

Sunday, June 23, 2013

# LIVING THE GOSPEL



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# WITNESS & WORSHIP

### BELCZAK'S BULLETIN

Tomorrow, Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> is the Midsummer Nativity! Rejoice! No less than the Angel Gabriel tells us to rejoice in John's birth. This solemnity has been celebrated on this day since the fourth century. For most saints we celebrate their day of death. The liturgical calendar only marks the date of birth into this life of three persons: the Lord Jesus (December 25), his mother Mary (September 8) and tomorrow's feast of the birth of John the Baptist (June 24).



The reason for this exceptional treatment of Mary and John is the belief that these two played a significant role in salvation history. As the infancy narrative in Luke tells it, Elizabeth conceived John six months before Gabriel appeared to Mary to announce the conception of Jesus. For that reason, the date of John's birth is celebrated in the calendar six months before the nativity of Jesus.

The biblical narratives of the birth of John the Baptist are filled with echoes and allusions that leave no doubt that this special child "will be great in the sight of the Lord." As with many of the Old Testament figures, John was born to a barren woman. In the Old Testament, "children are a gift from the Lord"; and barrenness, a disgrace. Elizabeth was not only barren; she was beyond childbearing years. Thus, this child signified God's special favor, as his name "John" implies "Yahweh has shown favor."

The other link that is obvious to those aware of natural cycles is the connection with the summer solstice. Though neither the celebration of the birth of John the Baptist nor the birth of Jesus falls exactly on the solstice, they both have drawn on the nearness of the day for symbolism. From this time of year on, the days grow shorter, while from Christmas onward they grow longer. This provides an image that might be linked to John's motto: "Christ must increase; I must decrease."

The Graduation party season will soon be winding down to a close. Over the past month I have been invited to several "open house" events and tried to visit as many as possible. Watching these young men and women mature and move into their next stage of life has given me the chance to think about children and their march to maturity.

Rabbi Wayne Dosick quotes the Talmud in mentioning the five duties of parents toward their children. They must 1) introduce them into a spiritual covenant with God; 2) give them an education; 3) share with them a craft; 4) provide them with a spouse; and 5) teach them to swim. Rabbi Dosick says that parents must give their children their most cherished values, teach them that they work not to acquire but to become and show them that in loving we find love. Finally, having given them the capacity to grow, parents must "let go" of their children.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church sees family life as "an initiation to society." It is here that children learn moral values, learn to honor God and begin to make good use of their freedom. It is worth noting that this section of the Catechism is titled "Life in Christ." The title suggests the way the church views the moral maturation of the human person. Christians mature when they respond to Christ's invitation to "come, follow me." The words of Jesus suggest a life-long journey with him; the word "journey" is an apt metaphor for our maturing as human beings and as Christians.

The word "maturity" means "full growth or complete development." Christians see this as a life-long process of bringing to fullness the image of God within us. This is not a journey that we make alone but with Jesus along with us. Jesus is there to teach us that the fullness of our development is the love and service we offer to others.

The family is the place where children learn this fundamental lesson of human and Christian growth. The tenderness, the care, the thoughtfulness that family members show to one another provide their children with the moral and emotional equipment they need for their journey through life.

One more thing is needed and that is faith. Faith is the greatest gift parents can share with their children. Faith teaches children that God's love goes with them on their journey, from its very beginning to its very end. Confident, even joyful in that love, they can return it through their love and service of others.

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Following the example of Jesus Christ they learn what it is to be fully human and fully Christian and fully alive!

### SUMMERTIME

#### CASUAL CLOTHES: YES! CASUAL ATTITUDE: NO!

Warmer temperatures, heat, and humidity make everyone feel uncomfortable during the summer months. During the summer months we encourage you to come to our air-conditioned church wearing appropriate casual attire. At the same time, we remind you that clothing appropriate at the beach or backyard swimming pool is NOT APPROPRIATE in church.

I would never want to discourage anyone from worshipping with us. At the same time I wish to encourage everyone to consider what you wear and where you are when you come to worship God at Saint Kenneth. Thank you for your cooperation!

