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JULY 5, 2026 THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday—5 PM

Sunday—8 & 10:30 AM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4-4:45 PM

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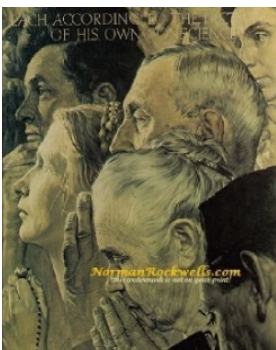
This 4th of July weekend got me to thinking about some of the iconic paintings that were done by Norman Rockwell, one of the great folk painters in our country's. Many of you may remember or have seen Rockwell's illustrations that graced the cover of the *Saturday Evening Post* from 1916 to 1968. The particular paintings I was recalling were entitled "The

Four Freedoms and were inspired by the 1941 State of the Union address by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in which he outlined four democratic values that he considered essential to preserve: freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom from want, and freedom from fear. These notions had neither an immediate nor resounding impact on the American public, but 11 months later their significance was transformed by the United States' entrance into World War II.

Rockwell, a well-established illustrator for the *Saturday Evening Post* at the time, was eager to lend his talents to the ongoing war efforts. He first pitched his *Four Freedoms* idea to the Graphic Division of the War Department's Office of Facts and Figures in May 1942, but the unit was unable to commit financially. He then traveled to Washington, DC, and proposed the series to the Office of War Information (OWI), only to be told, "The last war, you illustrators did the posters. This war, we're going to use fine arts men, real artists."



FREEDOM FROM FEAR



FREEDOM FROM FEAR

forward must be to seek the common good together, however challenging and difficult it may be. The common good is about "us" and not about "me." And it is what Jesus tells us to do as well.

Leaning into the journey of life, *Fr. Gene Schroeder*

P.S. Thanks to all those who have sold their packet of raffle tickets. Our sales are about where they were last year at this point. Thanks as well to all those who have sold chicken dinner tickets. We've sold about 400 tickets so far. We have a way to go before we reach our goal of 2600 tickets. With everyone's help, I know we can do it!

THE FOUR FREEDOMS



FREEDOM OF SPEECH

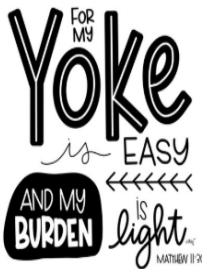


FREEDOM FROM WANT

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, JULY 4
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Fran Happe, JoAnn Schoenstein, Francis Will (1873), Joseph Hartlein (1888), Gulielius Bayer (1894), Mary Barnett (1985), Margaret (2025) & Sylvester Will (2025)



SUNDAY, JULY 5

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Charlie & Bertha Head, Paul, Marleen, Steve, Sheryl, Stan Hasselbrinck, Susan Weis, Tony Lively, Sheila Kunkel, Jared Schiff, Dennis Fruitts, Tony and Peter Lorenz, Bill Bennett

10:30 AM MASS: Sr. Jane Marie DeLand, OSC Maria Steinmetz (1861), Catharin Lunkenheimer (1865), Infant Ochsner (1868), Dorothy (1972) & August Kraft, Norma Moutoux (1982)

MONDAY, JULY 6

WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:00 AM Funeral Mass for Steve Hsselbrinck Bernard Rexing (1882), Wilma (2019) & Cyril Ubelhor

TUESDAY, JULY 7

WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Infant Schilly (1865), Anthony Weigand (1869), George Kawe (1873), Maria Helfrich (1893), Sr. Rosalia O.S.B. (Clara Reising) (1965), Jacob Lannert (1985)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Joseph (1932) & Louise Macke, Rowen Enlow (1958), Mary Kibby (1989), Carolyn (2001) & Melvin Garvin

THURSDAY, JULY 9

WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NO MASS: Edward Rexing (1893), Albert Smith (1958), Paul (2001) & Alma Schapker (2001), Roberta (2020) & Leo Waninger

FRIDAY, JULY 10

WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Henry Malkers (1860), Anna Bender (1891), Mark Schneider (1958)

SATURDAY, JULY 11

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Lena Spahn, Paul Becker, Stan & Dorothy Lietemeier, Andy Schentrup, Brent Glaser, Valentine Freyhaut (1879), Ethel Helfrich (1971), Albert Woodward (1974), Anna Bender (1982), Karen Elpers (2014)

