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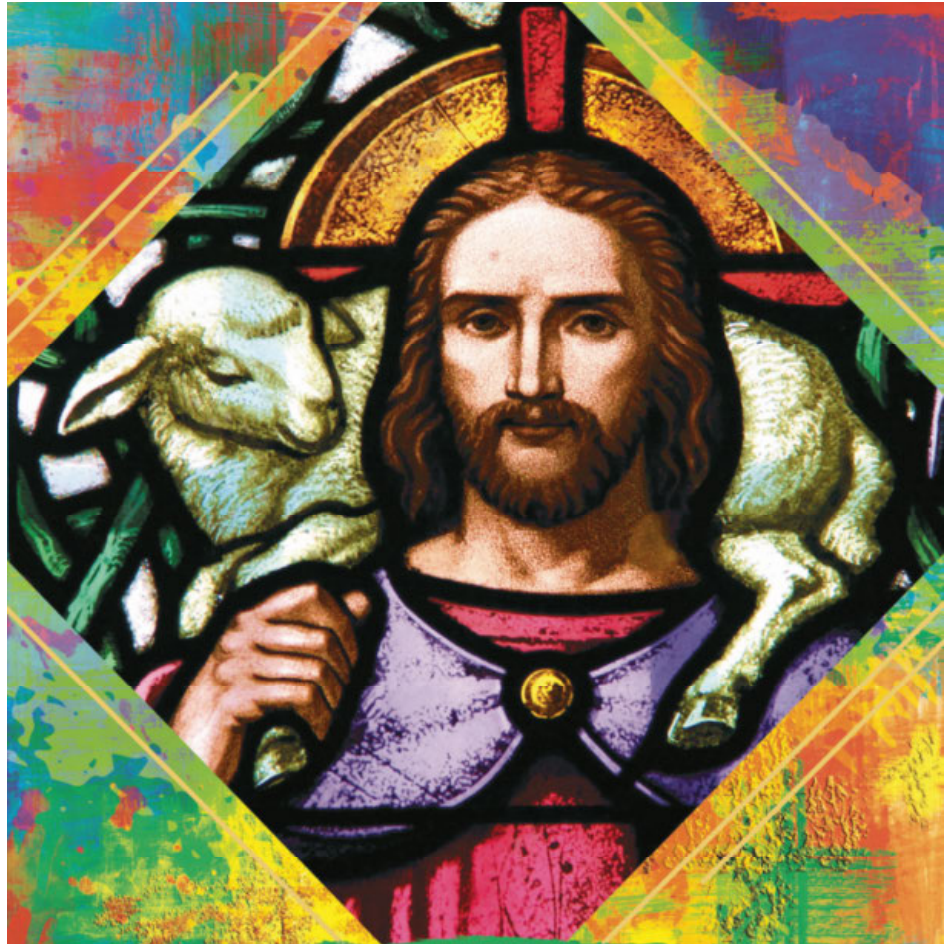
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PARISH ACTION APPEAL



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 few weeks, we have highlighted 13 opportunities you

could embrace in response to this call: Reader, Communion Distributor, Server, Church Decorator, Sacristan, Usher, Cantor, Choir, Musician, Homebound Communion, Hospital Communion, Maintenance Volunteers, and Hospitality Volunteers. This week we feature one more:

Evangelization Volunteers One of the most important things the Church does is to engage in evangelization—sharing the Gospel of Christ. This not only takes place in the proclamation of the Word of God and preaching on Sunday, but also in our schools, religious education programs, and adult faith formation programs. We always need volunteers to assist with this important work by supporting and helping our at Columbus Catholic Schools, by getting involved with our Marshfield Faith Formation program for children and teens, and helping to organize and plan events in our parish for adults (speakers, bible studies, small faith-based groups, etc.). Every baptized Christian is called to evangelize, including you. Here's your opportunity.

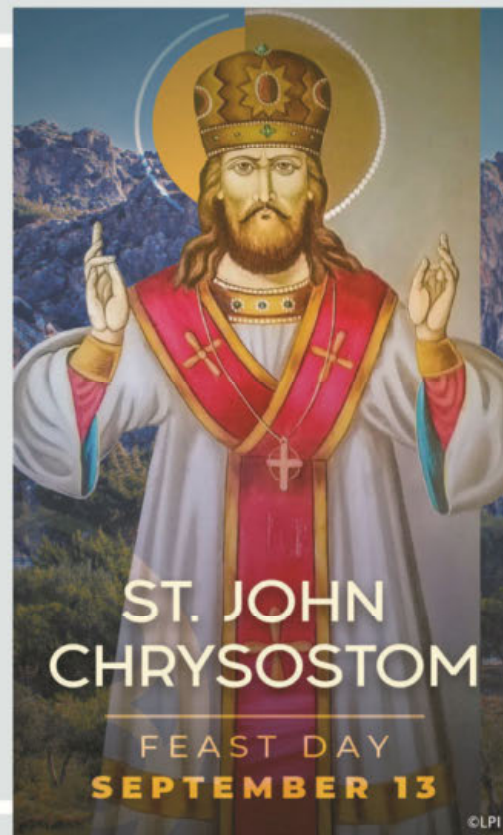
Confirmation This year, there will be one Confirmation ceremony for the whole Marshfield Deanery on Saturday, September 17, at 6:00 p.m. Having one Deanery-wide Confirmation on Saturday evening allows those in attendance to fulfill their Sunday Mass obligation, eliminates the need for some families to 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.

