

# JUNE 21, 2026 12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 In the event of an **Emergency after Business Hours**  
 Call Fr. Andrew at 715-392-8511



## SERVERS:

- 4:00 Aria & Kiera Ramsey  
 7:30 Tom Tracy  
 10:30 Marcus Farchmin & Theodore Seybold



## USHERS:

- 4:00 Eric Williams (Lead)  
 Irene Peterson  
 Need 2  
 7:30 Bob Ahlborg (Lead)  
 Jim Crawford  
 Steve DeVinck  
 Kevin Peterson  
 10:30 Walt Tafelski (Lead)  
 John Berchild  
 Bonnie Thom  
 Need 1



## DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

### TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026

8:30 A.M. – Diane Sullivan-Koch-AM  
 Muriel Freeman

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2026

8:30 A.M. – Tom & Shirley Higgins-M  
 Rita LaVenture

### THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2026

8:30 A.M. – Paula Perzichilli-M  
 Thomas Perzichilli

### FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2026

8:30 A.M. – Cindy Gibson  
 B. Gibson



## WEEKEND INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026

4:00 P.M. – Tom Dickenson-M  
 Sandy & Mike Bailey

### SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026

7:30 A.M. – The Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of  
 Cathedral Parishioners

10:30 A.M. – Irene Anderson, celebrating her  
 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
 Her Family



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**VOCATIONS**...Let no one intimidate you. If you are being called to the priesthood or religious life have courage. The Lord is with you! (Matthew 10:26-33)

### Cathedral Church Calendar

Thurs. June 25 – 1-3pm Adoration  
 Fri. June 26 – Parish Office Closed

**PRAYER MINISTRY** – There are people in the parish willing to share your needs and prayers. Please call Mary Jo **218-341-2606** if you or a loved one is in need.



**Notice: ALL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, READERS, SERVERS, USHERS & GREETERS**...We will be scheduling for the months of **August, September & October**. If you know of dates you cannot volunteer, please call the parish office (715-392-8511) no later than Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

## LITURGICAL ROLES for June 27 & 28

### READERS:

- 4:00 Michael Remington & Eric Williams  
 7:30 Vickie Owens & Lynn Tracy  
 10:30 Pam Tafelski & Kent Phillips



### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

- 4:00 Dean Hansen (F) & Susan Paine (B)  
**Cup: Need 2**  
 7:30 Joe Perfetti (F) & Vickie Owens (B)  
**Cup: Need 2**  
 10:30 Dcn. Tim Thom (F) & Anne Sims (B)  
**Cup: Christine Polkinghorne & Rita Farchmin**



## GREETERS:

- 4:00 Emi, Lucy & Michelle Canfield  
 7:30 Lynn Tracy & Cathy Wenho  
 10:30 Bonnie Thom & Anthony Farchmin



## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

The Psalmist assures us that "the Lord hears the poor." Often, however, He answers their need through the generous gifts of good stewards.

	<u>June 13/14</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b>Envelopes:</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>113</b>
<b>Collection:</b>	\$5,478.32	\$6,199.00
<b>On-Line Giving (44)</b>	\$2,573.74	\$2,872.00
<b>Loose:</b>	\$ 645.25	\$ 772.00



*Thank you for your generosity!*

## FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

**The Cathedral elevator will be out of service June 8<sup>th</sup> through July 3<sup>rd</sup> for electrical upgrades. People with limited mobility may wish to attend Mass at another church during this time.**

### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

June - August  
 Monday – Thursday  
 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
 Friday – Parish Office is closed



## WEEKLY MEDITATION

Here are some of the main themes in the Mass readings for the 12th Sunday of the Year.

### **1st Reading - Jeremiah 20:10-13**

- Jeremiah hears the whisperings of those who seek his downfall.
- The prophet puts his hope in the Lord.

### **Psalm 69:8-10,14,17,33-35**

- "Lord, in your great love, answer me."
- The Psalmist prays for God's help in times of suffering.

### **2nd Reading - Romans 5:12-15**

- Through the sin of Adam, sin and death entered the world.
- Through the death of Jesus on the cross, the grace of God overflows us all.

