

June 2-3, 2018

Thoughts from the pastor,

First some quick reminders. This Sunday Fr. John gives his presentation on the Spirituality Center he is working on for the Togo, West Africa area. This will be right after the 11am Mass in the Parish Hall. The second collection will be for this cause.

Sunday, 6/17, is Father's Day. It is also the day for this year's I-80 Collar Series. The Lincoln priests are going for their 4th win against the Omaha priests. The game is at 6pm at Haymarket in Lincoln. It is an awesome family event. Fr. Tom Weisbecker and I will be pitchers for Omaha again. No we are not the water-boys carrying pitchers. Pray for us. One of these years we will win but we will always have fun. Just pray that the old guys don't get hurt.

The following Sunday, 6/24, is the next concert fundraiser for the tenth stained-glass window. It will go from 2-4pm and should also be fun for the family. More on this later.

Next Sunday, 6/10, is the celebration of my 40th anniversary of ordination. I am excited about this because I get to thank all of you and pray for the people from so many other parishes that have supported me. I will pray for you and you can get Cheetos after all of the Masses. I will have pictures from the different stages of my life. You get to see if you can recognize which face is mine in all of those pictures. I have changed quite a bit over the years. It will be fun to see how perceptive you and the kids are in picking me out. I would love to get a picture of you and your family with me on that day so I can hold on to it for my 65th anniversary. That will be when I am 90 and am having an even harder time remembering names.

Fr. Don and Fr. John will both be out of town subbing for other priests so I will be having all the Masses. In the Gospel that weekend the people said about Jesus; "He is out of his mind." It is unclear if it was relatives of Jesus who was saying this or the crowd. Either way the same has been said of me plenty of times. That seems to be the world's view on anyone who tries to truly follow the will of God with their whole heart, mind, and body. The things we give up are things that some think they can't live without. But having the chance to live out that call from God and to see many others doing the same is a thrill. Some people have been coo-coo for Cocoa Puffs. We are crazy for the Lord.

This weekend I am very proud to watch three more men take that leap of faith and be ordained priests for the Archdiocese of Omaha. They do this even as they realize what has been happening to Fr. Nick Mishek who was ordained just a year ago. The sad thing is that abuse is that it was from believers. We all know that we will go through that from non-believers at different times throughout our priesthood. Parents sometimes have to hear their own children say they hate them. It is a part of a sinful world. The reward for doing a good job in either field is usually not much in this world but it can be great in the next. Please pray for the Archbishop and Fr. Nick so that the problem I told you about in last week's letter will get resolved. Because right now a good priest is getting his name drug through the dirt and that is called slander. Part of the problem is some people can't tell the difference between helping people know how to live a moral life and teaching sex education.

God bless you,
Fr. Frank