

Sunday, July 14, 2013

LIVING THE GOSPEL

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BELCZAK'S BULLETIN

I have a friend who belongs to a health club and he goes there several times a week. He rides the stationary bicycle, walks on the treadmill, works out on the weight machines and just spends time "people watching." My friend recently told me of his observations.

Some people come in to the health club, stretch their muscles and begin a serious exercise routine. Except for an occasional glance into the mirror, they seem focused on what they are doing. Others, come in, stand in front of the mirror, flex their muscles, lift a few weights then strut back and forth in front of the mirror, flexing their muscles. They do another series of repetitions, check their muscles again and then head for the shower. They do not appear to take weight lifting nearly as serious as they take their image in the mirror.

As my friend told me of his observation, I found myself applying his remarks to the practice of prayer. I was formulating a question in my mind, "Who are you looking at when you pray?" Am I meeting God or am I focused on my own image? Am I concentrating on the way I look to myself or am I focusing on what God's message to me?

Prayer is being present to God. Its purpose is not to make me feel good about myself because I am doing something "spiritual." The value of prayer has little to do with my image, my self. Some of the heroes of the Old Testament knew and understood this principle – I am still trying to learn it.

Samuel is a good example. God wanted to speak to Samuel just as God wants to speak to you and me. When God called Samuel, he did not recognize God. Samuel thought it must be Eli calling him. Finally, after he awakened three times by Samuel, Eli realized what was happening and instructed Samuel to say, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening." Eli did not tell Samuel, "God is speaking to you, enjoy and savor the experience." He did not instruct him to focus on what was happening or how he felt about God speaking to him. Eli instructed Samuel to listen attentively. Samuel then acknowledged the proper relationship between himself and God. "You are Lord and I am your servant." Samuel was not looking at himself or even his ability to listen. He focused completely on the Lord, as a servant should be.

When you pray, do you listen to God or are you listening to yourself? There is a big difference. Where is your focus?

If being too casual in prayer is a danger, being too intense in prayer is another. When focusing on the quality of our prayer we are not praying. If we go to prayer longing for or expecting some kind of experience; if we are so concerned about doing it right, getting the right effect or result, then we are no longer seeking God. Seeking God is an intentional act. I must shift from looking into the mirror that reflects my own image and focus instead on God, and what God is saying to me.

God know us very well. God knows our desires and our anxieties. We do not have to focus on ourselves. The true blessing of prayer is recognizing the presence of God and not focusing on the answer to our questions. The "answers" that we seek will be found in the presence of God.

We are not praying when we are caught up in a "how am I doing" kind of evaluation. We do not pray in order to be impressed with ourselves. We pray to meet God. God wants to meet and to teach us. When we focus on God, we can encounter the One who reaches out to us continually and invites us into a life-giving relationship with Him.

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!



BELCZAK'S BULLETIN



WELCOME VISITORS

We are happy to have you with us at St. Kenneth Catholic Church.

Whether you are here for the first time or you worship with us regularly, you are most welcome.

If there is anything that we can do to make your visit more pleasant, please ask.

Welcome to your faith home. Please come again soon!

Fr. Tom Belczak, Pastor

This is the time of year when many pastors are moving from one assignment to another. One parish developed the following scratch sheet for prospective applicants. The list contains the names of the candidates and comments for each, should one be interested in investigating them further for future pastoral placements.

NOAH: He has 120 years of preaching experience, but no converts.

MOSES: He stutters. His former congregation says he loses his temper over trivial things.

ABRAHAM: He took off to Egypt during hard times. We heard that he got into trouble with authorities and then tried to lie his way out.

DAVID: He is an acceptable character. He might have been considered for minister of music had he not "fallen."

SOLOMON: He has a reputation for wisdom, but fails to practice what he preaches.

HOSEA: His family life is in shambles. Divorced and remarried to a prostitute.

JOHN: He says he is a Baptist, but lacks tact and dresses like a hippie. He would not feel comfortable at a church potluck supper.