SUNDAY, JULY 12

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Paul, Marlene, Stan, Sheryl, & Steve Hasselbrinck, Susan Weis, Robert & Masrgie Harpenau, Dan & Alex Trowbridge, Janet Zirkelbach

10:30 AM MASS: Charlie & Doris Head, Leroy & Marilyn Jochum, Agatha Fischer (1870), Agatha Broermann (1895), Francis (1990) & Viola Englert



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THESE SUMMER SOCIALS

St. Matthew (Mt. Vernon)—July 12
St. Wendel Knights of St. John—July 16, 17 18
St. James—August 2

THIS WEEK'S MOWING
CREW: TEAM 2

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You," says the Psalmist. Stewardship
is this "attitude of gratitude" for
the many gifts God has given us.



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June 28, 2026	\$ 8,038.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 15,350.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 741,382.76
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 798,200.00
MAINTENANCE	\$ 20.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION	\$ 5.00

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HOLIDAY RETIREMENT VILLAGE: Anna Mae Gries, Jim Geiser

RIVERWALK COMMUNITY: Carl Kempf

RIVER POINTE: Beverly Jones

HAMILTON POINTE: Carolyn Pfaffman

JULY 5: Paula Gibson, Bud Jarboe, Alison Moore,
Ethan Schnur

JULY 6: Blake Bishop, Amy Elpers, Jackie Elsner,
Katherine Keller, Alkma Scheller, Heaven Stetter

JULY 7: Michael Coughlin, Kevin Elpers,
Ali Niemeier, Rylee Paul, Kathy Weinzapfel

JULY 8: Chad Raben, Crystal York

JULY 9: Allison Knivght, Emily Nicholson, Herman Schmitt

JULY 10: Nancy Angermeier, Stephanie Hostettler

JULY 11: Marcia Frey, Lori Fritch, Amelia Harl,

Hedi Ritter, Jeannine Schumate,

Bryan Will, Steve Willis, Rockie Wolfe

JULY 8: Mike & Nerwina Clark, Eric & Jill Waninger

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY

SPECIAL MISSION APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND

Each year, through the Mission Office in our Diocese, each parish invites a member of a foreign mission to come and speak to the parish and to invite us to provide financial support for their work. This year, Marilyn Wassmer, the sister of Fr. Myron Effing will be here on the weekend of July 11-12 to speak on behalf of the Mary Mother of God Missions in Vladivostok. We are familiar with the work of Fr. Myron since we have been regularly supporting his work through our quarterly special collection. This is a good time to remember Fr. Myron and the work of the Mary, Mother of God Mission Society with our prayers and financial support.



COMING...SATURDAY JULY 11

A FAMILY FUN NIGHT FOOD AND
DRINKS KICKBALL GAMES



Join in the food and, if you want, play some kickball games.
RSVP jtmuenstermanyahoo or kmeier@evdio.org



SENIOR CITIZENS PIZZA PARTY JULY 10 at NOON
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WEEKEND OF JULY 4 -5 5

PM (L) Jim Hermann, (EM)

Sis & Katie Jarboe, Diane

Woods Donna Niemeier 8

AM (L) Dave Schmitt, (EM)

Tom and Dolores Folz, Imogene Baehl, Michael Elpers
10:30 AM (L) Jane Scheller, (EM) Shane Wessel,
Debra Baumgart, Al Debes Angie Will

WEEKEND OF JULY 11-12 5 PM (L) Toni Askins,

(EM) Peter & Jodi Fehrenbacher, Mary Loehrlein Eric

Reffett 8 AM (L) Josh Baehl (EM) Randy & Kathy

Fehrenbacher, Chick Duncan Marcia Frey 10:30 AM

(L) Shane Wessel, (EM) Diane Bassemier Doris Tay-

lor. Danielle Weledge, Debra Baumgart

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you. You can pick up tickets at the parish office as well.



Mark your calendar for

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FAMILIES HAVE NOW SOLD THEIR RAFFLE TICKETS!

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CAN'T FIND YOUR TICKETS?

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WILL GET SOME TO YOU!

