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Tuesday—Friday 8:00 a.m.

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

#### **CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

Saturdays 3:15 p.m.

or by appointment

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays 6:00 p.m.

at St. John the Baptist

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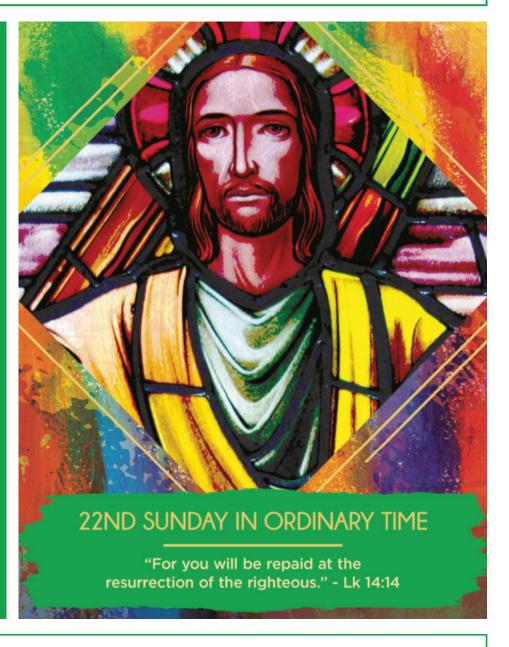
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710 SOUTH COLUMBUS AVENUE MARSHFIELD, WI 54449 715-387-1177 PARISH ACTION APPEAL



Our Parish Action Appeal will be September 24-25. This is a call to everyone in the parish to become more active and involved in the life of the Church. Over the past three weeks, we have highlighted

nine opportunities you could embrace in response to this call: Reader, Communion Distributor, Server, Church Decorator, Sacristan, Usher, Cantor, Choir, and musician. This week we feature two more:

Homebound Communion and Hospital Communion Bringing the Eucharist to those who are unable to attend Mass not only benefits those who receive, but also provides those who bring the Eucharist to them the opportunity to assist the priest in the same way that Jesus' disciples assisted him in the miracle of the loaves: he broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds—Mt 15:36. This is a beautiful way to offer a blessing and a way receive it as well.



A Message from Bishop Callahan After much patience, hard work and commitment from so many, I am happy to announce that the restoration of our magnificent Cathedral, dedicated to St. Joseph the Workman, is complete. Giving thanks to God, I will be celebrating Mass on Sunday,

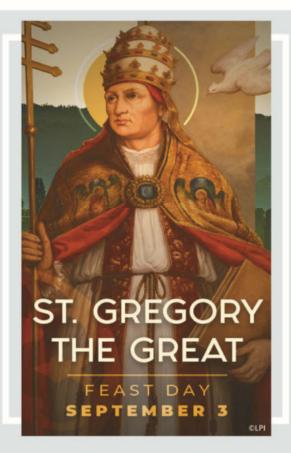
September 11, at 10:30 a.m. Food, fun, music, games, tours, trivia and other events to follow.

**Faith Formation** Marshfield Faith Formation for grades one through eight will begin on September 14. You can register your at marshfieldfaithformation.org. We need catechists to teach in grades four, seven, and eight. If you are interested or have questions, please contact David Alcott at 715-384-3252 extension 6.

Confirmation This year, there will be one Confirmation ceremony for the whole Marshfield Deanery on Saturday, September 17, at 6:00 p.m. Having one Deanery-wide Confirmation on Saturday evening allows those in attendance to fulfill their Sunday Mass obligation, eliminates the need for some families to attend multiple Confirmation ceremonies for multiple family members being confirmed in the Deanery, and allows the Bishop a more manageable Confirmation schedule. Throughout the Diocese these considerations, along with a declining numbers of Confirmation students, have prompted a movement toward a reduction of Confirmation ceremonies in areas where this is possible. Our Lady of Peace Church was chosen as the venue for the Marshfield Deanery Confirmation because it is the largest church in the Deanery and can accommodate all those wishing to attend the Confirmation.