## Gospel - Matthew 10:26-33

- Christ tells the Twelve to "fear no one" and "do not be afraid."
- God, who knows even the hairs on our heads, invites us to follow the Lord Jesus with fervent faith.
- Those who acknowledge Jesus before others will be acknowledged by him before God the Father.

Fr. Andrew

**Question for Children:** Jesus tells us not to be afraid. Name a time when you were afraid and Jesus helped you.

**Question for Youth:** Jesus tells us that he will remember us to his Father if we proclaim him to others. How easy is it for you to talk about your faith with your friends? How about your family or people you don't know very well?

**Question for Adults:** What is your responsibility to Jesus? How and when will you carry out that responsibility?

### Readings for the week of June 21, 2026

Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14 and 17, 33-35  
Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3,4-5, 12-13  
Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36  
Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: **Vigil:** Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17  
**Day:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/ Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9  
Mt 7:21-29

Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/ Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6  
Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/ Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21/Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42)

## CATHEDRAL NEWS



### PRAYER GROUP MEETING

Monday, July 6, 2026  
6:00 PM Cathedral – Kress Hall  
All are welcome!

## CATHEDRAL SCHOOL NEWS



### SCHOOL OFFICE SUMMER HOURS:

The summer hours for the school will be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10:00am to 1:00pm. Please call (715-392-2976) ahead to make sure someone is in the office.

**Cathedral School Registration** for the 2026-2027 School Year ~ for Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. **Cathedral School** continues its tradition of **3 year-old and 4 year-old Preschool**. Preschool classes are 5 days a week with half-day or full day options available. Before and after school care is available for Preschool students through our Extended Care program. For more information, please contact us at 715-392-2976.

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

### DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

So great was the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's devotion to the Sacred Heart that in 1871, Alexandre Legentil, President of the Council of Paris, wrote what became known as the "National Vow" which helped spur construction of the Basilica of Sacré-Cœur de Montmartre (Basilica of the Sacred Heart) on the highest hill in Paris. On February 5, 1872, the Society consecrated itself to the Sacred Heart, St. Marguerite-Marie's visions offer to us the twelve promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Our hearts united to His, and also to the neighbor, may we share the hope of those same promises. As St. Louise teaches, "To help you practice the love you owe your neighbor, remember when you are together that the bond of union among you is the Blood shed by the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ."

Voicemail: 715-398-4039

Mailing Address: SVDP P.O. Box 98 Superior, WI 54880

## CLUSTER NEWS

### MASSES AT ST. MARY HOSPITAL-SUPERIOR

Masses are celebrated at St. Mary's Hospital, Superior, on Wednesdays at 11:15 A.M.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN OUR CLUSTER:

Cathedral – every Thursday from 1-3pm  
St. Anthony, L.N. – every Thursday from 8-9am  
St. William – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday from 5:30-6pm  
Holy Assumption – 1<sup>st</sup> Friday from 7:30-8:00am  
St. Anthony, Sup. – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday from 8-8:30am



### BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

As was done the last two years, the Catholic Daughters in collaboration with the Superior Area Knights of Columbus are promoting a Baby Bottle Campaign with the proceeds being donated to the Lake Superior Life Care Center. Baby bottles will be distributed at all Masses on Mothers Day weekend and collected at the Masses on Fathers Day weekend. .



### COMMUNITY SING-A-LONG

THE VOICES OF LAKE SUPERIOR COMMUNITY CHOIR

#### What's Happening?

A new, dementia-friendly Community Choir has started!  
Sunday, June 21, 2026

#### Where are we meeting?

Faith United Methodist Church  
1531 Hughitt Ave, Superior, WI

We start at 1:00pm ~ We're finished by 3:00pm

#### Who should come?

Anyone who likes music! We are singing a variety of styles of music – the group members will help choose!

There will be snacks before and afterwards!

#### Why should I sing live music?

Music helps strengthen our brains & lift our moods.

It brings joy and fun into our lives!