### 2014 VACATION OPPORTUNITY: ROME ADVENTURE AND MEDITERRANIAN SEA CRUISE MAY 19 - JUNE 2, 2014

Consider joining us as we travel to Rome and then cruise the Mediterranean visiting Sicily (Italy), Athens (Greece), Ephesus (Turkey), Rhodes (Greece), Santorini (Greece), Mykonos (Greece), and Naples (Italy). Our itinerary includes: Round trip transfers from Saint Kenneth Parish to Detroit Metro Airport • Three days of tours in Rome including farewell dinner • 3 nights at Vatican area hotel including breakfast & portage • 10 day Mediterranean cruise aboard the Celebrity Cruise Line's *REFLECTION* • Cruise line taxes & fees • Complimentary cocktail party • My Time Dining on Ship • Private tour of Ephesus and Athens • Mass celebrated on Sundays. We will also offer optional tours while in Rome including the Wednesday Papal Audience with Pope Francis, Scavi tour, Imperial and Christian Rome. Worthwhile experiences never occur without planning. While May 2014 seems like a long way away, NOW is the best time to make your travel plans and reserve your place with Tom's Travelers. If you or someone you know would like information, please email me [padretom@stkenneth.org](mailto:padretom@stkenneth.org) or call me directly (734-420-0288 extension 11) and I will be happy to answer your questions. Remember, you do not have to be a member of our parish to participate – please invite friends, neighbors or extended family members to join us on a wonderful vacation adventure! A full color brochure describing the itinerary is available at the parish office during business hours. HURRY – the \$100 per person “early booking discount” expires on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

*Did you hear the one about the teacher who was arrested trying to board an airplane with a compass, a protractor and a calculator? She was charged with carrying weapons of math instruction!*

Enjoy the summer!

*Fr. Tom Belczak*

### FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM

June 21 - July 4, 2013

#### St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher

St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher both lived in England during the reign of Henry VIII. More was a literary scholar, eminent lawyer, gentleman, father of four and chancellor of England. Fisher was a man of learning, chancellor of Cambridge and a bishop in the Catholic Church. Both St. Thomas and St. John refused to take the “Oath of Succession” which declared Henry VIII's divorce from Catherine of Aragon legal and made Henry the head of the Church of England. These two saints refused to give in to the corruption of big government, were imprisoned in the Tower of London and eventually beheaded within two weeks of each other.

### THERE'S ANOTHER WAY TO GET THERE...

Do you want to quit an addictive behavior? We can help. SMARTRecovery® teaches ways to abstain from our bad habits through a 4 Point Program<sup>SM</sup>. Learn how to :

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- Cope with Urges
- Manage Thoughts, Feelings & Behaviors
- Balance Life Satisfactions

SMART® stands for Self Management and Recovery Training. We use psychological, cognitive behavior based theories and exercises to help ourselves stop our hurtful behaviors, i.e., alcohol, drugs, overeating, gambling, smoking, etc.

Join us Saturdays, 10:00 am in the St. Aidan Room. All are welcome. For more information, contact Peggy (734) 255-0266.



## † This Week in our Parish

### Sunday, June 23, 2013

8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous  
8:00 PM Al-Anon

### Monday, June 24, 2013

10:00 AM Senior Exercise  
7:00 PM Toastmaster-Motor City Speakeasy  
7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (Men Only)

### Tuesday, June 25, 2013

9:45 AM Adoration  
10:00 AM Summer Art Class  
10:00 AM Senior Weaving  
6:45 PM Stephen Ministry Supervision  
7:00 PM Kids Hope Mentor

### Wednesday, June 26, 2013

10:00 AM Senior Exercise

### Thursday, June 27, 2013

9:30 AM Prayer Blanket Ministry  
10:00 AM Watercolor Class

### Friday, June 28, 2013

No Meetings

### Saturday, June 29, 2013

10:00 AM Self Management and Recovery Training

### Sunday, June 30, 2013

8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous  
8:00 PM Al-Anon

## HAVE YOU BEEN LEFT BEHIND BECAUSE OF A LOVED ONE'S MILITARY SERVICE?

Stephen Ministry can offer a compassionate, one-on-one listening service to spouses, parents, adult children, and siblings of those who are serving in the military. If you are struggling with grief, loneliness or separation, we want to help. You can be connected to Stephen Ministry by calling St. Kenneth parishioner Anne Dwyer at 734-718-9217 or the St. Kenneth Parish office at 734 420-0288.



