

17TH Sunday Ordinary Time
July 27, 2014

M & M's

The use of shorthand might be the best means of my script today – lots to cover. How many of the “text” age know the reference to a secretary that knew shorthand?

AUGUST 27 – 28; BISHOP Steven Raika's ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION:

The ceremony on the 28th will be a full house at St. Mary's Cathedral in Gaylord! Each parish will likely be allocated about six tickets, as was the case with Bishop Hebda's celebration. However, I ask that no one be hesitant about mentioning your interest in going. A lottery?

- The evening prior, Wednesday, will see a reflective Vesper Prayer Service and there is plenty of seating. It would be so impressive to see our parish take up a solid bank of pews! We could have dinner out and also greet Msgr. Raika for the LAST time as a Monsignor. Keep the office posted if interested – car pool? And keep an eye on Diocesan website.
- The Diocese has put out a request for monies to assist in all expenses related to such a gathering. Large figure! I will ask our Finance Council for a parish donation. If able to assist as an individual, please pass along a check made out to Christ the King or the Diocese of Gaylord and note, Bishop's Installation. THANK YOU on behalf of one impressive Shepherd coming.

CSA CLOSING OUT FOR the year of '14-15: We hit our target and went beyond for three years in a row (previous campaign debts paid off in special campaign of March '11) The target of \$102,379 closed out \$116,805 with 283 participants (a few still coming in from final letter campaign). I could continually express gratitude for such giving.

I like a story with personal touch – letter at end of campaign: “Father Ray, So sorry this is all we can give this year (\$50)...’details about significant health issues for the couple’...hopefully things will improve and we can get back on track”. The first pledge came in April with a message left on my phone - \$5,000. I sent a note commending both, same size stamp, on a generous faith.

THE TREES GO TOMPLING DOWN AS ROOF PLANS MOVE UPWARD: We had to take a number of trees down to avoid damage to a new roof upcoming. And a few ones less “stunning” next to building. The roof bids, overseen by a talented committee, should be all in and decided upon within the week. It appears a contractor will be available to get job done this fall. A number of improvements will be done alongside of roof replacement that will improve comfort of building year around, seven days a week, in economical fashion with nature doing a lot of the work.

Matthew's Gospel - Parables of “Kingdom of Heaven is LIKE”: Recent weeks has seen numerous parables of wheat, varied soil, fine pearls, evil weeds that all require some action in the field! Christ has an expectation and invitation for fascination with faith and not a mediocre “staying at home”. Plug yourself into one or more of the following:

- August 9, Sat 10:00 – 4:00 pm Diocesan Pastoral Center Gaylord (next to Cathedral)
Define Yourself – Being True to Who You Are A Day for Girls and Moms (grades 6- 12)
Topics : Virtues, Boundaries, Theology of the Body, Social Media (bring your cell phones)
Four Gifted Speakers – visit DioceseofGaylord.org or call Marie Hahnenburg (989) 732-5147
“Moms, have you looked – tough world out there? – show your daughter special time out”
- August 18, Mon and Tues , 19th at 6:30 at parish - Fr. Tom Allender S.J. Many of you would recall Fr. Tom from quality reflective conferences in early winter of '13. Superb was the comments our folks directed toward this roving presenter and author. He will cover for me two wknds, Aug 16/17 and and 23/24. His first weekend masses will speak to his style as he will introduce his two evening program on a fellow Jesuit, Pope Francis.
- August 30, Sat. – St. Mary Cathedral Parish in Gaylord – 9am-1:30 pm. MATTHEW KELLY from Australia and well known author and speaker will offer a dynamic message of “Living Every Day with PASSION & PURPOSE”. Our local group, Dynamic Catholic.com, is organizing the push from our area. \$39 ticket will imprint upon you a “lecture” you will not forget! - retreat materials included. It should be seen as a DELIGHT that it falls on Labor Day wknd! Make your family know faith is a priority! Visit website for tickets. Visit our CD collection for one of his several and receive plenty of reason to attend!
- September 13, Sat – Diocesan Pastoral Center in Gaylord – 9:00 am – 4:00 pm CHRISTOPHER WEST has been traveling the world for nearly 20 years helping men and women discover God’s plan for human life and love. His book, Theology of the Body, takes its essence of material and direction from St. John Paul II early papacy Wednesday audiences. It came to light that the Pope was weaving a remarkable thread into those talks about God’s plan, stamped “right in our bodies as male and female”. (extended session for young adults, Theology on Tap – 7-9 pm)

We are truly honored and blessed to have three programs available to us. And seriously consider bringing a Protestant or fallen away Catholic – evangelizing with the guy at the microphone!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HONOREES: Handed out at recent Eucharistic liturgies...

Ed Harris: Lifetime Achievement Award ; Founding member CTK parish 1985; Charter Member of KofC Council #9979, 1989; Peace Corp Volunteer 93-96; Jamican Education Fund; Pasty Bake INSITGATOR!

Joe Kane: Knight of the Year

Keven and Stephanie Endres: Family of the Year

With a strong council of doer’s, a salute to all, and reach out to extend a special thanks to these folks.

“If your first name is Christian, then your second name must be a member of a church”. Pope Francis

We are all honored to name ourselves Christian with solid membership in Christ the King Parish. Per Christ, no mediocrity within our names or given out from both names.



Fr. Raymond Cotter