

**LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK OF
THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME AND THE
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

July 15 - 21, 2024

**Monday, 7/15 † Saint Bonaventure, Bishop &
Doctor of the Church**

6pm: Keith Fingerhut by Tom & Sue Corbett

**Tuesday, 7/16 † Weekday, Our Lady of Mount
Carmel**

8am: Keith Fingerhut by Sharon Pfof

9am: A.S. Ann Bennis by Larry McMahan

Wednesday, 7/17 † Weekday

9am: A.S. Intention of Joann Scamerhorn Family by
Pat & Candice Van Waardenburg

6pm: Patty Griesbach by don & Sharon Barker

**Thursday, 7/18 † Weekday, Saint Camillus,
de Lellis, Priest**

8am: Keith Fingerhut by Danny Fitzgerald

9am: A.S. Gilbert & Kathy Franz by Diane Combs

Friday, 7/19 † Weekday

8am: Ann Bennis by Father Terry

9am: A.S. Jason Swigon

**Saturday, 7/20 † Weekday, Saint Apollinaris,
Bishop & Martyr; BVM**

8:30am: Gary & Annette

**Saturday, 7/20 † Vigil, The Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

4:30pm: Parishioners

**Sunday, 7/21 † The Sixteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

7:30am: Keith Fingerhut by The Christian Ladies

9am: A. S. Sonny by Great Grandma

11am: Keith Fingerhut by Joan & Ed Beatty

This week at SS. C & M & All Saints

Sun., July 14 – SVDP, Pork Chop Dinner

Thurs., July 18 – 2:15pm – Legion of Mary

Thurs., July 18 – 4pm – Our Lady of Perpetual Help

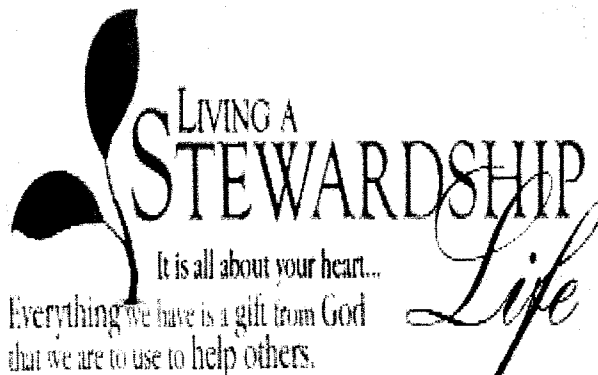
Starke County Food Pantry Needs

Peanut Butter, pancake mix & syrup, canned fruit,
laundry soap, dish soap, toilet tissue, salt, pepper, small
packages sugar & flour, sanitary pads, fresh fruits &
vegetables, canned meat, canned pasta with meat.

CSA Update:

So far, we have paid \$8,745 of our assigned goal of \$10,994. Our pledges stand at \$ 9,595 which is about \$1,400 shy of our goal. Remember, the parish must pay the difference if we don't make our goal. Thank you to those have sent in your pledges. If you have not done so, we respectfully ask that you consider doing so by using one of the pledge envelopes in the back of the church or you may give online by going to give.dcgary.org. Thank you for supporting your parish and Catholic Services!

A special "Thank You" to our church groups from both parishes who participated in the Eucharistic Procession in La Porte this past Friday. All of our parish groups were represented!!



In the Gospel today we see how Jesus sent his Apostles out two by two. From the beginning of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, members visit in pairs “two by two”, those who are poor and needy in their homes. It is there, in the family setting, that Vincentians listen, offer humble advice, and render assistance.

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

Dear Padre

July 14, 2024

Does praying to the saints really do any good?

Prayer can connect us, however mysteriously, to those who have gone before us in faith. If prayer can change people, opening them to God’s grace and healing, then surely the saints and our deceased loved ones can facilitate similar healing from their communion at God’s right hand. Such prayer also calls us, however subtly, to the central mystery that we also shall one day die and be a part of that communion. Thus, even as we seek the intercession of the saints for our earthly cares, such prayer reminds us that the fire of our own lives is being consumed daily, and that each of us will inevitably receive a call to death when it becomes God’s will.