## Scripture Readings Week of June 23

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Zechariah 12:10-11, 13:1; Psalm 63; Galatians 3:26-29; Luke 9:18-24
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Nativity of St. John the Baptist</b> Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm 139; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80
<b>Tuesday</b>	Genesis 13:2, 5-18; Psalm 15; Matthew 7:6, 12-14
<b>Wednesday</b>	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 105; Matthew 7:15-20
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>St. Cyril of Alexandria</b> Genesis 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16; Psalm 106; Matthew 7:21-29
<b>Friday</b>	<b>St. Irenaeus</b> Genesis 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Psalm 128; Matthew 8:1-4
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sts. Peter and Paul</b> Acts 12:1-11; Psalm 34; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>13th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13-18; Luke 9:51-62

## WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Please join us on Thursday, July 11 at 7pm in St. Brendan room.

We will be discussing the chosen book, Garnethill by Denise Mina



I will provide the beverage, you can bring a munchie and together we will discuss this award winning crime novel set in Scotland.

Call Gretchen for more information at 734-420-3031.

## REGISTRATION FORMS FOR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMMING 2013-14 ARE AVAILABLE ON-LINE

This includes the **CFP, FRE, LOGOS, and Confirmation** programs.

Forms can be found at [www.stkenneth.org](http://www.stkenneth.org) under Children's Ministry



of the week

Which crosses in your life do you find especially heavy?  
What or who helps you bear them?

## † New Parishioners

On behalf of all our parishioners, we extend a warm welcome to these newly registered members who have joined our parish in the last week.

Joan DiLisi  
Ed & Karen Haran, and their daughter Sierra  
Gil & Marlene Gaibrois

## † May They Rest in Peace

No Funerals

## † Newly Married

Renato Susnja & Lisa Zielinski

## † Newly Baptized

**Jacob Anthony Teems**  
January 3, 2013  
Son of Justin & Karen Teems

**Elizabeth Madelyn Faysal**  
April 9, 2013  
Daughter of James & Katie Faysal

**Cecily May Beeman**  
April 10, 2013  
Daughter of Kyle & Emily Beeman

## † Birthday Blessings cont.

**June 22**  
Kyra Makie  
Gene Marlow  
Michael Pevovar  
Mary Pierce  
Sarah Pinto  
Emily Sanchez  
Donna Sebest  
Edmund Shaheen  
Camden Short  
Amy Singer  
Joline Smith  
Scott Stran  
Bill Williams

## † Mass Intentions

### Saturday, June 22, 2013

4:30 PM Enrico & Ida Canini, requested by Graziano Canini  
Joe Walsh, requested by Walt & Mary Ann Dunne  
William Herter, requested by the Stemberger Family

### Sunday, June 23, 2013

7:30 AM Harry Fredryk, requested by Colleen Ferrara  
Deborah A. Chamberlin (7th Anniversary), requested by  
Jim & Vangie Noetzel  
Stella Nykiel, requested by Jerry & Lori  
9:00 AM Ann Early, requested by John Early  
Julia Fuss, requested by Greg Skindzier  
11:00 AM Kevin Looney, requested by his Family  
David Widzinski, requested by the Terrill Family  
Kathryn Stachecki (Special Intentions), requested by Lee  
Stachecki  
Carole Schaefer, requested by Karen Abraham

### Monday, June 24, 2013

9:00 AM Tim Harrington, requested by Kathleen Harrington

### Tuesday, June 25, 2013

9:00 AM Ralph & Ann Todd, requested by Patricia Andersen  
Poul V. Andersen, requested by Patricia Andersen  
Kenneth Berlin (Special Intentions), requested by Gary &  
Lorraine Berlin  
7:00 PM People of Saint Kenneth

### Wednesday, June 26, 2013

No Mass

### Thursday, June 27, 2013

9:00 AM Enrico & Ida Canini, requested by Graziano Canini

### Friday, June 28, 2013

9:00 AM People of Saint Kenneth

### Saturday, June 29, 2013

4:30 PM Mary Jane Bohrer (4th Anniversary),  
requested by the Joseph Bohrer Family  
Beverly Davis (3rd Anniversary), requested by Janet Hayes

