



Spirit of Hope Catholic Community

*A community of Radical Hospitality,
Provocative Nurturing and
Courageous, Compassionate Leadership*

To our Eucharistic Table, All are Welcome!

Dear Friends,

Over the past several weeks I have been studying the subject of forgiveness in my work at Gonzaga University. My course is titled, ***Leadership, Justice, & Forgiveness***. I chose this course as an elective because it sounded like a challenging and intriguing opportunity. It has proven to be that and more. The course description states the following challenge. “The course engages students toward self-responsibility in the context of reconciliation, and the depth of heart, mind, and spirit that leads to healing and growth in community with others. Students will work to apply the interior leadership necessary for discernment and action within oppressive systems. These studies focus on all human systems including personal, familial, societal, and global.”

So why do I focus on the topic of forgiveness at this time? Well, first I am considering our national celebration of independence on the 4th of July. Our predecessors began life in this country as a members of a British Colony, without autonomy or independence. Things did not go well for them as they tried to coexist under an oppressive, distant monarchy. Even though today we celebrate with joy and fireworks, there was struggle, betrayal, violence, and death involved in the battle for independence. There was undoubtedly a great deal of personal, societal and global forgiveness that took place over the years between the U.S. and England in order to be the allies that we are today.

Forgiveness is also a primary tenet of our faith. Forgiveness is a pivotal piece in the story of Jesus. Jesus forgives again and again and he encourages us to do the same. But forgiveness is not easy. Injustice, indifference, and cruelty are hard to deal with, even harder to forgive. I have faced questions through this study that have really challenged my thoughts. How do we find the strength to forgive? Is forgiveness more fruitful for the one who is forgiven, or the one who forgives? What is the alternative to forgiveness? How can we bear the burden of not forgiving? Finally, I have started to realize that perhaps forgiveness is not possible at all without the grace of a loving, forgiving God.

I have long treasured a quote on this subject that comes from an unknown source. It is one of those things that one reads and never forgets. “Forgiveness is the fragrance that the violet sheds on to the heel that crushed it”

My prayer today is that each one of us is able to know the sweetness of forgiving and being forgiven.

Faithfully,

Rev. Colleen



JULY 2017

LITURGY

SATURDAY - 5:00 pm

THURSDAY- 6:00 pm

Parish Staff

Bishop Marty Shanahan

Rev. Corein Turbak

Rev. Colleen Woodley

Music Coordinator: Cynthia S

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Cantor	Lector	Pianist	Prayers of the Faithful
JULY 1:	Ingrid M	Marge B	Lou Lou L	Laurie F
JULY 8:	Gary D	Kristen F	LouLou L	Debra K
JULY 15:	Kristen F	Ingrid M	LouLou L	Jane R
JULY 22:	G & K	Amy S	Marcea K	Tom K
JULY 29:	Alex K	Rick K.	Phil G	Marge B

NEW FUNERAL FUND

Spirit of Hope has received a donation to begin a fund to help anyone in our community with expenses surrounding a death in their family. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please write a check to Spirit of Hope with "Funeral Fund" on the memo line.



Road Construction on 110

Please check our website's home page for alternate routes and a link to the Minnesota Department of Transportation updates.

SUMMER FUN FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES!

- What did the pig say on a hot summer day? – I'm bacon!**
- Why do bananas use sunscreen? – Because they peel.**
- What do you call a snowman in July? – A puddle.**
- What holds the sun up in the sky? – Sunbeams.**
- What race is never run? – A swimming race.**
- When do you go at red and stop at green? – When you're eating a watermelon.**
- What does the sun drink out of? – Sunglasses.**
- What did the ocean say to the sailboat? – Nothing it just waved.**
- What do sheep do on sunny days? – Have a baa-baa-cue.**

Please come to our BBQ on JULY 8th - Bring a friend!

Calendar

JULY

- Saturday July 1 5:00 pm Mass/ Baptism
- Monday July 3 *** NO SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM MEETING ***
- Tuesday July 4 *** NO HOLY GROUNDS ***
- Thursday July 6 5:00 pm Spirited Women of Hope boat ride with the Kings
- Thursday July 6 6:00 pm *** NO MASS TONIGHT ***
- Friday July 7 3:00 pm Set up for BBQ
- Saturday July 8 6:00 pm Annual BBQ
- Tuesday July 11 7:00 pm Ministry Action Team Meeting
- Tuesday July 18 7:00 pm Circle of Servant Leaders Meeting
- Wednesday July 19 6:30 pm Men's Group (Panera Bread on Robert St)
- Tuesday July 25 7:00 pm Celtic Healing Service - St Anne's

AUGUST

- Thursday August 3 7:00 pm Spirited Women of Hope
- Saturday August 5 6:00 pm Pizza Night
- Monday August 7 7:00 pm Social Justice Team Meeting
- Tuesday August 8 7:00 pm Ministry Action Team Meeting
- Tuesday August 15 7:00 pm Circle of Servant Leaders Meeting
- Wednesday August 16 6:30 pm Men's Group (Panera Bread on Robert St)
- Tuesday August 22 7:00 pm Celtic Healing Service - St Anne's
- Saturday August 26 6:00 pm BLT/Tomato Tasting



Remember our hungry Neighbors this summer. Food can be dropped off in the containers at either door.

Please save the travel size personal care items that you pick up while on vacation. We will rotate donating them to Neighbors, Joseph's Coat and Walking with a Purpose. Thank you!