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HEALING FAITH

Because we live in a damaged world sickness is very prevalent, as is the awareness of the need for healing. Besides looking to modern medicine when we are sick, we pray for God to bless the procedures, and we pray for miraculous healing as well. Consequently, the connection between faith and healing is being recognized more and more, it is sought by many, and abused by some. On the one hand incidents of miraculous healing are known and reported, while on the other hand personal claims of possessing healing attributes are used by some for selfish purposes. Frequently the burden of sickness is increased by well-meaning but accusatory advice that, "If you will only believe more completely you will be healed." Simultaneously, we also know of godly, faith filled believers, recipients of many people's prayers, who succumb to their illness and experience what seems like an untimely death.

This week's Gospel reading records Jesus' healing power graciously given to both a well-off leader, and to the humble unknown. In one instance fear and hopelessness was present and in the other fear and faith, yet both were recipients of Jesus' healing power. And so, we rightly wonder, what is the proper understanding of this relationship between faith and healing.

Perhaps the best way to approach this question is to begin with what we know:

1. Sickness and death are a normal part of the human condition, a condition accompanying our fallen nature.
2. Jesus' death and resurrection restores our fallen nature so that we can become partakers of his divine nature and escape the corruption that is in the world.
3. Reversing the natural progression of sickness and death requires miraculous power which resides only within the power of God, and through his grace he has allowed mankind to discover many medical cures.
4. In all of life we are to have faith, faith in God's love and concern for our physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual well being, and faith in his ability and desire to help us.
5. The quantity of our faith is not as important as its quality, for Jesus said if we even have the faith of a mustard seed, a very tiny thing, we can do wonders. So, it isn't how much faith we have but in whom our faith resides.
6. Our faith needs to be exercised not only in trusting God's power to heal, but also in trusting God's will for us when healing is not granted.

God does allow his children to incur sickness and even death to bring about his glory and to accomplish his purposes. It takes equally as great faith to say, as Jesus did, "Nevertheless, thy will be done," as it does to say, "Please heal me." The things God allows in our lives are designed to bring us closer to him, to help us discover the depths of his love for us, and to illicit the willing abandonment of ourselves to his love and mercy. And though we often fear sickness and death, the abandonment of ourselves to his love, in the midst of our illness and in the face of death, is what the Holy Spirit enables us to do, replace fear with faith.

There is a sense in which no doctor ever heals. The doctors themselves would be the first to admit this. The magic is not in the medicine but in the patient's body ... What the treatment does is to stimulate Natural functions or to remove what hinders them. We speak for convenience of the doctor, or the dressing, healing a cut. But in another sense every cut heals itself: no cut can be healed in a corpse ... All who are cured are cured by Him, not merely in the sense that His providence provides them with medical assistance and wholesome environments, but also in the sense that their very tissues are repaired by the far-descending energy which, flowing from Him, energizes the whole system of Nature.

Emmaus Journey Reflections

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Rev. Father Christopher Gerard Gillen P.P.
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Chaplain to KC Council #16421

Sunday Masses
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses
Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri @ 9:00 a.m.
Wed @ 6:30 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Back in September

Reconciliation/Confessions
Sat 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. or on request

Baptism
Catechesis and appointment necessary

Marriage
Contact the parish office

Sacrament of the Sick
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Parish Events Group

Diocesan Website: www.saintcd.com

Ministry Schedule - July 7/8

Hospitality Ministers

5:00 pm - Tony Mous
10:00 am - Chuck & Elaine Parry

Altar Servers

5:00 pm - Needed
10:00 am - Needed

Children's Liturgy

No Children's Liturgy until Sept 9th

Next Hospitality Sunday

September 3rd

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July 1, 2018

**The 13th
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time**

Lectors

5:00 pm #1 - Tom Shields
#2 - Katrina Shields
10:00 am #1 - Andrew Steger
#2 - Caroline Steger

Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm - Doug & Maeve
10:00 am - Bea, Mike & Mary