Columbus Catholic Schools The first day of school is August 30. Please keep all our students, faculty, and staff in your prayers as they begin the new school year.



# Saint of the Week

Saint Gregory the Great lived in a most turbulent time. There were devastating episodes of plague, the sacking of Rome and the breakdown of strong Roman rule, invasions by Lombards and Franks, floods, and a widening gap between imperial Byzantium and the Roman Church.

Born around 540 into a noble Roman family, Saint Gregory was probably trained in law, and started his public service as a Prefect of Rome. However, upon the death of his father, he converted his family home to monastery, where he resided as a monk. He built six more monasteries in Sicily and one in Rome.

Often called the father of the medieval papacy and Apostle of the English, Saint Gregory was proclaimed Pope by acclamation in 590. Although he was reluctant to assume this post, preferring the cloistered life, his accomplishments were many. He was an extremely capable manager of Church estates and tenants and is known for his reform of the liturgy. He was instrumental in the consolidation of papal power and led the fight against the many heresies promoted by small Christian groups at the time. Through his prolific correspondence he oversaw monastic life, curtailing the power of grasping bishops, correcting abuses, and enforcing discipline. He was particularly concerned with the conversion of England, sending 40 monks from his monastery including Saint Augustine of Canterbury to evangelize there.

Saint Gregory died in 604 and was sainted immediately. He is one of four key doctors of the Western Church, including Saints Augustine, Ambrose, and Jerome.

## **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

People who are concerned with their own advancement and agenda have little room for anyone else. With an almost addictive pursuit of esteem and acknowledgment from others. they become little more than entitled embodiments of the vice of pride. Public humiliation or embarrassment can hit them hard. While avoiding humiliation and embarrassment may be advantageous to obtaining worldly success, they are much less desirable motivations for entering the Kingdom of God. Avoiding embarrassment is a self-serving motivation. Pride and all of its manifestations have no place on God's agenda, neither do worldly success and fulfillment. In fact, we have been clearly told that if we love our lives, we will lose them. Therefore, if you really want to find your true station in life, learn to give yourself away.

While this may sound foolish to secular ears, it actually makes perfect sense. God, who is love, makes each of us in His image. Love, and therefore God, is in our DNA. That being the case, love is never love if it is kept to oneself or hoarded. Love needs to be shared and given away.



Therefore, it is the only proper motivation for entering the Kingdom of God. The door to happiness is only opened when we realize that all we are and all we have is due only to God's grace. Without God we are nothing.

Love is the remedy for pride and protects us from ourselves. God asks us to be humble. Only when we are free from the traps of pride and arrogance that we can begin to follow the path to true humility. Only one who is humble can rightly love and be of service to God. "God makes use only of

the humble as his instruments (Jean-Pierre de Caussade)." The humble one does not need others to give them worth and value. Their self-esteem comes from the much more secure foundation of God. Only those who are entirely free can give themselves freely to others. Love must always be our motivation for doing all things. Be content that God has invited you to the banquet of life. Concern yourself with accepting the invitation, and don't worry about where vou will sit.

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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Tuesday August 30th	5:30 PM	For Marshfield Area Missionary	
		Society by Missionary Society	
Wednesday August 31st	8:00 AM	† Jerry Boyance by Kathie Boyance	
Thursday September 1st	8:00 AM	† Michael Maderich by Marge Hansen	
Friday September 2nd	8:00 AM	† Deceased Members of the Kroll and	
		Johnson Families by Al and Shirley	
Saturday September 3rd	4:00 PM	† Robert Shea by Shea Family	
Sunday September 4th	8:00 AM	† Doug Zschernitz by Mary Jo	
	10:00 AM	Our Lady of Peace Parish	



Average Pledge

Number of Pledges

198

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# HUMILITY AND STEWARDSHIP

Some people have "the rich relation" in their family tree. Aunt Cindy, who is always traveling somewhere new and exciting. Cousin Richard and his lake house. Your sister and brother-in-law who buy a new car every year.