When Sr. Thea Bowman (1937–1990)—brilliant, creative, beautiful, and passionately alive—was diagnosed with cancer, she wondered how to pray. “I didn’t know if I should pray for healing or death. Then, I found peace in praying for what my folks call ‘God’s perfect will.’ As it evolved, my prayer became ‘Lord, let me live until I die.’ By that I mean I want to live, love, and serve fully until death comes. If that prayer is answered, I am able to truly live until I die. How long really doesn’t matter.” ●

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“He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts.”
MARK 6:8

Imagine taking nothing but a stick when you go on a trip. The Apostles were **Stewards** who really trusted in God’s providential care. Think of all the material things “we can’t live without” in today’s world. We make our life’s journey more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Putting God first in everything and putting our money and possessions second gives us freedom because we don’t become “slaves” to wanting to acquire more things.

Good News!

July 14, 2024

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Amos 7:12-15 / Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10 /
Mark 6:7-13

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A cousin died recently. After the burial, I walked among the gravesites remembering many of those I had once known who were now buried nearby. I came across a tombstone engraved with the epitaph: “In all of life God brings us to where we should be.” I noted the statement was not about where we *want* to be or where we think we *need* to be, but about where we *should* be. I agree. Even though we may find ourselves grumbling about how it is that we ended up where we are in life, the gospel suggests that God has sent us to that place.

We may think to ourselves: *this is not the life I chose; this is not the marriage I thought it would be; this is not what I thought raising a family would look like; this is not what retirement is supposed to be.* We may think that little of life is what we chose it to be. Yet somehow, God brings us to where we are, as if we’ve been sent as the Twelve were sent to overcome evil and bring about healing, even though no one ever asked if it was what we wanted. Wherever we are, it is there that we have been chosen to become holy. The Letter to the Ephesians tells us that God chose us, even before the world began to unfold, chose us to be holy, to be the presence of God in all that comes our way. ●

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10 Reasons Why Transgenderism Is the Family's Worst Enemy By John Ritchie

1. Transgenderism Is Tyrannical

On May 13, 2016 the Obama administration issued a sweeping diktat, ordering all public schools to allow members of one biological sex to use the showers, locker rooms, and restrooms of the opposite sex. In one fell swoop the federal government imposed transgender bathrooms on all public schools in the nation. States that opposed the measure have been threatened with severe penalties such as the loss of federal funds. What the transgender revolution wants is self-destructive, tyrannical, unscientific, immoral, abusive, and unhealthy.

The legitimate concerns of parents for their children were brushed aside. The right to privacy and the importance of guarding our children's innocence were likewise trampled upon. The transgender movement, like Islam, is only satisfied with total submission. Under this new tyranny, schools, universities, businesses and even Churches are no longer free to follow their moral principles. Christian morality is not tolerated.

2. It Fuels Child Abuse

Transgenderism is especially harmful to children. According to the [American College of Pediatricians](#), the public promotion of transgenderism constitutes a form of child abuse: "Conditioning children into believing that a lifetime of chemical and surgical impersonation of the opposite sex is normal and healthful is child abuse. Endorsing gender discordance as normal via public education and legal policies will confuse children and parents, leading more children to present [themselves] to 'gender clinics' where they will be given puberty-blocking drugs. This, in turn, virtually ensures that they will 'choose' a lifetime of carcinogenic and otherwise toxic cross-sex hormones, and likely consider unnecessary surgical mutilation of their healthy body parts as young adults." This form of child abuse must be vigorously opposed.

3. It Contradicts Biology and Science

Gender ideology contradicts basic biology. The same progressive movement that once worshiped at the secular altar of science, to the exclusion of God and metaphysics, has turned against its own science-is-everything dogma. Now, all scientific evidence that disproves the transgender narrative is discarded. However, the [American College of Pediatricians](#) is clear: "Human sexuality is an objective biological binary trait: 'XY' and 'XX' are genetic markers of health – not genetic markers of a disorder. The norm for human design is to be conceived either male or female. Human sexuality is binary by design with the obvious purpose being the reproduction and flourishing of our species. This principle is self-evident.... Individuals with DSDs [disorders of sex development] do not constitute a third sex.