For more information email

[voicesoflakesuperior@gmail.com](mailto:voicesoflakesuperior@gmail.com)

or

Come and Join Us! All are welcome

# Cenacle Prayer Group

Would you like to be part of a faith sharing small group? Are you looking for a weekly opportunity to pray and reflect on how God is working in your life, but in a way that respects your time and is both focused and positive? Our cluster is looking for people who want to grow together in faith through a Cenacle prayer group.

**Cenacle – a faith sharing small group (it refers to the “Upper Room” where the disciples met.)**

## Cenacle Key Points

The group is ideally composed of 4-7 people.

Each week, a different person in the group leads the Cenacle.

The group meets weekly (with rare exceptions based on holidays and life situations).

The Cenacle lasts between 30-60 minutes; it never goes beyond an hour.

The group can meet in person or digitally

- If in person, do it at a regular time that suits everyone (after Mass, over coffee, at home, etc.)
- If online, use what works for your group (FaceTime, Google Meet, a Zoom call, etc.)

## **Cenacle Format – THIS IS WHAT YOU ACTUALLY DO**

- Opening Prayer (1-2 minutes)
  - Led by whoever is leading the meeting that week; when in doubt, use the Our Father!
- Check in with each other (10-15 minutes)
  - Each person takes 2-4 minutes (never more than 5!) to share events from the past week
- Reflection (15-30 minutes)
  - Sunday Gospel Reading
    - The Gospel is read out loud
    - People share something (a word/phrase/image) that touched them from the reading
- Goals for the coming week (10-15 minutes)
  - Each person takes 2-3 minutes to share their goals and objectives for the coming week.
- Closing Prayer
  - Each person names any specific prayer intentions that they have.
  - The Leader offers a concluding prayer; if you're not sure what prayer to use, say the Hail Mary!

## **Hallmarks of a healthy Cenacle**

- **Positivity** – the focus is always on personal growth when sharing struggles; “venting” is to be avoided.
- **Vulnerability** – requires participants to be real in their joys and burdens.
- **Leadership** – group is accountable: gossip, toxic behaviors, being present, not monopolizing time, etc.
- **Investment** – participants make the Cenacle a priority and are thoughtfully present and prepared.

## **Who can join?**

- **Anyone!** What's required is someone who wants to make a weekly commitment to grow in faith.
- **In fact, if you connect each week on a Zoom call, you can be anywhere in the world!**
  - Note: the big thing is that people make this a priority in their lives.
  - Once a week, they come together to pray, reflect, and support each other.
  - It's not complicated, but over time we find ourselves growing closer to God and each other.

## **Choose a Group Leader and connect with Fr. Andrew to begin**

- The Leader keeps the group organized and communicates with Fr. Andrew.
- This person emails Fr. Andrew at [fatherandrew97@gmail.com](mailto:fatherandrew97@gmail.com) to let him know the group has formed.



# Save the Date



## THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

for couples celebrating anniversaries ending in 0 or 5

**Cathedral of Christ the King, Superior**


**Saturday, July 18, 2026 | 11:00am**

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 2026**

**kindly register by July 1st**

**[lnauertz@catholicdos.org](mailto:lnauertz@catholicdos.org) | 715.234.5044**

Therefore, what God has  
joined together let  
not man separate.  
- Mark 10:9





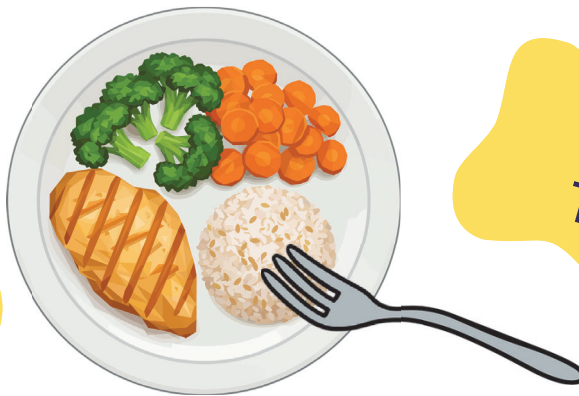
# DID YOU KNOW?