PETER: He has a bad temper and was even heard to deny Christ publicly.

PAUL: We found him to lack tact. He is too harsh. His appearance is contemptible, and he preaches too long.

TIMOTHY: He has potential, but is much too young for the position.

JESUS: He tends to offend church members with his preaching, especially Bible scholars. He is also too controversial. He even offended the search committee with his pointed questions.

JUDAS: He seemed to be very practical, cooperative, and good with money, cares for the poor, and dresses well. We all agreed that he is just the man we are looking for to fill our vacancy as Senior Pastor.

Thank you for all you have done to assist us in our pastoral search!

Enjoy the summer!

Fr. Tom Belczak

GUIDE BOOK AND DIRECTORY UPDATE

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book and Directory for the Church. The book contains the Who, What, Where, Why, and How of our Church. The book is provided at **no cost** to our Church, including the mailing to each family, and again is being subsidized by local businesses that advertise in it. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out how to advertise in our parish directory, please contact our parish office 734-420-0288.

Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would patronize our Guide Book and Directory advertisers over non-advertisers. It "does pay" to advertise in our Guide Book and Directory.

† This Week in our Parish

- Sunday July 14, 2013**
 7:30 AM First Sunday Food Drive
 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous
 8:00 PM Al-Anon
- Monday July 15, 2013**
 10:00 AM Senior Exercise
 6:30 PM Soup Kitchen Prep
 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (Men Only)
- Tuesday July 16, 2013**
 9:45 AM Adoration
 10:00 AM Summer Art Class
 10:00 AM Senior Weaving
- Wednesday July 17, 2013**
 10:00 AM Senior Exercise
- Thursday July 18, 2013**
 9:30 AM Prayer Blanket Ministry
 9:30 AM The Emergency Food Assistance Program
 10:00 AM Watercolor Class
- Friday July 19, 2013**
 No Meetings
- Saturday July 20, 2013**
 10:00 AM Self Management and Recovery Training
 5:30 PM Blood Pressure Screening
 6:30 PM Charity Euchre
- Sunday July 21, 2013**
 8:30 AM Blood Pressure Screening
 2:00 PM Sunday Afternoon MS Support
 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous
 8:00 PM Al-Anon

STEPHEN MINISTRY LISTENS

Stephen Ministers will listen to you with an open mind and heart. If you are hurting, troubled, and having a difficult time, please let us help. We are committed to confidentiality. To learn more, call St. Kenneth parishioner Anne Dwyer at 734-718-9217 or the St. Kenneth Parish office at 734 420-0288.



Scripture Readings Week of July 14

- Sunday 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Psalm 69 or Psalm 19;
 Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37
- Monday Saint Bonaventure**
 Exodus 1:8-14, 22; Psalm 124;
 Matthew 10:34—11:1
- Tuesday Our Lady of Mount Carmel**
 Exodus 2:1-15a; Psalm 69; Matthew 11:20-24
- Wednesday** Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12; Psalm 103; Matthew 11:25-27
- Thursday Saint Camillus de Lellis**
 Exodus 3:13-20; Psalm 105; Matthew 11:28-30
- Friday** Exodus 11:10—12:14; Psalm 116; Matthew 12:1-8
- Saturday Saint Apollinaris**
 Exodus 12:37-42; Psalm 136; Matthew 12:14-21
- Sunday 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 Genesis 18:1-10a; Psalm 15; Colossians 1:24-28;
 Luke 10:38-42

DAVID LIVES ON

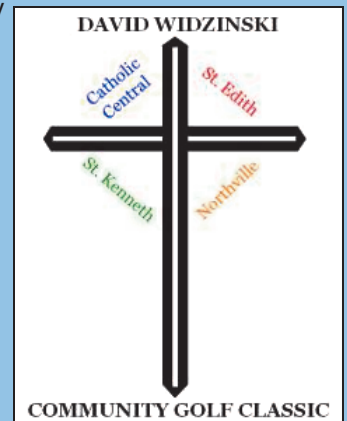
David Widzinski Community Golf Classic

WHEN: Sunday, September 1, 2013
 WHERE: Tanglewood Golf Course, South Lyon
 WHAT: 10:00 Mass at Catholic Central
 12:00 Registration at Tanglewood
 1:00 Shot-gun start
 6:30 Dinner followed with an evening of dancing, raffles, and celebration!