### Sunday, June 30, 2013

7:30 AM Enrico & Ida Canini, requested by Graziano Canini  
9:00 AM Ann Early, requested by John Early  
Erin Livingston, requested by Linda Livingston  
11:00 AM Harry L. Phenev (6th Anniversary), requested by the  
Moening Family  
Ronald T. Mysliwec, requested by Joe & Mary Pat  
Mysliwec

If you have requested a mass intention and would like to take the offertory gifts to the altar at that mass, please notify an usher 15 minutes prior to Mass.

## ✠ Please Pray for...

Fran Ardanowski	Abby Rubenson
Kenneth Berlin	Phyllis Servis
Michael Bohn	Schinker Family
Thomas Donner	Fr. Ted Schmitt
Lido Gaccaglia	Michelle Skinner
Natalie Gregor	Maribeth Dudley Smith
Kevin Grezlik	Kathryn Stachecki
Erin Joynt	Bob Stork
Kathy Kindred	Jean Stork
Jesse Lindbauer	Phyllis Sullivan
Patricia Lukina	Steve Unger
Quinn MacKercher	Mark Wehner
Richard Marsh Sr.	Rob Wehner
Nicole Maurer	Clayton Dean Weitzel-Mech
Larry McConlogue	Marilyn Wilde
Jackie McDonald	Bill Williams
Darryll Mech	Rose Williams
Tommy Mech	Jerome Zitterman
Angelo Medico	Dorothy Zsalako
Joe Newsome	
Jim Noetzel, Jr	
Stella Nykiel	
Gene Overstreet	
Tom Prais	
Sr. Marie Reilly	
Esther Rintz	

To have someone enrolled on the prayer list, please call the church office. Names will be listed for four weeks unless the office is notified that the condition continues and that prayers are still needed.

## ✠ Pray for our Military

Tripp Adams, Army	Paul Klavon, Army
Nathan Albanese, Army	Timothy MacArthur, Army
Anthony Allen, Marines	Patrick Madish, Air Force
Ashley Allen, Marines	Daniel Marr, Marines
Greg Anderson, Navy	Abby Moening, Army
Steven Anderson, Marines	Courtney Moss, Marines
Garrett Barr, Army	Matt Mosteiko, Army
Christina Bucciare	Tom Newhouse, Marines
Brendan P. Carney, Air Force	John J. Nygard, Air Force
Justin Collins, Army	Nyle Pfeefefer, Army
Tim Collins, Air Force	Ryan Rays, Navy
Christopher Crandall, Coast Guard	Sarah Rowe, Coast Guard
Paul Crandall, Army	Robert Rowley, Navy
Marcus Dandrea, Marines	Bryan Ryder, Army
Bradley Davis, Marines	Bryan Silveri, Navy
Greg Davis, Air Force	Charles Simpson, Jr., Army
Rob Dixon, Army	Stephanie Smith, Air Force
Megan Gagnon, Air Force	Shannon Suchora Hill, Air Force
Jeff Gray, National Guard	Paul Theile, Navy
Jada Grindstaff, Army	Dennis Thompson, Army
Kurt Gurka, Army	Chad Vandette, Army
James Hamblin, Marines	Anthony Vennekotter, Army
Deryck Hill, Air Force	Zachary Willey, Air Force
Travis Holt, Air Force	Joseph Wilson, Army
Mia Klavon, Army	

In gratitude for the sacrifices of our loved ones in the armed forces and their families, we are gathering the names and service branches of those currently serving our country, and requesting parishioners pray for these brave people. If you would like to add a person to our Military Prayer Request List, please call Barb at 420-3031.