Senior Connections routinely provides over 60,000 meals a year to participants in Douglas County! Some of these meals are delivered to six dining sites and Holy Assumption is one of those sites. The program is open to those over the age of 60 and you do not need to be a member of the church to join.

- **To sign up, call Molly Andrews at Senior Connections 715-394-3611.**
- **Meals are served Monday-Friday, 11:00-11:30, at Holy Assumption.**
- **Cost is \$6 per meal.**
- **24 hours advanced reservation is needed to ensure a meal will be ready for you.**

## So, if you are 60+, come join us!

**BRING A  
FRIEND AND  
MAKE IT A  
GATHERING!**



**SIGN UP  
TODAY!**

Have more questions?  
Call Kylee in the Parish Office.

715-394-7919

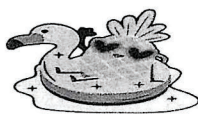
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[www.facebook.com/SeniorConnectionsWI](http://www.facebook.com/SeniorConnectionsWI)



**JUNE 2026**

**\$6.00 per Meal Contribution Requested**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b> Porcupine Meatballs Gravy Cheesy Hashbrowns Veggie / Bread Fruit Cuo	<b>2</b> Spaghetti Meat Sauce Tossed Salad Garlic Bread Jello Cup	<b>3</b> <b>Breaded Chicken Brst</b> <b>Baked Potato</b> <b>Veggie</b> <b>Dinner Roll</b> <b>Cookie Bar</b>	<b>4</b> Lemon Pepper Fish Wild Rice Pilaf Veggie Bread & Butter Asst Muffins	<b>5</b> <b>Polish on a Bun</b> <b>Boiled Potatoes</b> <b>Baked Beans</b> <b>Coleslaw</b> <b>Watermelon</b>
<b>8</b> Meatloaf Mashed Pots & Gravy Green Beans Bread & Butter Lemon Bar	<b>9</b> Ham & Chz on a Bun Cuke & Tomato Salad Wild Rice Soup Fresh Fruit	<b>10</b> Pork Roast (Shredded Mashed Pots & Gravy Veggie Bread & Butter Applesauce	<b>11</b> Beef Tips in Gravy Buttered Noodles Veggie Dinner Roll Strawberry Shtcake	<b>12</b> <b>Baked Chicken Thigh</b> <b>Rice Pilaf</b> <b>Veggie</b> <b>Dinner Roll</b> <b>Cereal Bar</b>
<b>15</b> Sliced Ham Au Gratin Potatoes Veggie Bread & Butter Cookie Bar	<b>16</b> Tater Tot Casserole Veggie Bread & Butter Cottage Cheese Pears	<b>17</b> Turkey & Swiss /Bun Lettuce & Tomato Potato Soup Pasta Salad Rice Crispie Bar	<b>18</b> Salisbury Steak Gravy Baked Potato Stewed Tomatoes Dinner Roll Apple Pie Square	<b>19</b> Breaded Fish Patty/Bun Potato Salad Pasta Salad Fresh Fruit
<b>22</b> <b>Chicken A La King</b> <b>Biscuit</b> <b>Peas</b> <b>Pineapple</b>	<b>23</b> Beef Hot dog Coney Sauce Tater tots Coleslaw Pudding cup	<b>24</b> Swedish Meatballs In Gravy Buttered Noodles Veggie / Dinner Roll Fruit Salad	<b>25</b> <b>Shredded Pork / Bun</b> <b>Potato Salad</b> <b>Broccoli Salad</b> <b>Tuxedo Brownie</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Tuna Salad on a</b> <b>Croissant</b> <b>Bean Soup / Crackers</b> <b>Jello w/topping</b>
<b>29</b> Pineapple Ham Sweet Potatoes Veggie Dinner Roll Peanut Butter Bar	<b>30</b> <b>Lasagna</b> <b>Tossed Salad</b> <b>Veggie</b> <b>Garlic Bread</b> <b>Fruit Cobbler</b>	<b>Hello Summer!</b>		



All meals are served with milk and coffee. Chartwells provides the meals. **Menu is subject to change without notice.**  
**You must reserve your meal at least 24 hours in advance at the Meal Site of your choice by calling either**  
**(715) 394-3611 or 1-800-870-2181**