COST: \$100 Golf and T-Shirt, Dinner and Dancing
 \$33 Dinner and Dancing
 \$10 T-Shirt only

More information can be found on the website:

<http://davidliveson.com/>



of the week

When have you gone out of your way to help a stranger in need?

† 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.

Diane Frushour
Raymond & Shirley Benson

† May They Rest in Peace

Bea Tatzka

† Newly Married

No Marriages

† Newly Baptized

Joseph Paul Klebba
January 28, 2013
Son of Paul & Amanda Klebba

† Birthday Blessings cont.

July 20
Emma Laming
James Looney
Diane Myers
Sally Owens
Ana Ramos
Terri Rochford
Emma Samulski
Natalie Sanford

† Mass Intentions

Saturday July 13, 2013

4:30 PM Daniel Sexton (10th Anniversary), requested by his Family
Luba Petryk, requested by the Petryk Family
Ray Steslicki Jr. (1st Anniversary), requested by Judith Costigan

Sunday July 14, 2013

7:30 AM Virgil & Anita Benedettini, requested by Graziano Canini
9:00 AM Ann Early, requested by John Early
11:00 AM David Widzinski, requested by the Drayback Family
Tim Harrington, requested by Kathleen Harrington
Katie Cotant, requested by Nancy Eicher
Benjamin Putman & the deceased members of the Rushmore, McDonough, Shanney Families, requested by the McDonough Family

Monday July 15, 2013

9:00 AM Tim Harrington, requested by Kathleen Harrington
Jean Gerou (8th Anniversary), requested by her daughter Peggy

Tuesday July 16, 2013

9:00 AM Ralph & Ann Todd, requested by Patricia Andersen
Poul V. Andersen, requested by Patricia Andersen
Leah Wood, requested by Joe & Elizabeth Micallef
Frank Mercieca, requested by Joe & Jeanette Pace

7:00 PM Andrew Stapleton (1st Anniversary), requested by the Busuttill Family
Pauline Pisani, requested by the Busuttill Family

Wednesday July 17, 2013

No Mass

Thursday July 18, 2013

9:00 AM Theresa Michalak, requested by her Family

Friday July 19, 2013

9:00 AM Virgil & Anita Benedettini, requested by Graziano Canini

Saturday July 20, 2013

4:30 PM Arthur Mech, requested by Eugenia Mech
Victoria Slowinski, requested by Mr. & Mrs. Osenkowski
Elsie & James McDonnell, requested by Tom & Marilyn Murphy
Catherine & Thomas Murphy, requested by Tom & Marilyn Murphy

Sunday July 21, 2013

7:30 AM Virgil & Anita Benedettini, requested by Graziano Canini
9:00 AM Ann Early, requested by John Early
11:00 AM Joseph M. Smith (9th Anniversary), requested by his Family
Judy Majewski, requested by Nino & Joan Novelli

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	Schinker Family
Richard Barron	Fr. Ted Schmitt
Kenneth Berlin	Michelle Skinner
Michael Bohn	Maribeth Dudley Smith
Thomas Donner	Dan Stevenson
Dan Gill	Tom Stevenson
Erin Joynt	Bob Stork
Kathy Kindred	Jean Stork
Elsie Lang	Phyllis Sullivan
Michael Liebau	John Voisinet
Jesse Lindbauer	Sr. Kathleen Voss
Quinn MacKercher	Mark Wehner
Nicole Maurer	Rob Wehner
Larry McConlogue	Clayton Dean Weitzel-Mech
Maureen McCurren	Bill Williams
Darryll Mech	Rose Williams
Tommy Mech	Elenore Wlodarczyk
Angelo Medico	Cheryl Wojtaszek
Joe Newsome	
Jim Noetzel, Jr	
Stella Nykiel	
Gene Overstreet	
Tom Prais	
Sr. Marie Reilly	
Abby Rubenson	
Bob Rzepecki	