4. Biological Sex Cannot Change

Those who embrace the transgender ideology pretend that men can morph into women or that women can morph into men. But their claim is false. "It is physiologically impossible to change a person's sex, since the sex of each individual is encoded in the genes—XX if female, XY if male. Surgery can only create the appearance of the other sex," explain Dr. Richard P. Fitzgibbons, M.D., Philip M. Sutton, Ph.D., and Dale O'Leary in a [well-documented study](#). These doctors affirm that sexual identity "is written on every cell of the body and can be determined through DNA testing. It cannot be changed."

5. It Warps Manhood and Womanhood

Transgender ideology claims that biological reality does not determine one's sex -- feelings do. Therefore, the differences between male and female, much like the clothing we wear, are separate from our identity and are constantly in flux. Manhood and womanhood are mere labels used to describe what we see but lack any substantial basis. Feminist ideologue, lesbian, and writer Simone de Beauvoir affirmed that "one is not born, but rather becomes, a woman." The whole point of feminism is not so much to eliminate the so-called "oppressive" male class but to abolish every difference between the sexes. Here we see how

the homosexual, transgender, and feminist movements are allied. They share the same final goal: the destruction of male and female, manhood and womanhood.

6. It Destroys Reason

A fundamental part of logic and reason is the idea that things have a purpose. The purpose of our eyes, for example, is to provide us with sight. The wings of a bald eagle exist to provide it with flight. Our lungs exist in order for us to breathe and absorb oxygen, and our ears exist in order to hear. Likewise, the primary purpose of human sexuality is procreation. However, transgenderism, like homosexuality and feminism, deny this principle, and therefore attack human reason itself, which is a form of deliberate madness.

7. Transgenderism Is Self-Destructive

The homosexual movement shatters lives. Regret, despair, and suicide is common among those who adopt the "T" of the LGBT lifestyle. Walt Heyer, a man who regrets having lived like a woman for many years, said: "I knew I wasn't a real woman, no matter what my identification documents said. I had taken extreme steps to resolve my gender conflict, but changing genders hadn't worked. It was obviously a masquerade." "Transgenders not only annihilate their birth identity," Heyer explained, "they destroy everyone and everything in their wake: family, wife, children, brothers or sisters, and career. Certainly this demonstrates the behavior of someone hell-bent on total self-destruction and self-harm."

The stress involved with living a lifestyle that violates nature is apparent. According to American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, 41% of those who identify as transgender in America have attempted to commit suicide. That's twenty-five times higher than the national average.

8. Where Will Transgenderism Lead Us: Trans-Species

If a man can pretend to be a woman, why can't he also claim to be non-human? Such a relativistic conclusion is regrettably here: it's called trans-species -- also known as furies or otherkins. People with Species Identity Disorder consider themselves non-human and are featured at homosexual parades. The arguments used by the trans-species movement to question their human status are essentially the same as those of the transgender movement.

When feelings replace reality, logic dies. The intellect, the highest part of man, is degraded. The animal rules. And our Godless culture pressures us to play along with these depraved fantasies.

Once these disorders are regarded as normal, what can possibly resist the unbridled passions from introducing greater forms of depravity? What will protect human reason from further destruction?

9. Transgender Ideology and Religious Persecution

Favored by secularism, Transgender Ideology may spark the worst type of religious persecution as it imposes a perversion of the mind, beginning with small children. Those who oppose it are targeted by this new religion of equality, which obliges children to attend sensitivity training and gender indoctrination. Indeed, those who cheer the homosexual movement -- whether they know it or not -- are de facto servants of a new religion.

Its doctrine: Transgender Ideology. Its false god: Radical equality and reckless liberalism. Its ministers: Leaders of the homosexual movement. Its acolytes: Liberal media, immoral politicians and, sadly, dissident members of the clergy. Its "inquisition": Anti-discrimination laws that threaten order and peace. Its "excommunication": Anyone who speaks the truth is labeled a "homophobe" or a "transphobe."

10. It Offends God

The desire to change one's biological sex not only denies reality, but also offends God. Nobody is born male or female by chance, but in accordance with a plan of Divine Providence: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you (Jer. 1:5). God created male and female (Gen. 1:27). Therefore, to intentionally contradict the biological nature of mankind is an act of revolt against our Creator. God doesn't make mistakes! Charity calls us to help those afflicted or confused about their own sex, not to increase their confusion by offering them a false solution. Charity "does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth" (1 Cor. 13:6). Therefore, mercy can never stand in opposition to the truth, for only the truth can set you free (John 8:32).