

WEEKDAY MASS READINGS JULY 5—12th

July 5: SUN Green 14th Sunday Ordinary Time—Zec 9:9-10—Psalm 145:1-2,8-9,10-11,13-14—Rom.8:9,11-13 Mt 11:25-30 (100)

July 6: MON Green or Red St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr—Hos 2: 16,17b-18—Mat 9:18-26 (383)

July 7: TUES Green—Hos 8:4-7,11-13—Mt 9:32-38 (384)

July 8: WED Green—Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12—Mt 10:1-7 (385)

July 9: THURS Green or Red—St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest & Companions, Martyrs—Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9—Mt 10:7-15 (386)

July 10: FRI Green—Hos 14:2-10—Mt 10:16-23 (387)

July 11: SAT White—St. Benedict, Abbot—Is 6:1-8—Mt 10:24-33 (388)

July 12: SUN Green—15th Sunday Ordinary Time—Is 55:10-11 —Psalm—65:10,11,12-13, 14—Rom 8:18-23—Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS July 5–12:

SUNDAY, July 5:

7:00am Parishioners of St. George

10:30am Jerry & Dwayne Klooppel

TUESDAY, July 7:

8:00am Paul Elsenrat

WEDNESDAY, July 8:

8:00am Edmund Mundwiller

THURSDAY, July 9:

8:00am Pearl Schaumberg

FRIDAY, July 10:

8:00am Imogene Strassner

SATURDAY, July 11:

5:00pm Henrietta Cruse

SUNDAY, July 12:

7:00am Parishioners of St. George

10:30am Charles & Verniel Baumstark

Dear Families, At To Mars and Beyond VBS, your students will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they explore where God's power can take them. They will become Voyagers and discover how to serve God and God's mission for their lives. **After** a high-energy Opening Assembly time, Voyagers make their way to the Bible Story Station. **Interactive Bible** lessons reveal Power Launcher (key learnings) to equip them for an active life with God. **Your** Voyagers will also discover our Vector Verse (Bible memory verse), Ephesians 3:20 - *Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us!* **Students** will expand on their discoveries by making their own art projects at the Craft Station, exploring the wonders of creation at the Science Station, playing games at the Recreation Station, and enjoying tasty treats at the Snack Station. **Along** the way, the Voyagers will hear about our mission project and respond to a call for action! **Blast Off** on this Epic Adventure with Us! This is a free event and T-shirts are available for all participants while supplies last. **Join** us at Valentine Hall on July 13th and 14th from 9am to 4pm (lunch will be served to all participants both days) **To register** or to find out more about To Mars and Beyond VBS, call the CRS church office or see our page on Facebook. **Forms** are also available at the back of church and can be turned in to the collection basket.

CONGRATULATIONS to Gwen LeRoy and Garret Imhoff who were married last Saturday. May God grant them many joyful years together and bless their home with good health and happiness.

CONFIRMATION Let us congratulate our youth of the Parishes of St. George and Church of the Risen Savior who were Confirmed on July 2nd, 2020 here at St. George Church. **Lance & Macy Bader, Aubrey Budnik, Molly Causey, Sam Cramer, Ava Engemann, Braeden and Ellie Englert, Carter Epple, Kampbell Hemeyer, Blake Hoener, Daeden Hopkins, Ava Hughes, Karrigan Lane, Hunter Lensing, Jamie Morrow, Elizabeth Mueller, Jill Rood, Hunter Scheer, Paige and Sydney Schulte, Coulter Schwartz, Caroline and Emma Starke, Levi Seifert, Easter Stiers, Alaina Worland**

FROM THE PASTOR: It goes without saying that some tasks are much easier or more suited when more than one person is participating. For example, if you are going to play "catch" in the back yard you are going to have to have a friend to make it happen. And there are some tasks that are simply more easily accomplished when more than one person is involved. For example, it is easier for a team to move a sofa than it is for one person to try to move it alone. The chances of solving a difficult problem or figuring out a difficult equation, could easily improve when two or more scientific minds are working together than simply one. The hot and dusty job of cutting, raking, bailing, and hauling hay, is done much quicker when more than one person is doing all the work by himself/herself. Mending a broken heart is more likely to happen with the help of a friend than to just try to "go it alone."

Two thousand years ago in ancient Israel there were two kinds of "yokes," a single and a double. Depending on the work that had to be done by the animal.....usually the ox.....the farmer was able to get a job done quicker and easier if a double yoke was available. That makes a lot of sense. When two oxen are pulling the weight, naturally much more can be accomplished. A single yoke placed all the weight/burden on just two shoulders of one beast, while a double yoke put the burden on four shoulders of two beasts. The burdened was shared between the two.

Since the beginning of the twentieth century when tractors and other machinery were introduced to the American farm land, old wooden or leather yokes disappeared from the farming scene along with the large animals on which they rested. Children growing up learned about "yokes" from Webster's dictionary or an encyclopedia. They became a thing of the past. Now the gas-powered engines move the wagons or trucks that the mules, oxen, or draft horses used to.

As a teacher Jesus always spoke in both literal and metaphorical fashion. The "burdens" He speaks about in today's Gospel passage refers to the trying times and otherwise difficult situations we find ourselves in over the course of a lifetime. He wants us to know that He is willing to "share the load" with us. He is willing to help "carry the burden."

In the pictures with which we are all familiar, the oxen or mule are "pulling" the wagon load or the sled load. Many times it is one beast, sometimes two. Jesus is saying that He is willing to be "yoked" with us so that He is also "pulling," not only with us but also for us. Partners who work together are also "pulling" for each other. They share the burden. Being yoked with Jesus makes us His partners; and as a partner to us He brings us the help of God. It is nice to be able to play catch with a friend; or to solve an equation with another scientist; or to put up hay with neighbors. It is even better to be able to have God "pulling for us." Let's remember to stay "yoked" to Him every day! – Msgr. Greg