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SUMMER SOCIAL RAFFLE UPDATE

FAMILIES RETURNING THEIR TICKETS 241

RAISED TO DATE

\$50,610.00

CONGRATUALTIONS TO OUR EARLY BIRD WINNER: Pat Ashby

This week we continue reading Pope Leo's letter (encyclical) Magnifica Humanitas: On the protection of the human person in the age of artificial intelligence

THE WISDOM OF THE WORD OF GOD IN DIALOGUE WITH THE HUMAN SCIENCES

The Church regards all who sincerely seek "truth, goodness and beauty" as companions on the journey, and considers them as precious allies in defending the dignity of every person and in caring for creation. Adopting the pastoral approach of the Second Vatican Council, which invites us to listen, discern and interpret the signs of the times. Enlightened by the wisdom of the word, the Church

is not afraid to encounter human knowledge. Indeed, the word of God provides reliable standards for establishing paths of justice and opening ways of reconciliation and peace among peoples. When it comes to applying these standards to the complex situations of our time, the contributions of philosophy and of the human and social sciences is essential. These disciplines help us understand and analyze cultural, economic and political dynamics more deeply.

A dialogue with such kinds of knowledge does not diminish the power of the Gospel. On the contrary, it makes it possible to identify with greater clarity what genuinely fosters the lives of individuals and communities. Following this perspective, Pope Francis emphasized that when dealing with many specific questions, the Church does not claim to offer a definitive opinion,, but recognizes the importance of listening to scientific research and of encouraging a serious and honest debate among experts while welcoming a diversity of opinions.

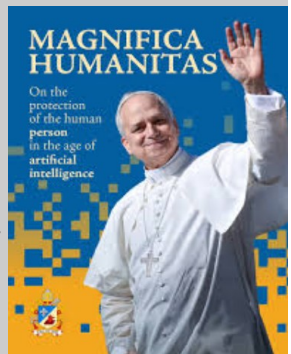
Nourished by this fruitful dialogue between the Gospel and human knowledge, the Church has progressively developed her Social Doctrine, cultivating in history a wise patrimony marked by theological and anthropological coherence rooted in the Christian understanding of the person. Precisely because this patrimony arises from faith and a corresponding vision of reality, it does not amount to a repertoire of technical solutions or an economic or political model to be set against others. Instead, it offers principles that guide the interpretation of events and sustain an evangelical understanding of historical processes and the choices these entail. Herein lies the proper function of Social Doctrine, which does not claim to supplant the responsibilities of politics or institutions, but offers itself as a foundation for collective discernment, helping to recognize and promote whatever serves the dignity of persons, the vitality of communities and the common good.

SOCIAL DOCTRINE AS A SHARED DISCERNMENT

Understanding that the truth is a gift to be shared, not a possession to be monopolized. In order to rediscover the evangelical approach of a gentle proclamation of truth that is not imposed, Saint John Paul II invited us to examine honestly the times when acquiescence was given to intolerance and even the use of violence in the service of truth. In this same vein, I too have reaffirmed that the Church does not claim to possess a monopoly on truth, because truth is not a territory to be defended, but a good to be shared. For his part, Pope Francis expressed this same perspective in his striking phrase, "time is greater than space." What matters most is not occupying positions of power or defending cultural strongholds, but initiating good processes and enabling them to mature. In this way, the truth of the Gospel is not imposed from above, but grows over time within the concrete interweaving of lives, communities and cultures. This is not a truth that fears diversity, but instead welcomes and guides it. It does not eliminate conflicts, but transforms them, reuniting that which history tends to scatter.

This attitude of openness to truth, profoundly expresses the catholicity of the Church, for she embraces the entire human family yet is also immersed in the concrete situations of peoples and cultures. The Second Vatican Council reminds us that each part contributes its own gifts to other parts and to the entire Church. It follows, then, that the People of God are not only gathered together from many peoples, but are also intertwined through different functions, vocations, cultures and traditions, each being called to support and enrich one another. From this perspective, Saint Paul VI acknowledged that, given the great variety of historical situations, it is unrealistic to think that the Church's Social Doctrine can propose a single response that is valid in all contexts. For this reason, he invited each Christian community to interpret the reality in its own country with clarity and responsibility. The fruitful tension between the universality of the Church's mission and her local roots is an intrinsic aspect of her life, for she encompasses the whole world, while addressing the specific issues of each context as the real setting in which the Gospel takes shape.

TO BE CONTINUED You can read the whole document at <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html>



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