Listed below are Senior Connections Congregate Meal Sites:  
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## July 2026

**\$6.00 per Meal Contribution Requested**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		<b>1</b> Ham Mac & Cheese Veggie Bread Bar	<b>2</b> Meatloaf Mashed Pots & Gravy Vegetable Dinner roll Watermelon	<b>3</b> <b>CLOSED FOR 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY</b>
<b>6</b> Chicken Ala King Veggie Mandarin Orange Biscuit	<b>7</b> Roast Pork Mashed Pots & Gravy Veggie Bread & Butter Pear	<b>8</b> Turkey Sandwich/cheese Pasta salad Broc cheese soup Yogurt parfait	<b>9</b> Tator-tote casserole Veggie Coleslaw Dinner Roll Brownie	<b>10</b> Beef Hotdog /Bun Coney sauce Pot wedges Baked beans Pudding
<b>13</b> Roast Beef Baked Pot / Gravy Veggie Dinner roll Fresh Fruit	<b>14</b> Tuna Casserole Cole Slaw Veggie Bread Cookie bar	<b>15</b> Spaghetti Meat sauce Tossed Salad Garlic Bread Fruit cup	<b>16</b> Ham Cheesy Hashbrown Veggie Dinner Roll Melon	<b>17</b> Baked Fish Oven Fries Veggie Bread Cookie
<b>20</b> Sweet & Sour Chicken Rice Veggie Egg Roll Fresh Fruit	<b>21</b> Egg Salad /Bun Pasta Salad Lettuce/ Tomato Navy beans soup Pudding	<b>22</b> Roast Turkey Mashed Pot/ Gravy Veggie Dinner Roll Caked	<b>23</b> Polish / bun Boiled pot Baked beans Coleslaw Fruit cup	<b>24</b> Pork Loin Mashed pot/ gravy Veggies Bread Brownie
<b>27</b> Ham Scalloped pot Green Beans Dinner Rolls Oranges	<b>28</b> Swedish Meat Balls Mashed Pot/Gravy Veggie Bread Muffin	<b>29</b> Beef Stroganoff Egg noodles Veggie Dinner Roll Grapes	<b>30</b> Shredded Pork Wedges Veggie Bread Apple Sauce	<b>31</b> Fish Patty/ Bun With Cheese Tots Baked beans Cheese Cake /Topping

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# Superior Catholic Moms

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Superior Catholic Mom's Group is a mix of casual gatherings and structured nights of fellowship with other moms.

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One Tuesday night per month

7:00PM-8:30PM

Cathedral of Christ the King Catholic Church- Kress Hall

\*All Superior Catholic Mom's group events are child free

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## **September:** Meet & Greet

-Learn about what Superior Mom's group entails for the year, raffle, door prizes.

## **October:** Wine & Chocolate Night

-Guest Speaker on: Developing a Prayer Life

## **November:** Service Night

-Creating and filling care packages

## **December:** Bunco Night

## **January:** Craft Night

## **February:** Wine & Chocolate Night

-Bring a Friend Night!

-Guest Speaker on: Encountering Christ

## **March:** Mini Lenten Retreat

## **April:** Yearly Wrap up

Event dates will be posted July 2026

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Corinne Steele, Coordinator [superiorcatholicmoms@gmail.com](mailto:superiorcatholicmoms@gmail.com)



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Cathedral of Christ the King ([superiorcatholics](https://www.instagram.com/superiorcatholics))

CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE KING  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
1410 BAXTER AVE  
SUPERIOR, WI 54880

# Catholic Moms Group



## WHAT IS A CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP?

*A Catholic moms group is where women discover a ministry which offers friendship and support to women as we live out our vocation as mothers from all walks of life. If you are a mom in search of friendship and support, please join us.*

## WHEN IS MOMS GROUP?

*-All Mom Group Events are from 7PM-8:30PM one Tuesday evening per month*

## WHO CAN ATTEND?

- Moms in the Superior diocese who have a child 5 years old or younger*
- All moms group events are child free*

