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## **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Blessings are upon us my friends in Christ!

I cannot believe we have already approached the month of August which is by far one of my favorite months because of the amount of change that occurs; soon we will see the wheat fields being harvested and tilled under while the nights begin to cool off and I get to hear my mother's concern about her vegetable garden being hit with frost. Maybe it's a little too soon for the frost but nonetheless this is a month of change. Also during this prelude to our autumn months we are able to reflect on God's generosity to us present in the changing colors of leaves and the switch from iced coffee to hot coffee, at least this is the case for me.

It is in these moments where my studies actually take effect and trust me when I say that means something because I constantly look for something that is relevant in our world today through the studies of philosophy. Saint Thomas Aquinas developed from Aristotle the concept of *Quinque viae* which is Latin for the five ways or five proofs of God's existence. The very first argument that Aquinas claims is the argument of the "Unmoved Mover." Through this argument our great saint arrives to the conclusion that "it is necessary to arrive at a first mover, put in motion by no other; and this everyone understands to be God." To explain my point, it is through the movement of change happening amongst us, through the changing colors of a leaf from green to red let us say, that we must come to understand that God is the one providing that change because he is the unmoved mover. We are able to see this present in our everyday actions consistently. Often we do not even recognize it happening.

Why bring this up? Change is inevitable. I cannot control the fact that my hair is already at the age of 21 beginning to turn gray. Even if I were to color my hair it is simply disguising what is underneath it. For the record, I do not color my hair. This is similar to the fact that we can argue that Father Chuck for the most part has no hair and there isn't too much even in our world today that is going to change that. I can come to understand that by no control of my own desires I have gray hair already at a young age and accept that fact while continuing on my path to holiness or I could deny the inevitable. [For the record: I would rather have gray hair over no hair]. I cannot control the fact that my niece, no matter how cute she may be at the age of one will continue to get older, but I can offer prayers for her salvation and prayers for her mother and father. So you see, it is through these everyday occurrences that God continues to show us that he has control and we are to experience at times a bit of humility to recognize we are not in control. So let us together mold all of our actions and responses to those things that are outside of our control the glory of God in our lives.

In and through the cross of Christ Jesus victorious over evil,

Matt Regan

**August 1, 2010**

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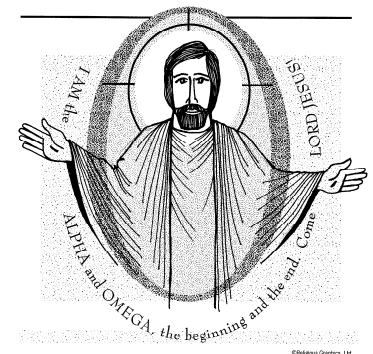
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**In case of an emergency please contact Fr. Chuck at 218.253.2004.**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** Saturday at 6:00 pm in RLF Sunday 7:30 am in Brooks or by appointment

**Baptism** Call the Pastoral offices for an appointment with the pastor and to make arrangements for the celebration of the sacrament.

**Marriages** Please contact us at least six months prior to the wedding to make preparations and arrangements.

**Pastoral visitation** Home visits, Communion for the homebound, or Anointing of the Sick, call the Pastoral offices.

**Eucharistic Adoration** RLF Fridays 9:00 am until Saturday at 8:00 am Brooks Saturdays 9:00 am to noon

**To add or remove a name to the Prayer List**, please contact Carmen by Tuesday at: [charmoning@stjosephsrlf.org](mailto:charmoning@stjosephsrlf.org) or call the parish office at 218.253.2685. We will have a name on the prayer list for 3 weeks and then delete it unless notified by someone.

