrated their marriage anniversary in June:

Sean & Melissa Kenney - 21 Yrs.

John & Danielle Murphy - 26 Yrs.

Macario Correa & Raquel Sandoval - 27 Yrs.

Michael & Barbara Cary - 48 Yrs.

Frank & Elizabeth Blake - 56 Yrs.

SHARE THE GOSPEL

Jesus sent out 72 of his followers to spread the good news about God. They were not to bring anything with them --no food, no extra clothes or shoes, not even money to spend. They were to visit strangers and completely depend on God to give them what they needed. That took a lot of faith!

PRAYER

Dear God, help me to remember that you will give me what I need..

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

June 19th \$ 851 June 26th \$ 822 Thank you for your generous support!

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The celebration of our country's independence gives us cause to reflect on the gift of freedom. We treasure the liberties our country provides, but are they the real source of freedom? True freedom is a gift given to us by God, not by the world. In fact, the world robs us of freedom by tethering us to a need for money, possessions, power and prestige as vehicles to success and measures of self worth. Even though we possess certain liberties, we are held captive by a system that sees no value in the Cross of Christ.

It is no wonder Jesus sent his seventy-two disciples into the world with only what they were wearing. The freedom given to us by God is a matter of the heart and requires detachment from the very things we think we cannot do without. A heart secure in God's peace is something no one can take away and something really worth dying for.

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