## HOW DO I JOIN?

- Moms in the Superior diocese will be able to join all Mom Group Events*
- Events will be posted in parish bulletin and on social media pages*
- All events are free*





# THE SHROUD OF TURIN

EXPERIENCE THE MYSTERY



THE "MAN OF THE SHROUD" EXHIBIT

HOSTED BY:

**ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Knights of Columbus Council #12738

LOCATION: 68105 S. George St., Iron River, WI

ADMISSION: FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

## WHAT YOU WILL SEE & EXPERIENCE

- LIFE-SIZE REPLICA (14-FOOT CANVAS)
- SCIENTIFIC & HISTORICAL PANELS (Over 30)
- CRUCIFIXION ARTIFACT REPLICAS
- THE 3D STATUE (Based on Shroud Markings)
- CONTINUOUS DVD DOCUMENTARY PRESENTATION

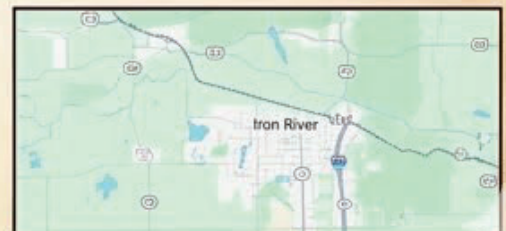


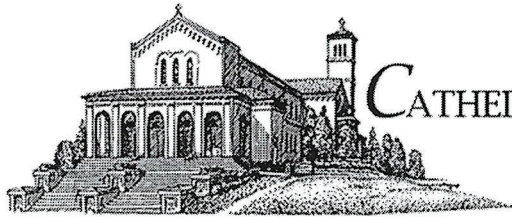
## FULL EXHIBIT SCHEDULE: JUNE 25 - JULY 1, 2026

Thurs, June 25: 10AM-3PM & 5PM-8PM  
Fri, June 26: 10AM-3PM & 5PM-8PM  
Sat, June 27: 10AM-3PM & 5PM-8PM (Mass @ 4PM)  
Sun, June 28: 10AM-6PM (Mass @ 9AM)  
Mon, June 29: 10AM-3PM & 5PM-8PM  
Tues, June 30: 10AM-5PM  
\*Wed, July 1: Final viewing: 10AM-1PM\*

**\*\*Final hours added!\*\***

The exhibit closes at 1 PM  
on Wednesday, July 1.





## CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE KING

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### Father Andrew's Summer Challenge!

*This is an excerpt from an article published by Eyesafe Nielsen Estimates...*

Recent reports from Nielsen suggest that media consumption has increased 60% due to COVID-19 and home confinement during March, 2020. Given already high screen time hours, this increase is significant. Eyesafe analyzed the current Nielsen Audience Report numbers to develop the "Screen Time Report" which excludes Radio, to understand the actual amount of time the population is in front of devices on a daily basis.

Nielsen has found that in previous times of crisis requiring forced time spent home can lead to a 60% increase in media use. Additional surveying from Nielsen has found that working from home results in increased screen time with worker in the office spending more than 21 hours per week, and workers from home spending 25 hours per week, on work devices.

With a 60% increase in TV and Game Console Media use, and 14% increase in Mobile and Work-Related Device Use, Eyesafe estimates U.S. screen time per person 18+ has increased to 13:28 hours per day in March 2020, up from 10:09 hours per day in Q3 2019.

The Eyesafe estimated per day use of screens for March 2020 in the U.S. includes:

- Live TV: **5:31**
- Time-Shifted TV: **:46**
- Game Console: **:20**
- Internet Connected Device: **:43**
- Internet on a Computer: **:36**
- App/Web on a Smartphone: **4:31**
- App/Web on a Tablet: **:59**
- Total Screen Time Per Day: **13:28**

This shift in screen time is resulting in increased high-energy blue light exposure, concerning for children and adults. Further analysis will review this continued trend in screen time consumption globally and exposure to high-energy blue light in our new reality.

