

PASTOR'S NOTES

Fr. Seth Brown's Installation Mass

St. Mary's Church will be hosting Fr. Seth Brown's Installation Mass TODAY, Sunday, July 23, at 9:45am. Bishop Thomas J Paprocki will be presiding at Mass. A reception with a light breakfast will follow at the KC Hall from 11:30-1:00pm. Everyone from the Quad Parish is invited to Mass and the reception. If you cannot attend Mass, you are still invited to the reception. Please come and welcome Fr. Seth to our Quad Parish.

Dear Friends,

This Sunday Bishop Paprocki comes to install me as the pastor of these four parishes. His trust in me, and your kindness to me, has been a great consolation in these early days, and I'm grateful to both him and to each of you for all you've done. At a recent priest meeting, one of my confreres leaned over to me during the presentation and whispered, "You have good places there. You'd better just keep your mouth shut and stay there as long as you can." I intend to take his advice.

Traveling on these hot summer days, we can't help but notice the tracts of maturing corn and beans bordering the highways and expanding out nearly as far as the eye can see. The utter bounty of the land nearly overwhelmed Fr. Setonga, the missionary priest here last weekend, who marveled that such would be impossible in his own country.

Jesus also seems taken by the idea of fecundity, and uses it in the Gospel this Sunday as an analogy to the life of faith. The Kingdom is like a sower planting good seed in his field. Yet, frustratingly, weeds sprout up too. But they are not removed for fear that uprooting them would also displace the good plants as well. Likewise, God allows evil in order that the good may mature and be ready for the harvest.

Hopefully we see this waiting not only as a time to endure what we'd rather not, but also a time to grow ever more in the ways of God. If we were, to continue the analogy, pulled up now along with the weeds, would God find any fruit to harvest? We'll thank God, then, for a few more days be they hot or cold, as they provide the time for ripening in the light of his grace.

With gratitude and joy for the days ahead,

Fr. Seth

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

THE WEEK OF 7/16/17

St. Mary's \$1,713	Budget (\$1,900) -\$187
Sacred Heart \$712	Budget (\$900) -\$188
Visitation \$299	Budget (\$400) -\$201
St. Sebastian \$584	Budget (\$400) +\$184

SECOND COLLECTION Fr. Mansuetus Setonga, Tanzania

St. Mary's \$1,351	Sacred Heart \$674
Visitation BVM \$281	St. Sebastian \$267

LONGITUDE

2017 July 23, SUN:

9:45am, St. Mary's Church, Fr. Seth Brown's Installation Mass, Bishop Thomas J Paprocki will be presiding at Mass.
7:00pm, FASA Songfest, Sacred Heart Church, Franklin, Refreshments served.

2017 Aug 14, Mon: Vigil, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00pm, Sacred Heart, Franklin

2017 Aug 15, Tues: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00am, Visitation BVM, Alexander

7:00pm, St. Mary's, New Berlin

2017 Aug 16, Wed:

7:00pm, Quad Parish Finance Meeting, New Berlin.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Carole Fitzpatrick, Floann Kirsch, Nancy Flach, Cecilia Peters, Calyssa Richie, Zach Overton, Dale Fitzpatrick, Julie Bergschneider, Mary McCray, Carl Bertolotti, Rosanne Peters Hartley, Heather Boudreau, Don & Margaret Laughery, Jane Ryan, Jean Knight, Tina Green, Sy & Judy Haber, Donna Reichart, Presley Kerber, Joyce Henn, Olivia Loving, Sam Haycraft, George Eck, Opal Sutera, Theresa Yates. **Call 488-3545 to submit names, which will appear with presumed consent**

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