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

July 14

Thomas Airton
Laurie Earles
Dawn Edgerton
Susan Franceschi
Robert Geiger
Kathleen Harrington
Jennifer Jerore
Lukas Kovach
Frank Kulha
Kevin Leib
Maria Martin
Renick Shrader
Michael Tafelski
Jess Weinrauch
Joanna Zahra
Kevin Zahra

July 15

Charlotte Adamczyk
Debbie Anderson
Mike Anderson
Brigid Cummings
Matthew DiPietro
Lauren DiPietro
Jon Ervin
Walter Hanley
Patricia Hintz
Andy Kolozsvary
Daniel Lanier
Jenny Rice
Christina Ritter
Thresa Spahn
Adam Steslicki
Rylee Sutherland
Hayden Trotter
Gabrielle Zajdel

July 16

Angie Aquinto
Nick Davis
Martha Detrich
Brody Domeracki
Kevin Gault
Lexus Gilmer
Charles Hoover
Bob Karby
Joe Kovich
Kenneth McLean
Erin Oleszczak
David Piasecki
James Sciba
Pat Seleski
Barbara Sullivan
Joanne Taylor
Susan Walewski

July 17

Josh Bombolewski
Brandon Bourdganis
Laura Brodzik
Shaun Buckley
Terry Cowick
Mike Dwyer
Sandi Grund

Jerry Kwas
Anthony Pons
Bridget Recchia
Vincent Smock
Adam Stempin
Matthew Tarry
Nicole Thompson
Jett Wolter

July 18

Anthony Burton
Al Chenoweth
Lisa Gardner
Jim Guerreso
Travis Holt
Barb Kubacki
Sarah Lemieux
Alyssa Lollo
Michael McIntosh
Abigail Melaragni
Cindy Rush
Donna Shaw
Shirley Williams

July 19

Riley Adams
Richard Airton
Marciana Baker
Kerry Banka
Maureen Carey
Joseph Cottrell
Conner Curr
Colin Domeracki
Joan Dudley
Griffin Gardner
Doug Glassford
MaryElle Hall
Dick Hofmann
Teddy Kazmierski
Ann MacDonald
Jaclyn Mowry
Caden Musa
Declan O'Hare
Stephen Patrone
Gianni Petisce
Adam Pichler
Kattie Priester
Daniel Smentowski
Jeff Stasko
Andy Vick
Henry Wiest
Justin Williams

July 20

Rick Abrams
Marc Bitterle
Jill Bridges
Laurie Comps
Scott Denby
Bethany Greenberg
Natasha Jungovic
Chris Kroll
Jennifer Krompatic
Sophia Laming

Stewardship Matters

Today's Gospel, the Parable of the Good Samaritan, presents the epitome of what it means to be a good steward. Jesus confirms to those around him, and especially "the scholar of the law," that the scholar is correct to conclude that he must do two things to "inherit eternal life": "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself." Of course, the scholar responds, "Who is my neighbor?" to which Jesus tells the story of the Good Samaritan, one of the most powerful stewardship stories found in Holy Scripture.

Most of us are familiar with how the Samaritan stopped to help the man who had been robbed and beaten, when others walked by and tried to ignore him. Almost everyone in the story, just as most of us in this world, is in a hurry. We, too, have things to do and to accomplish. Stewardship is not always convenient. Nevertheless, like the Good Samaritan, there are times when we must upset our schedule, our own plan, to give and share and reach out to others. Jesus' point is that stewardship is not easy, but if we truly aspire to be a good neighbor, it is what we are called to do.

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**Remember:
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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

Acting with Mercy