Oftentimes these relatives take great happiness in sharing their wealth. You can usually count on an exotic gift from Aunt Cindy's latest adventure or an invitation to go out on Richard's pontoon boat at the end of the summer.

Yet sometimes, that person wants something in return. Not money, of course, but something else. Attention. Flattery. Gratitude. Cindy wants you to ask her where she got the priceless artifact in Istanbul, so she can talk about the many antiquities dealers she visited. Richard

wants you to ask about his new boat, so he can talk about how well business has been this year. Maybe the person just wants to know you like the gift or that the experience offered is pleasing to you.

This is a natural inclination that we all possess. There is nothing wrong with wanting to be the person people count on. There is nothing wrong with wanting to offer worthy gifts. There is nothing wrong with hoping that maybe, just a little, we might be appreciated.

What matters is the spirit we carry within our hearts when we do it. What matters is our destination as we approach that proverbial table. Are we headed for the place of honor, expecting it to be waiting for us? Or are we making our way to the lowest place, simply thankful to be invited to the meal?

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

# I have been going to Mass for years and have always wondered: why do we make the three signs of the cross before the Gospel?

Certainly, many people go to Mass or other devotions, doing and saying things out of habit or reverence and not really understanding the reasons behind some of these things. But everything we do has a meaning or purpose that helps us to worship better, proclaim our beliefs, or focus the attention of the people on something that has a greater importance or significance. A review of the meaning of various gestures and practices can help us have a deeper appreciation for what we do.

There is a little prayer that goes with the three crosses before the Gospel: "May the words of the Holy Gospel be on my mind, on my lips and in my heart." In standing to hear the Gospel, we acknowledge that Jesus is present, and the words of the Gospel are addressed to us. All of the gestures and special postures

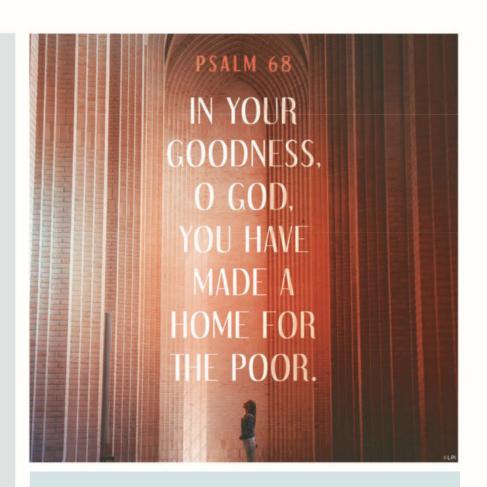
we adopt before the Gospel are intended to help us prepare for hearing the Word as well as act on it. The incense, the Alleluia, the deacon or priest, and the special dialogue and announcement that introduces the Gospel help us focus our attention on the Good News we are about to hear. The three signs of the cross show our desire and good intention to hear and live the Gospel.



# LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"Humble yourself the more, the greater you are." These words from Sirach are packed with wisdom. Who we become, and the success we achieve, is due not only to our own merits but also to God's grace. Without God, we cease to be. This is a simple fact. If we ever feel entitled to honor, superior treatment, or privileges, then we are deluding ourselves. The person who truly understands and is responsible for their wellbeing and success will quickly become a servant of others. We tend to forget how important service is. Being generous and kind, especially to those who cannot repay us, is the hallmark of the Christian life. Are we willing to put ourselves last? An easy way to seek an answer is to determine how much value you place on sitting in the seat you occupy today or the space you choose to park your car. Would you offer these to someone else?



#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 28, 2022**

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-7, 10-11/

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97-102/Mk 6:17-29

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8--14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39 Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-6, 12-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/

Lk 14:25-33

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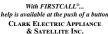
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