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July 16, 1972 -- FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR.

Ordinary of the Mass - C; Eucharistic Prayer - III.)

HYMNS will be announced...all are asked to join in singing the Hymns at Mass.

SUNDAY OBLIGATION MASSES: PALMER..... 7 p.m. Saturday  
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PALMER..... 10 a.m. Sunday

DAILY MASS: 9 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays in the Palmer Church.  
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MARRIAGES: Appointment to see the priest should be made three months in advance.  
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THE COLLECTION FOLLOWING THE COMMUNION OF THE MASS ON SUNDAY IS FOR THE BUILDING FUND.

TODAY, July 16, FATHER STIRLING CELEBRATES THE 11th ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION TO THE  
PRIESTHOOD.

FATHER POWER WILL RETURN ON JULY 23, 1972, DEO VOLENTE. FATHER STIRLING WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE  
after the 21st of July until August 24th. A Slippery Gulch Chairman--Mrs. Barbara Soule--  
has been chosen by the Parish Council. All matters dealing with the Fair should be referred  
to Father Power and Mrs. Soule.

Father Stirling would like to thank all those in the Parish who helped by their donations  
of time, prayers, hard work, and financial resources since last October.

We hope that all of us, refreshed by the pleasant summer weather, will have renewed interest  
in the continuing progress of the Parish. Your co-operation with the Slippery Gulch project  
is of paramount importance. During September we will have the enrollment of children of all  
ages for CCD, and also special teacher-training course for teachers on the Sundays of Sept.  
after Mass...details later. CCD classes for youths will commence in October.

The annual Archdiocesan Drive will also take place on September 17. This will help us  
reduce our indebtedness and interest payments on our over-all debt. This will be the same  
as last year's Drive.

SISTER M. ELMER, WHO LEAVES THIS WEEK TO RETURN TO MINNESOTA, AND WHO HAS GREATLY ENRICHED  
OUR PARISH LIFE THIS SUMMER, EXTENDS THIS MESSAGE: "THANK YOU to each one who made my  
visit in Alaska so wonderful. You have a special place in my heart. I will keep you  
in my prayers throughout the year. God love you!"

THE FELLOW-PARISHIONERS OF MAY-CARTER JOIN OTHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN CONGRATULATING HER ON  
her recent retirement as Postmaster at Wasilla. The Wasilla community will gather at the  
VFW Hall on Thursday, July 20, 8 p.m., to honor Mrs. Carter who has retired as postmaster  
after serving in Wasilla for 28 years. All are welcome. It will be a completely informal  
party; a spontaneous gathering of May's friends to express appreciation for her many years  
of service.

THE MOST REVEREND FRANCIS D. GLEESON, S.J., D.D., RETIRED BISHOP OF FAIRBANKS, WILL CELEBRATE  
the 60th Anniversary of his entrance into the Society of Jesus on St. Ignatius Day, July 31,  
1972. For the information of those who would like to send congratulatory messages to him,  
his address is: 1316 Peger Road, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S AT WILLOW invites St. Michael's Parishioners to a FAMILY PICNIC ON SUNDAY,  
July 23, from noon til ????. Bring your own food...coffee, pop and ice cream will be avail-  
able...games for kids--young & grown-up...music...a fun-day for all the family...picnic  
will be held at Willow Community Grounds.

ADVANCE NOTICE...MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR THE DATE & PLACE: FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK  
PICNIC...WILLIWAH LODGE...AUGUST 27, 1972. \$5.00 per person; \$20.00 per family; all food  
supplied; fun and games for young and old.

WHAT REMAINS BY YOUR BED ALL NIGHT?...HAS NO LEGS AND YET STANDS?...HOLDS EVERYTHING YOU  
NEED??????? BUY A DOLLAR CHANCE TODAY ON THIS MYSTERY OBJECT...SEE IT AT THE CHURCH DOOR  
TODAY!

CYO MEETING...MONDAY, JULY 17, IN RECTORY BASEMENT LOUNGE, AT 7:30 p.m. ALL HIGH SCHOOL  
STUDENTS OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. (St. Michael's CYO meets once a month during  
the summer months...on the third Monday.)