## ✠ Birthday Blessings

### June 23

Brian	Afetian
Lorraine	Berlin
Kristian	Chorkey
Josephine	Colleran
Thomas	Cormier
Dylan	Drummond
Susi	Feeley
Jamie	Kiefer
Jim	LaHaie
Gustanio	Mady
Joan	Remsburg
Nicholas	Richmond
Reggie	Schemanske
Nadia	Skillman
Enzo	Testasecca
George	Wazny
Jack	Zarate

### June 24

Joe	Abdullah
Ashley	Aiello
Bud	Boyce
Jerry	Brewer
Karen	Cawley
Renee'	Cords
Dolly	Dinoian
Kate	Eichenberg
Victor	Gonzales
Donna	Haddad-Harte
Leo	Krawczak
Kylie	Machacek
Eileen	Mayer
Leis	Miller
Joseph	Oleszczak
Julia	Salice
Denise	Vannucci
Peter	Ziparo

### June 25

Cheryl	Angel
Sara	Bisinger
Evan	Brezovsky
Margaret	Dussia
John	Guzik
Bill	Hermann
Michael	Lochirco
Erin	McDermott
Terri	Palmer
Maureen	Perri
Mary	Rosinski
Noelle	Schaekel
Franca	Tiano
Mike	Viola
Lewis	Yugel

### June 26

Katie	Brach
Nancy	Dankert
Kevin	Grezlik
Jo	Hamet
Riley	Huggins
Mike	Jasperson
Jean	Meredith
Renee	Vargo

GiovanniZezawa

### June 27

Frances	Agius
Deborah	Amos-Onwuegbuna
Michael	Andrews
Ragged	Barkho
David	Bartek
Julia	Borst
Dan	Collins
Jack	Deak
Mark	Dunn
Anna Jo	Kenney
Kourtney	Klatt
Joesina	Manalel
Ann	Rash
Rhonda	Ross
Karlee	Schaar
Amy	Smith
Joline	Smith
Daniel	Sobiechowski
Richard	Spangler
Nikolai	Wegrzyn
Janet	Wold

### June 28

Jonathon	Alumbaugh
Kathi	Balcom
Marie	Barr
Sharon	Batey
Rick	Boron
Jaime	Brown
Pat	Cockfield
Lauren	Fathat
Joanne	Gentelia
Marissa	Hall
Rachel	Jurczyszyn
Jack	Jurczyszyn
Diane	Kohmescher
Gabrielle	Lindlbauer
Julia	Marsh
Patrick	Mitchell
Paige	Moore
Terese	Myers
Lisa	Piasecki
John	Piasentin
Gail	Schaefer
Jean	Stork
Tom	Suchora
David	Uberti
Tom	Versosky
Everett	Witter

### June 29

Christopher	Bogenhagen
Brian	Bowser
Jen	Burns
Peggy	Chemello
Neal	Corey
Karen	Cummings
Lisa	Detmer
Patricia	Gosinski
Bernie	Kidwell

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# Stewardship Matters

The readings for this Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time deal with the dichotomy of emotions found in Christ's Crucifixion. It was a tragedy and an extremely sad occurrence; at the same time, as it meant salvation for us, it was a time of great joy. The first reading from Zechariah recounts this time of great mourning, yet also as a time when the people will be given a "fountain to purify from sin and uncleanness." In the Gospel, the Lord points to a similar contradiction when He says, "... whoever wishes to save his life must lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it." Our lives are filled with sadness and joy. Those who practice stewardship as a way of life focus on the joys. If we concentrate on our blessings, the crosses we must bear become less burdensome and more tolerable. The noted author and lecturer Helen Keller, who was both deaf and blind, had a wonderful stewardship outlook on life. She once said, "Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see a shadow." That is our challenge as stewards — to concentrate on the good in life because that is what brings us great happiness.

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**Remember:  
STEWARDSHIP  
MATTERS**

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### LITURGY

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,  
Friday: 9:00 AM  
Tuesday: 7:00 PM  
*No mass on Wednesday*  
**Saturday: 4:30 PM**  
**Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM,**  
**Holy Days: 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM**

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:  
9:00 AM-12:00 noon, 1:00-4:00 PM  
Tuesday, :  
9:00 AM-12:00 noon, 1:00-8:00 PM  
Saturday:  
9:00 AM-12:00 Noon

### SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 3:30 PM  
**Baptism:** Contact Office for Parents' Meeting.  
**Marriage:** Make arrangements six months in advance for pre-marriage conference.

### REGISTRATION

Come to the office to introduce yourself during regular parish office hours.

### PARISH COUNCIL

4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM.  
All are welcome.  
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## LAST WORDS

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