**Source:** <https://eyesafe.com/covid-19-screen-time-spike-to-over-13-hours-per-day/>  
**Date Verified:** March 28, 2021

"We unite our hearts to Jesus Christ through study, prayer, and service."

## *I look at these statistics and I believe that we can do better!*

Now while I admit that there is good programming on television and on the web, I suggest that at times it is difficult to find. **Therefore, I propose a challenge: Take time during the month of May to talk about the role of television, internet, and video games in your house, and consider one of the following for the three great summer months of June, July, and August:**

**1. Cold Turkey.** That's right! Dump the screens and fill your life with 1001 activities that are good for your mind and your body. Unplug the set(s), stop the video games, and shut down the internet wherever possible. Take back your life and CHOOSE for yourself what kind and type of entertainment and recreation is good for you. And if you need "screen time" by all means take it... but only when YOU CHOOSE what and when you watch. If you can't handle this.....

**2. Cut the time.** The average American now watches 38+ hours of television a week (that's 5 hours and 31 minutes a day). Decide for yourselves what you choose to watch and set a goal for each person in the house to watch no more than 10 hours a week (about 1 ½ hours a day). If this is still too much for your electronic addiction then.....

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Now, if you want to really do your homework and learn more (I warn you it will make you rethink the role of TV/internet in your life!) the web does offer a wealth of information in seconds. If you are looking for some solid sources for information about television and movies there is hope!

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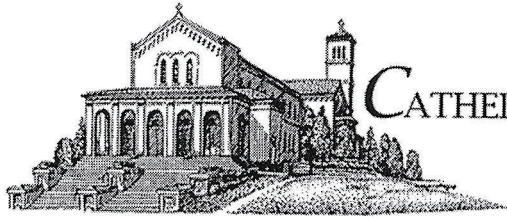
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# Father Andrew's Summer Challenge!

## Part II - What's the point?

Oh, have I received comments in the last week! And I have gotten "the look" from a number of people, ranging from sheepish grin to skin scorching stare!

Many people have started talking about my challenge, which is ultimately what I hope for from this annual event. The fact is, I want us to THINK about what we watch and when we watch it. Do we stop and choose to view a show, or are we so programmed that we automatically turn on the tube whenever we feel like it?

It is the unthinking, automatic, unfiltered approach that concerns me. Just because something is on doesn't mean that we have to view it. Consider the following:

- Do I turn on the TV for comfort or background noise?
- Do I watch TV because I can't think of anything else relaxing to do?
- Do I watch TV programming that I'm not interested in, only because I'm bored?
- Do I watch TV late into the night, losing sleep and gaining nothing in return?
- Does the content of my TV viewing conflict with my morality, integrity, and beliefs?
- Is TV keeping me from a relationship with: spouse, kids, family, friends, faith, or life?
- Am I constantly checking social media?
- Do I text spontaneously? Can I live without my phone for longer than one hour?
- Do I surf the web mindlessly? Do I find myself online even when it is not necessary?
- Am I using the web as a tool or an escape? Have I lost the ability to entertain myself?

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### **Another thought for concern: TV & Violence**

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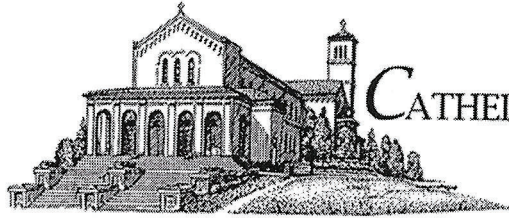
- The average American youth will witness 200,000 violent acts on television before the age of 18
- Cartoons are now available on demand and frequently have between 20-25 violent acts an hour, about five times the average prime-time program
- 46% of all violence on TV now comes from cartoons
- 91% of all movies on TV contain violence

Taken from: *Violence in the Media and Entertainment (Position Paper)*

<https://www.aafp.org/about/policies/all/violence-media-entertainment.html>

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Part III – Now what do I do? Here are some ideas...