**Brooks Pastoral Council members:** Jess Determan, , Sharon Riendeau, Toni Nemec, Mike Greenwald and Kay Sharp.

**Trustees:** Joyce Morinville and Jerry Freitag

**Red Lake Falls Pastoral Council Members:** Steve Nelson, Lois Remick, Judy Violette, Francis Perreault, Sara Kenfield, Bridget Cardinal, Mark LaCrosse, Dan Schmitz, Pam Columbus

**Trustees:** Ron Kennedy and Terry Weiss

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## This Week at a Glance

<b>2nd</b>	<b>Monday-No Mass</b> Reading-Jeremiah 28:1-17 Matthew 14:13-21
<b>3rd</b>	<b>Tuesday-8:30 am Mass in RLF</b> +LeRoy Carriere by family Reading-Jeremiah 30:1-2; 12-15, 18-22 Matthew 14:22-36 7:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting-St. Joseph School Room
<b>4th</b>	<b>Wednesday-No Mass</b> Reading-Jeremiah 31:1-7 Matthew 15:21-28 7:00 pm Outreach and Evangelization Meeting in Oklee
<b>5th</b>	<b>Thursday-10:00 am Mass at Sunview</b> +Mori Byron by Carrie Byron Reading-Jeremiah 31:31-34 Matthew 16:13-23 7:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting in Brooks
<b>6th</b>	<b>Friday-8:30 am Mass in RLF</b> +St. Joseph School alums by Fr. Richard Fourniere Reading -Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 2 Peter 1:16-19 Luke 9:28b-36 9:00 am-10:00 am Adoration in RLF(25 hours) 4:45 pm Wedding practice in RLF DeHaan/Gatierrez
<b>7th</b>	<b>Saturday-No Morning Mass</b> Reading-Habbakuk 1:12-2:4 Matthew 17:14-20 9:00 am-1:00 pm Adoration in Brooks 3:00 pm Wedding RLF DeHaan/Gatierrez 6:00 PM Reconciliation in Red Lake Falls <b>7:00 PM Mass in RLF</b> +Mori Byron by Peggy Guzek
<b>8th</b>	<b>Sunday-Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time-Wisdom 18:6-9</b> Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40 <b>7:30 AM-Reconciliation</b> in Brooks <b>8:00 AM-Mass in Brooks</b> +Ron Paradis by Vern and Cecile Surprenant <b>10:00 AM Mass in Red Lake Falls</b> -For the People of our Parishes

<b>Sacrificial Giving</b>
<b>Red Lake Falls</b> Collected week of July 28th & 29th \$5,508.33 Building \$180.00 School \$30.00 Religious Education \$295.00 Peter's Pence \$30.00
<b>Brooks</b> Collected Week of July 29 \$1,083.00 Religious Education \$10.00

Have you given real thought lately to how good God has been to you? Do you give in proportion to what God has given you?

**Website of the Week**-[www.fisheaters.com/jakes.html](http://www.fisheaters.com/jakes.html)-Clean Catholic jokes

### Vacation Bible School in Brooks August 2-5 from 9:00-11:45

### Ministry Lists for Red Lake Falls & Brooks August 7th & 8th

7:00 pm Mass in RLF

<b>MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY</b>	Alan Cota
	Brian Schmitz
<b>SERVERS:</b>	Mason Hanson
	Austen Hanson
<b>READERS:</b>	Larry Johnson
	Linda Nelson
	Tim Hagl
<b>MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION</b>	Margaret Toulouse
	JoAnn Derosier
<b>GIFT BEARERS:</b>	Gene & Shirley Moser

8:00 am Mass in Brooks

<b>GREETERS:</b>	Kevin & Tiffany Tvedt
<b>MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY</b>	Bryan Paradis
	Harvey Riendeau
<b>SERVERS:</b>	Billy Bierman
	Lucas Hassel
<b>READERS:</b>	Toni Nemeč
	Butch Berberich
<b>MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION</b>	Pam Gieseke
	Pam Paradis
	Kay Sharp
	Cindy Determan
	Clarence Gagner
<b>HOSPITALITY:</b>	Michelle Riendeau
	Danny & Renee Plante
	James & Renee Hassel
<b>GIFT BEARERS:</b>	Kevin & Tiffany Tvedt

10:00 am Mass in RLF

<b>MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY</b>	Jordan Gagner
	Alex Thibert
	Zach Page
	Francis Perreault
<b>SERVERS:</b>	Morgan Williams
	Alex Erickson
<b>READERS:</b>	Sara Kenfield
	Terry Weiss
<b>MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION</b>	Helen Schmitz
	James Wavra
	Dan Schmitz
	Mary Lou Schmitz
	Janet Wiskow
<b>HOME BOUND MINISTRY:</b>	Bev Philion
<b>GIFT BEARERS:</b>	Kevin & Deb Amiot

A lot of church members singing "Standing on the Promises" Are just sitting on the premises.

