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Sunday, July 3 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost *Epistle Romans 5:1-10 Gospel Matthew 6:22-33 tone 2nd*
3rd & 6th hours at 8:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 9 am. Coffee hour

Wednesday, July 6 Vigil/confession at 6 pm

Thursday, July 7 – Nativity of St John the Baptist / Ivandan Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday, July 9 Vigil/confession at 5 pm

Sunday, July 10 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost *Epistle Rom. 6:18-23 Gospel Matt. 8:5-13 tone 3rd*
3rd & 6th hours at 8:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 9 am. **Kolo sestara meeting.** Coffee hour

Upcoming Feast days and events:

July 12 – Ss Peter and Paul / Petrovdan
17 – Annual Church Picnic at St Joe's Park / Parohijski piknik u St Joseph Park, Joliet
31 – Blessing of vehicles after the liturgy/ svecenje vozila posle liturgije

We are praying especially for: Radovan and Darlene Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Christopher, Sandy Grundy, Michelle Honiotes, Stevan Lunich, Craig Verelote, Millie Skoryi, Donna Moses, Steven Pyevich, Rebecca Prieboy, Tatjana Voight, Milovan and Kata Eric, Milorad Stamenkovich, and all others in our parish who are ill, afflicted, suffering and/or unable to attend services. May Our Lord Jesus Christ Touch Them with His Healing Hand!

Pomens (litany for reposed): +Betty Grubisich, +Irvin Schroeder and +Charles Murray, given by Ely Grubisich;

Blessed Apostles fast! Prepare yourself to confess and partake of holy communion.

The Apostles fast has emerged since the very early days of Christianity. It is honored and preserved in the Church as a part of our Holy Tradition. Like all Fasts in the Orthodox Church, the Holy Apostles' Fast aims to help us put on the "armor of light" to against the attacks of the enemy that may befall during our spiritual journey to become united with God through His grace. No better words may express the importance of fasting in our life like the words of St. Abba Isaac the Syrian who says, "... since fasting is a weapon established by God ...the human race knew no victory before fasting, and the devil was never defeated by our nature as it is: but this weapon has indeed deprived the devil of strength from the outset... As soon as the devil sees someone possessed of this weapon (fasting), fear straightway falls on this adversary and tormentor of ours, who remembers and thinks of his defeat by the Savior in the wilderness; his strength is at once destroyed and the sight of the weapon given us by our Supreme Leader burns him up. A man armed with the weapon of fasting is always afire with zeal. He who remains therein, keeps his mind steadfast and ready to meet and repel all violent passions."

The fast of the Holy Apostles starts on the second Monday after Pentecost. The duration of this fast varies, depending on the date of Pascha (Easter).

JOLIET SERBFEST: Our annual church picnic will return in-person to St. Joe's Park on Sunday, July 17 from noon until 9 pm. Our goal this year is to raise \$22,000. With the event being back in-person, we need the assistance from **ALL** of our parishioners to make it a complete success. Areas of help being requested are lamb cooks, grillers, kitchen help, bar help, bakers, bakery area attendants, pop/water sellers, 50-50 raffle/bingo helpers, money counters, ticket sales, lamb sales and cleanup crew. We are also in need of one person to serve as the chair of the kitchen and another to be the chairperson for the bakery. To volunteer, please contact Dave Laketa at (815) 263-3842 or dlaketa@stfrancis.edu.

Mike Cora needs people to help grill for the Serbfest on July 17. Please see/call him to offer your help.

Pomens (litany for the reposed) are given for the reposed on any Divine Liturgy, Sundays or any Holy Day except on the Major Holy Days. If a family would like to remember their reposed on a Sunday or any Holy Day, they should contact the priest and give him the name/s of the reposed a few days before the Liturgy and the pomens will be printed in Sunday's bulletin. Names can also be given to the wardens when coming to church for the pomens on following Sundays/Holy Days if they want it to be printed in the bulletins. The church fee is \$5 per name which should be paid to the wardens.

For the 40-day parastos and any other parastos, the family should schedule it with the priest. The church fee of a parastos is \$10 which the family should pay to the warden and give a donation to the priest for his services and time. Pomen and parastos fees are not part of the stewardship contributions.

Recently our church has had some unexpected expenses and we kindly ask our parishioners to please help their church. A new refrigerator was purchased, the church Dome was sealed and a new carpet has been installed in the upper-level hall, we have to secure the gate at Stryker Ave, church bells must be fixed, ... Please be kind and open your heart as much as you are able to do so.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!