Faith Formation Marshfield Faith Formation for grades one through eight will begin this Wednesday September 14. You can register 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 teachdisciples@gmail.com or call 715-384-3252 extension 6.

That Man is You All men are invited to join Marshfield's dynamic men's group. We meet on Tuesday mornings from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 a.m. in Dillenburg Hall. This year's series is called "The Light of Men" and features the brightest of Catholic speakers. Take the next step in your walk of faith and join us beginning this Tuesday, September 13.



Columbus Corner Seeking Sponsors: We are partnering with Zaleski Sports to live stream all Columbus varsity sports. We are looking for sponsors (family, alumni, businesses) to place an ad during games or post a message on screen. Contact Krisann Mauritz at 715-387-2444 for details. **Employment Opportunities:** Work opportunities for the 2022-23 school year including an evening janitor position at the High School and Middle School and substitute teachers. For more information go to columbuscatholicschools.org or call 715-387-2444.



Saint of the Week

Born in Antioch in the 4th century, and raised by his widowed mother, Saint John received a rigorous classical education. He was first called to the ascetic life, even spending time as an anchorite living in a cave near Antioch. However, this life of extreme mortification was hard on his physical body, and he eventually returned to the city to recover.

Saint John was ordained in 298. He spent the next 12 years preaching in the Cathedral of Antioch, and it was most likely during this time that he earned the name Chrysostom which means "golden-mouthed."

In 397 or 398 he was made archbishop of Constantinople against his will. This post placed Saint John in the midst of imperial politics. But he would not be drawn in. He kept a modest household without extravagance and refused to serve the sumptuous suppers for political supplicants that predecessors in the position had. He preached against corruption and decadence and fought for the reform of clergy even deposing corrupt bishops.

Unfortunately, this high moral stance made enemies of powerful people at court and in the Church. They conspired against him and eventually Saint John was exiled to Armenia. He died in exile in 407. He was made a Father of the Church at the Council of Chalcedon in 451 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1568.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Since God created human beings, we have struggled to keep our focus on God. We wrestle with the question of “who is God” and foolishly believe some of God’s job description can be better completed by us. We wander in different directions, lose our way, think that happiness can be found elsewhere and even construct golden calves to worship. Are we simply too independent or just blatantly stubborn? It’s a good question to ask. Even with all of our silliness and distractions, God compassionately and patiently waits. He lets us assert our wills and knows that perhaps one day we will actually wake up and realize how lost we are.

“Since happiness is nothing other than the enjoyment of the highest good and since the highest good is above, no one can be made happy unless he rises above himself, not by an ascent of the body but of the heart. But we cannot rise above ourselves unless a higher power lifts us up ... Divine aid is available to those who seek it from their hearts, humbly and devoutly; and this means to sigh for it in this valley of tears, through fervent prayer (St. Bonaventure).” One of



the biggest human struggles is discerning what, exactly, is the highest good. We are ordered to achieve it but if we pursue it with clouded vision, we will never truly find it.

One of the greatest obstacles to God’s power and love is a stubborn, closed heart of stone. When we are fiercely determined to set our sights elsewhere for happiness or simply ride the popular currents of the day, we will never satisfy the deep ache and longing within. We know that ache well. It is precisely why we scurry all over the place,

attempting to find the next best thing to take away its pain. Nothing in the created world ever can or will. We continue our journey. One day, people may wake up and realize that they are grazing in the wrong pasture and putting themselves in harm’s way. When this awakening occurs, it will be a most joyous day as we will see God’s wide-open arms waiting to receive us. “Lead me, Lord, in your path, and I will enter in your truth. Let my heart rejoice that it may fear your name (St. Bonaventure).”

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday September 13th	8:00 AM	† Shirley Kaiser by Kaiser Family
Wednesday September 14th	8:00 AM	† Philip Ejercito by Ejercito Family
Thursday September 15th	8:00 AM	† Ron Mauer by Jackie Walker
Friday September 16th	8:00 AM	† DuWayne Poppy by Bob Fomel and Linda Loper
Saturday September 17th	4:00 PM	† SanDee Bushman by Rick & Tamie Roehl
Sunday September 18th	8:00 AM	Our Lady of Peace Parish
	10:00 AM	† Natalie Gisvold by Gisvold Family

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RISE, AND GO TO YOUR FATHER

“If you pull into my driveway and honk, you better be dropping off a package, because you’re sure not picking anything up.”

I first read these words in the pages of W. Bruce Cameron’s “8 Simple Rules for Dating my Teenage Daughter,” (that’s Rule No. 5, by the way).

There’s a certain respect that is shown by someone who takes the time to come to the door, ring the bell and wait to be greeted. Being willing to go through the niceties for the sake of appearances is a small act of deference on the part of the person doing the picking-up, even if it’s not for a date. Without it, the whole scenario becomes entitled.