- exercise
- call a friend
- study, do your homework
- write a handwritten letter to friends or family
- talk to a family member in your home
- catch up on needed sleep
- read something related to a hobby
- telephone a relative - see what grandma is up to.
- clean your room
- start a home improvement project
- practice an instrument
- go to a museum
- go to a sporting event
- go for a bike ride
- tell mom you love her; ask about her childhood
- rent or check out from the library a foreign film
- look at your baby pictures; get your folks to tell stories
- make a movie
- help a family member with homework
- help your parents
- go skiing
- go mountain biking
- work on a yard or house project
- study a foreign language
- prepare a tasty meal
- volunteer at a local institution i.e. hospital
- go to a quiet field and count stars
- ask a question of your parents
- work in the garden
- listen to a great radio station
- read the newspaper
- do a triathlon
- go to the library
- visit an historical society
- explore a new neighborhood
- spend time w/your pet
- help a friend
- tell your brother or sister that you love him or her
- go to a jazz jam session
- visit a cemetery and read the gravestones
- study your favorite religious book
- write a letter
- write a poem
- write a story, play, song or script
- send a thank you card
- make and fly a kite
- play in a band
- go to a café and study
- go to a café and visit a friend
- road trip!
- observe an up-and-coming artist
- take an adventure trip
- go for a walk
- Pray
- call your Mother (Dad won't mind either)
- Play some games with kids
- Clean a room
- Learn a song
- Pray
- Sing together
- Bake something new
- Catch up on projects
- Memorize Scripture
- Read a book
- Paint a picture
- Color
- Read some more books
- Listen to a new piece of music
- Refinish a piece of furniture
- Make paper airplanes
- Research your family history
- Cook, then invite people to the house
- Order pizza, then invite people to the house
- Make a date with someone – special!
- Listen, truly listen, to someone in need
- Pray some more

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1 - Talk to someone. Your spouse or kids is a good place to start. Also, you might consider catching up with a friend or family member.

2 - Read. Magazines, newspaper, books, etc. It's all good, and good for you.

3 - Go for a walk. With someone or alone. It's healthy, plus you'll get a chance to talk with someone one on one if you take them with you.

4 - Take up a hobby. Guitar, woodworking etc. The thing doesn't matter. It's the doing that does. You can do it at home or sign up for a class. It's not that difficult and you might just have some fun.

5 - Go for a drive. Preferably somewhere you enjoy.

6 - Do a puzzle. Crossword, jigsaw, etc.

7 - Clean up the place. The house, the garage, your computer. There's always something that needs either cleaning or tidying up.

8 - Play with your kids. Enough said.

9 - Repair something. There's always something broken, why not go fix it.

10 - Learn something. Either at home, or away at a class or in a course. Learn a new language, get a degree. It's all possible.

11 - Write. Novels, short stories, poems, songs or letters, e-mail. Your choice.

12 - Play a sport. Basketball, volleyball, football, baseball. There's a ton of them to choose from, all good for your physical health, plus the social aspect will help keep your mood light.

13 - Do some landscaping. Yard work. It's all out there waiting.

14 - Go out for a long dinner. Preferably with someone you like.

15 - Plan an event. Family, work, friends. Family reunion? Class reunion? A local dance?

16 - Visit a friend. Or an enemy. Someone. Anyone.

17 - Workout. At home or at a gym. Or go swimming or play tennis. Or golf.

18 - Play games. Board games, social games, any kind of game. Most of them are fun.

19 - Socialize with others. Shoot pool. Throw a party.

20 - Make a fancy meal. What sounds good?

21 - Go somewhere you've never been. How about rowing a boat across a lake? Or go sit on a bench outside of a store at a strip mall and watch the people come and go.

22 - Go to a sporting or entertainment event. A ball game, or a play, concert or comedy club. Whatever you like.

23 - Go dancing. Regular or country. Both are pretty fun.

24 - Join a club. Computer, chess, dancing etc.

25 - Start a business. At home or with a partner. Whatever kind you like. You'll probably have some fun while doing it.

26 - Dream about what you would like to change in your life. Imagine new possibilities for yourself. Now take the time to make them come true.

27 - Pray. Set aside a few minutes each day to check in with the Lord. Listen to the Scriptures.

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