COLLECTIONS, July 9:	Offertory & Bldg Fund	Peter's Pence	Total	
Palmer.....	\$617.63	\$187.77	\$805.45	(This large total denotes a "catching up" by a number of people. We thank them!)
Wasilla.....	87.39	46.16	133.55	
Total.....	\$705.07	\$233.93	\$939.00	

ASSIGNMENTS FOR July 23:  
PALMER...SERVERS: Eric Restad, Tom DePriest, Harry Scholtz, Pat Soule, Randy Thom  
LECTOR: Sig Restad; USHERS: Ron Espen and Norbert Chowaniec

WASILLA...SERVERS: Tim Johnson and Greg Garcia  
LECTORS: Pat Carter and Pat Johnson; USHERS: Verne Johnson and Frazier Smith  
FREE BABY SITTING SERVICE IN RECTORY BASEMENT (WITH AN ADULT IN CHARGE) DURING 10 A.M. MASS  
ON SUNDAYS. (CYO helper for July 16, today: Rita Laux.)

PRE-CANA CONFERENCE July 30, at Holy Spirit Retreat House in Anchorage. Attendance is a  
required part of pre-marriage instruction. Those planning marriage within the next two or  
three months are asked to contact Father Stirling to make reservations to attend.

A THOUGHT FROM A FRIEND IN WISCONSIN:

I tried -- I tried so very hard to pray,  
To thank God for this lovely, lovely day;  
But, as I knelt, so many blessings grew,  
It seemed as though my heart would burst in two  
With thankfulness, so many blessings there  
To crowd into just one small "Thank You" prayer;  
But as my lips groped haltingly to find  
The words to speak my humbly grateful mind,  
I heard God's gentle whisper, kneeling there,  
"Arise my child, thy heart has said thy prayer."

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FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH...please call the rectory to arrange home Communion for those ill or confined.

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A PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF BEAURAING IN BELGIUM IS BEING SPONSORED BY the Crimont Holy Name Society of Holy Family Cathedral, Sept. 30 - Oct. 20. Complete package price for the three-week tour is \$775 per person. If you wish to finance arrangements contact Richard Allison at the Matanuska Valley Bank in Anchorage. To avoid disappointment, reservations should be made as soon as possible with Sabena Belgian World Airlines (277-2696).

PLEASE CHECK THE BOOKSTAND FOR THE NEW SELECTION OF PAPERBACK BOOKS FOR PURCHASE AND TAKE-HOME READING...A SELECTION OF NEW TITLES FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN IS RECEIVED EACH MONTH.

A FREE BABY SITTING SERVICE (WITH AN ADULT IN CHARGE) IS PROVIDED IN THE RECTORY BASEMENT ON SUNDAYS DURING 10 A.M. MASS.

COLLECTIONS, JULY 23: Palmer....\$520.64; Wasilla....\$66.52; Total....\$587.16

ASSIGNMENTS FOR AUGUST 6:

PALMER...SERVERS: Craig Butler, Elroy Ashmore, Paul Weisenberger, Bruce & Bryan Mothershead  
LECTOR: Roscoe Taylor; USHERS: Ray DePriest and Clarence Furbush  
WASILLA...SERVERS: Jeff Carney and Henry Cottle  
LECTORS: Pat Carter and Pat Johnson; USHERS: Frazier Smith and Verne Johnson

THIS WEEK THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, "YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUESTED" AT THE COMBINED PARISH COUNCIL - SLIPPERY GULCH PLANNING MEETING at 8 p.m. in the Rectory Basement Lounge. The "Gulch" will operate all days of the 1972 Fair (August 25 thru September 4) dispensing home-made pies, hamburgers, hot dogs, pop corn, etc. etc. THE HELP OF ALL PARISHIONERS IS REQUIRED TO MAKE THIS THE FINANCIAL AND SOCIAL SUCCESS IT HAS BEEN IN PAST YEARS. Over-all chairman of Slippery Gulch 1972 is Mrs. Kenneth Soule (745-3722)...volunteers are needed... pie baking parties will be held between now and fair-time...other preparation and planning work is already underway but much remains to be done. PLEASE ATTEND THIS MOST IMPORTANT MEETING ON THURSDAY, August 3, 8 p.m., in the Rectory Basement.

Please pray for the late John Edward Amo R. I. P. who passed away Friday. Rosary will be said at 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 30 at Green's Palmer Funeral Chapel. The funeral mass will be at 11:00 a.m., Monday, July 31 at Sacred Heart Church in Wasilla with burial in the Wasilla Cemetery.

WILLOW: St. Christopher Raffle results of drawing held July 23. The winners were: Eugene Blatchford, Seward - linens and Don Henn, Wasilla - afghan.

We wish a warm welcome to all the visitors to the Valley and to the Parish. May they have a pleasant stay and take away with them happy memories.