**When you feel discouraged and want to give up read this.**

A man was sleeping one night in his cabin when suddenly his room filled with light, and God appeared. The Lord told the man he had work for him to do, and showed him a large rock in front of his cabin. The Lord explained that the man was to push against the rock with all his might... So, this the man did, day after day. For many years he toiled from sunup to sundown, his shoulders set squarely against the cold, massive surface of the unmoving rock, pushing with all his might!

Each night the man returned to his cabin sore and worn out, feeling that his whole day had been spent in vain. Since the man was showing discouragement, the adversary (Satan) decided to enter the picture by placing thoughts into the weary mind: (He will do it every time)! You have been pushing against that rock for a long time and it hasn't moved.' Thus, he gave the man the impression that the task was impossible and that he was a failure. These thoughts discouraged and disheartened the man.

Satan said, 'Why kill yourself over this? Just put in your time, giving just the minimum effort; and that will be good enough.' That's what the weary man planned to do, but decided to make it a matter of Prayer and to take his troubled thoughts to the Lord.

'Lord,' he said, 'I have labored long and hard in Your Service, putting all my strength to do that which You have asked. Yet, after all this time, I have not even budged that rock by half a millimeter. What is wrong? Why am I failing?'

The Lord responded compassionately, 'My friend, when I asked you to serve Me and you accepted, I told you that your task was to push against the rock with all of your strength, which you have done. Never once did I mention to you that I expected you to move it. Your task was to push. And now you come to Me with your strength spent, thinking that you have failed.. But, is that really so? Look at yourself. Your arms are strong and muscled, your back shiny and brown; your hands are callused from constant pressure, your legs have become massive and hard. Through opposition you have grown much, and your abilities now surpass that which you used to have. True, you haven't moved the rock. But your calling was to be Obedient and to push and to exercise your Faith and trust in My Wisdom. That you have done. Now I, my friend, will move the rock.

At times, when we hear a word from God, we tend to use our own intellect to decipher what He Wants, when actually what God wants is just simple obedience and faith in Him. By all means, exercise the Faith that moves mountains, but know that it is still God Who moves the Mountains.

When everything seems to go wrong.....Just P.U.S.H.

When the job gets you down.....Just P.U.S.H.

When people don't do as you think they should.....Just P.U.S.H.

When your money is 'gone' and the bills are due.....Just P.U.S.H.

When people just don't understand you .....Just P.U.S.H.

P = Pray U = Until S = Something H = Happens

Pass this on to all your loved ones and friends who may need it; they may get it just in time. 'Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending. May God Bless You. Just Hold ON!!! P.U.S.H!

**Salvation Army School Supply Drive**

The Red Lake County Salvation Army will once again assist local children in need with backpacks and back-to-school supplies. To make a donation of school supplies, please select a pencil from the little yellow school bus at the back of the church, purchase the items, and return to the supply box by August 16. Your donation is greatly appreciated!

**Brooks Vacation Bible School** is August 2-5th, 2010 from 9:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Determan (698-4324), Linette Clifton (465-4545), or Tiffany Tvedt (698-4406). You can also register your child online by going to [www.stjosephsrif.org](http://www.stjosephsrif.org), clicking on the Brooks link then look for Vacation Bible School form.

**Please remember in prayer those who are ill and in need of prayers:** Your prayers are requested for Darlene Zutz, Marcella Joseph, Darlene Highness, LeRoy Sabourin, Angelita Arguelles, Janie Delagarza, Leonard Boucher, Christy Leiser and all others who are ill.

**The Youth Choir (grades 7-12)** will be leading the music in mass on Saturday evening, August 7. There will be 2 rehearsals for this on: Monday night July 26 at 7:00 and on Wednesday evening August 4 at 7:00 in the St. Anne Room.