Stewardship Counting

Beth Davis & Sandy Johnson

July Mass Intentions

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| Monday | July 2 | 9:00 am | +In memory of Joseph Olascki, Charles Parker, Olga Mous & Winnie Stadelbauer | by St. Martin's Parish |
| Tuesday | July 3 | 9:00 am | St. Thomas +For the repose of the souls of Jacob & Hendrika Van Geest | by Marg & Dick Van Geest |
| Thursday | July 5 | 9:00 am | For the special intentions of Fr. Christopher For the health and healing of Robert Schnaar | by Vern & Josie Dell by John & Riky Mulder |
| Friday | July 6 | 9:00 am | For the special intentions of the Devlin children, in-law children & grandchildren | by Doug & Maeve Devlin |
| Saturday | July 7 | 5:00 pm | The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish family 30th Priestly Anniversary for Father Christopher | |
| Sunday | July 8 | 10:00 am | For the special intentions of Sherri deWilde | by Norrie Franko |
| Monday | July 9 | 9:00 am | A Mass of Thanksgiving of Koshy Alex | by Koshy Alex |
| Tuesday | July 10 | 9:00 am | +For the repose of the souls of John & Regina Newman | by the Newman family |
| Thursday | July 12 | 9:00 am | +For the repose of the soul of Dave Harris For the health and healing of Robert Schnaar | by Helen & Andy Lipiec by John & Riky Mulder |
| Friday | July 13 | 9:00 am | +For the repose of the souls of the deceased members of the Walsh family | by Doug & Maeve Devlin |
| Saturday | July 14 | 5:00 pm | The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time +For the repose of the soul of Nora Franko | by Norrie Franko |
| Sunday | July 15 | 10:00 am | For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish family | |
| Monday | July 16 | 9:00 am | +For the repose of the soul of Gemma Gillen | by the Newman family |
| Tuesday | July 17 | 9:00 am | +For the repose of the soul of Mark Snow and for the healing of the soul, mind and emotion of Renne Snow | by Annette & Dan Shukovitsky |
| Thursday | July 19 | 9:00 am | +For the repose of the soul of Dave Harris For the health and healing of Robert Schnaar | by Helen & Andy Lipiec by John & Riky Mulder |
| Friday | July 20 | 9:00 am | +For the repose of the souls of the deceased members of the Devlin family | by Doug & Maeve Devlin |
| Saturday | July 21 | 5:00 pm | The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time For God's blessings upon Claudette & Dosseh Sassou-Messan on their 20th Wedding Anniversary | by Claudette & Dosseh Sassou-Messan |
| Sunday | July 22 | 10:00 am | For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish family | |
| Monday | July 23 | 9:00 am | +For the repose of the soul of Dave Harris | by Anita & Bernie Duggan |
| Tuesday | July 24 | 9:00 am | +For the repose of the soul of Antonio Borges +For the repose of the soul of Luke Scheck | by Maria Borges by the Lupien family |
| Thursday | July 26 | 9:00 am | St. Anne & St. Joachim For the special intentions of Cathy Cartaginense | by Sandy & Treeva Johnson |
| Friday | July 27 | 9:00 am | +For the repose of the soul of Mark Snow | by Vern & Josie Dell |
| Saturday | July 28 | 5:00 pm | The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish family | |
| Sunday | July 29 | 10:00 am | For the special intentions of the Lewis children & spouses, grandchildren & great grandchildren | by Pauline Lewis |

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| Monday | July 30 | 9:00 am | +For the repose of the soul of Amy Mulder and for God's blessings upon Henriette Mulder | by John & Riky Mulder |
| Tuesday | July 31 | 9:00 am | St. Ignatius of Loyola +For the repose of the soul of Dave Harris | by the Chorley family |
| Thursday | Aug 2 | 9:00 am | For special intentions | |
| Friday | Aug 3 | 9:00 am | For the special intentions of the Devlin children, in-law children and grandchildren | by Doug & Maeve Devlin |
| Saturday | Aug 4 | 5:00 pm | The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time For the special intentions of and God's blessings upon The Melo family grandchildren | by Mr & Mrs Melo |
| Sunday | Aug 5 | 10:00 am | For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish family | |

Ministry Schedule - July 14/15

Hospitality Ministers

5:00 pm - Janet & Ron Roscovich
10:00 am - Anita Duggan & Joan Hignett

Lectors

5:00 pm #1 - Mitch Pogoda #2 - Mary Pikula
10:00 am #1 - Heather Tomascini #2 - Lisa Poort

Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm - Doug, Maeve & Tom
10:00 am - Paula, Bianca & Victoria

Stewardship Counting

Jennifer Fife & Lisa Poort

Ministry Schedule - July 21/22

Hospitality Ministers

5:00 pm - Tom Shields
10:00 am - Helen & Andy Lipiec

Lectors

5:00 pm #1 - Sue Armstrong #2 - Kelly Staples
10:00 am #1 - Tom Richardson #2 - Marg Van Geest

Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm - Tom, Maeve & Doug
10:00 am - Dick, Andrew & Caroline

Stewardship Counting

Helen Lipiec & Elaine Parry

Ministry Schedule - July 28/29

Hospitality Ministers

5:00 pm - Dosseh & Claudette Sassou-Messan
10:00 am - George Yakowenko

Lectors

5:00 pm #1 - Maeve Devlin #2 - Mitch Pogoda
10:00 am #1 - Deanne Long #2 - Gemma Bose

Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm - Doug, Maeve & Tom
10:00 am - Vern, Marcel & Sherri

Stewardship Counting

Halina Grzybek & Marg Van Geest

Ministry Schedule - August 4/5

Hospitality Ministers

5:00 pm - Ron & Janet Roscovich
10:00 am - Chuck & Elaine Parry

Lectors

5:00 pm #1 - Sue Armstrong #2 - Anne Favero
10:00 am #1 - Lisa Poort #2 - Marg Van Geest

Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm - Tom
10:00 am - Bea, Dick & Nick

Stewardship Counting

Mary Anne Paradis & Sandy Johnson

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PARISH MISSION APPEAL

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SPECIAL THANK YOU

PEG would like to thank all the parishioners who attended the Parish Picnic last weekend and all the volunteers who made this event possible from beginning to end. Thank you also to the KOC for the use of their BBQ and the donation of the bread buns.

GETHSEMANE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

All are invited to join them on Saturday July 14 to celebrate the 3rd Anniversary of the inauguration of the Gethsemane Centre in Wellandport. Please call the centre if you plan on attending. This is a free event.

Event Schedule is as follows:

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| 11:00 - Reception | 11:30 - Mass |
| 12:30 - BBQ Lunch | 2:00 - Praise & Thanksgiving |
| 3:00 - Divine Mercy | 3:30 - Coffee/Tea & Snack |

PARISH BULLETINS

We will be publishing one bulletin per month for the months of July and August. If you would like anything in the August bulletin please have it sent to the office by July 24. Thank you.