I want you to think of something that you want or need, but do not have. Is it peace?

Is it financial stability? Is it strength? Is it friendship?

The brother of the prodigal son had a lot of unexpressed desires. He sees his brother heaped with gifts and favors, feasting on the fattened calf, and he is enraged. I haven’t been given half of that, he thinks, and I’ve worked so hard.

But for all his faithfulness, one has to wonder — did this son ever simply ask for what he needed? Did he get out of the car, so to speak, and ring the bell? Or did he sit in the driveway leaning on the horn?

God wants us to come before Him. He wants us to ask. He wants us to be like Moses — sure enough of our Father’s indulgence to boldly ask for it. Think again about what you need but do not have, and ask yourself: Have I approached the door and rung the bell?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHY DOES MARY HAVE SO MANY FEAST DAYS AND NAMES?

Christians first began celebrating feast days in honor of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in the fifth century. That celebration (originally called the Feast of the Dormition and now known by Roman Catholics as the Solemnity of the Assumption) was celebrated on August 15. Very soon, however, other special days dedicated to Mary began to appear in Jerusalem, Rome, and other major cities of the Christian world. These days of feasting became important parts of the life of the community. But, more importantly, each of these unique celebrations became an opportunity to focus on a different facet of the Christian faith, as believers focused their attention on specific events or mysteries of the lives of Mary and her Son.

Over the centuries, some of these celebrations became universal (such as the Assumption on August 15, the Immaculate Conception on December 8, and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1). Other celebrations were more closely tied to certain religious orders (such as the Carmelites celebration of “Our Lady of Mount Carmel” on July 16 or the Servite Friars feast of the “Seven Sorrows of Mary,” which is now celebrated as the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15).

In more recent times, Marian apparitions (like Guadalupe, Lourdes, and Fatima) have inspired special liturgical celebrations. Pope Francis has added two new celebrations of Mary to the Church’s calendar: The Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church (on the Monday after Pentecost) and the Commemoration of Our Lady of Loreto (on December 10). The various titles of Mary (like those we find in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary) help us to reflect on different aspects of Mary’s faith and the ways that the Holy Spirit is at work in her and through her, especially as the Mother of Jesus.

In the end, whatever the event or mystery being celebrated in a particular liturgy or the title of Mary being used, we are invited to always see Mary in connection with the saving work of her Son. She is, of course, a patroness and protector for every Christian, but she is also a model of discipleship and contemplation: “Having entered deeply into the history of salvation, Mary, in a way, unites in her person and re-echoes the most important doctrines of the faith: and when she is the subject of preaching and worship she prompts the faithful to come to her Son, to his sacrifice and to the love of the Father” (Lumen Gentium, 65).

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

It is easy to worship things other than God. Our perception of reality gets distorted as well as our understanding of truth. Ideologies and theories that find a popular reception are extolled when they are simply lies. Human beings easily get lost. God came to us in the person of Jesus Christ to rescue us from our sins and keep us where we need to be. But we have to realize that we are living in darkness before we can ask for light. We have to recognize that we are lost so that we can desire to be found. And, we have to know that we have sinned so that we can repent. God always patiently waits. God is delighted when one of His children chooses life over death and runs toward His unconditional Mercy. Let's not be so stubborn and stiff-necked that we fail to recognize that we may have wandered into the wrong pasture.

Marshfield Catholic Cemetery Association The association will meet on Wednesday, September 14, at 3:00 p.m. in the sacristy at Our Lady of Peace church.

Gate of Heaven Cemetery Fall Clean-Up All grave decorations must be removed by October 1. Any items left after that date will be removed by staff. Since it is the family's responsibility to maintain headstones, family members must contact a monument service if they need assistance in repairs of maintenance. Now is also a good time to choose spaces before winter; call the Sexton at 715-486-2098 for more information.

Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity Our Lady of Peace will be volunteering on Saturday, September 17, with the Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity home building project at 301 N. Juno Ave. We'll start at 8:00 a.m. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old, but no experience or knowledge of construction is needed. We are looking for 15-20 volunteers, and we could also use a group to provide lunch for the work crew of about 25. Contact Jack Fieweger if you're interested at jackfieweger@tds.net or call 715-316-3130.

Family Friendly Movie The Knights of Columbus will be showing the family friendly movie *The Song of Bernadette* (the story of Our Lady of Lourdes) on Sunday, September 18, at 2:00 p.m. in the Columbia Room at St. John's School. Everyone is welcome. Bring your own popcorn, snacks, and soda.

Chicken and Ham Dinner St. Mary's Parish in Colby will be holding its Fall Festival dinner today, September 11, from 10:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Come enjoy the dinner and festival activities including a bake sale, raffle, silent auction, carnival games, petting zoo, and various competitions.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

Sunday:	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/ 1 Tm 1:12-17/ Lk 15:1-32
Monday:	1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/ Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-5/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday:	Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Thursday:	1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Jn 19:25-27
Friday:	1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/ Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday:	Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13

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