**Brooks Guild Meeting on August 1**-after the 8:00 am Mass in Brooks.

**Dear CDA Family of Court St. Cecilia,**

August 10<sup>th</sup> is the Primary election date when you determine who will be the candidate deserving your vote. It is our Catholic duty to know the views concerning LIFE of the political candidates. The voiceless unborn have to depend upon you to be their voice for LIFE. A prayerful decision is necessary before casting your vote. Will your vote support the unborn, and give them a chance to enjoy God's creation? 'LIFE, GOD's precious GIFT to mankind.'

Attention Court St. Cecilia Members and others: The CDA fundraiser, consisting of baked goods, garden produce, or monetary donations will be held during the RLF Street Fair, Thursday, August 12, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Donations can be left in front of the American Legion or in the Mall by Brent's Food. Thank you for donating and supporting the court with your help.  
JoAnn Derosier, Regent

**St. Anne members**-Please pay your 2010 dues of \$5.00 to Irene Etterman-719 Champagne Ave SW-RLF

**The St Dorothy Room Committee** met recently in the St Dorothy room located in the St Joseph Parish Activity Center (the former school). During this initial meeting we discussed how we would go about setting up the room so that future generations would be able to visualize the gift of being part of the St. Dorothy family. We decided artifacts and memorabilia would be the best way to make this happen. For example: the statue of St Dorothy is in the room along with a plaque recognizing the parish members that went to war for our country. We have a donation of one of our altar cloths and crosses. If you would like to join our effort to memorialize St Dorothy parish or have some items you are willing to donate, please contact any of the following: Tom Huot 253-2332, Leonard and Darlene Huot 253-2304, Karen Schirrick 253-2211, John and Diana Stich 253-2856, or Pete and Kathy Stich 253-2272. We are planning to review the list of items at a meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup> and to have the project completed by year end.

**St. Joseph Red Lake Falls Parish Guild meeting** on August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the St. Mary room . Planning for Fall events , cleaning and organizing the kitchen and dining area.  
Hope to see you there!

**St. Joseph's Lay Carmelites of Divine Mercy** will meet on **Sat. Aug. 7 at 9am** in the St. Anthony Room at the Parish Center. We plan to start a Formation program for new members in Sept. or Oct. Anyone wanting to know more about our Community is welcome to come.

**Mark your calendars-St. Joseph Red Lake Falls and Brooks is publishing a pictorial directory this year. Listed below are the schedule dates of photography sessions.**

St. Joseph Red Lake Falls

August 13 2:00-9:20 pm  
August 14 9:30 am-5:10 pm

St. Joseph Brooks

August 10-12 2:00 pm-9:20 pm

**Schedule your picture directory** appointment today by going online at [www.signup.olanmills.com](http://www.signup.olanmills.com) or call 1.800.866.2263 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm. You will receive a complementary 8x10 photo and a church directory.

**Word of Life**-As Catholics, called to reflect the light of Jesus in places of great darkness, we must speak out and work tirelessly on behalf of our brothers and sisters in captivity. We must educate others on what we can do to eradicate the deplorable trade of women and children for profit. And we must pray for the rescue and restoration of victims, for the redemption of traffickers, and for the protection of all human life.

**40th Wedding Anniversary celebration** for Mike & Sharon Riendeau at St. Joseph Brooks on August 1 from 1-4 pm.

**HEALING AND HOSPITALITY WORKSHOPS**-forgiveness and meeting people where they are, even those away from the Church

**Two Locations: August 1 -- 1:00 - 5:00 PM at St. Joseph Church in Red Lake Falls, MN**

**August 1 and 2 -- 6:30 - 8:30 PM** both nights at St. Ann Church in Goodridge, MN

- For anyone who has trouble forgiving or being forgiven
- For anyone with loved ones away from the Church
- For anyone desiring reconciliation with someone
- For you

Presenter: Bryan Reising,  
Director of the Office of Evangelization  
and Catechesis for the Diocese of New Ulm

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For more information call: St. Joseph Church in RLF -253-2188  
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