

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Parish + Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Parish
Marshfield, Wisconsin



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?”

- Mt 18:33-35

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Take some time to reflect on the enormity of what Christ offers us in salvation. Can we find the strength to offer just a fraction of that to our brothers and sisters?

Observances for the week of September 17, 2023

Sunday:	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
Tuesday:	St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
Wednesday:	Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs
Thursday:	St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Saturday:	St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Next Sunday:	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday



Saint of the week

Juan Bautista and Jacinto de los Ángeles were men from the Zapotec tribe in Mexico and lay Catholic catechists. They were brutally murdered with clubs and machetes by a local mob in retaliation for disrupting a ritual where people were worshiping idols to celebrate the harvest.

Prayer

Lord, may we strive to be as brave as Juan Bautista and Jacinto de los Ángeles during times of persecution for our beliefs. As we yearn for strong spiritual friendships like theirs and to follow Jesus like them, may we never waver in our faith and stand strong as Catholics our whole lives long. Blessed Juan Bautista and Jacinto de los Ángeles, indigenous martyrs of Mexico, pray for us. Amen.

Readings for the week of September 17, 2023

Sunday:

Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Monday:

1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday:

1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday:

1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday:

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Friday:

1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday:

1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday:

Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil
1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a



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Gospel Meditation

When I was in second grade, my prized possession was a metal Star Wars-themed lunch box. After school one day, another student ripped it from my hands. I helplessly watched in horror as my classmate threw it to the ground and violently stomped it into an unrecognizable heap of junk. I came home covered in tears of shame and rage. After a few months, I never thought about it again ... until I was almost thirty years old and on a retreat to prepare for ordination to the priesthood.

That childhood memory — and the attendant outrage — came back afresh. My spiritual director helped me in the process of acknowledging that I was angry because that kid owed me my lunch box. Then she helped me, through the grace of Jesus, to forgive the debt. Almost immediately I felt a new peace. I was amazed that I hadn't forgotten what I had lost, even from years before. Aren't we human beings simply amazing at remembering what people owe us?

We see this week in Jesus' parable a servant who is forgiven much but then commands another servant: "Pay back what you owe!" He can't forget or let go of how he was wronged. He remembers — and he becomes a monster because of it. If only he had remembered not only the debts owed to him, but also his greater debt owed to — and forgiven by — his master. It's natural for us to remember what others owe us. But when we contextualize those offenses in Jesus' mercy toward us and them, we're free to be merciful like the Master and less like a monster who never forgets.

— *Father John Muir*

Reflections & Questions

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Hateful Things We Hug Tight

At the end of "Lord of the Rings: Return of the King," Gollum fights with Frodo for possession of the One Ring. He wins the fight, but in doing so topples over the edge of the mountain ledge, falling into the cavernous fires of Mount Doom. As he falls, we see him smile, and clutch the ring to his chest. He is happy. He has won what he spent his life pursuing.

It is only in the last millisecond before his face slips below the lava that we see his eyes widen in terror as he realizes the truth: the thing he clutches to his heart is the thing that killed him. In choosing the ring, he chooses death.

Sin, and the fallen nature of this world, makes us addicted to something that kills us.

Like any addiction, it is a vicious cycle. The less we forgive, the more hardhearted we become ... and the less we seek forgiveness ourselves.

What breaks the cycle? Reconciliation with God — or, Confession, as we call it. In fact, it does more than break the cycle. It turns it backward. Not only does it detoxify our souls of sin, it weakens our addiction to sin's effects — anger, vengeance, unforgiveness. The confession of evil works is the first beginning of good works, said St. Augustine.

Ultimately, I view our whole human life as a struggle on the ledge of a mountaintop. It is certain that we will choose sin — we always do. We will tumble over the side, toward ruin. But let us be Frodo, and not Gollum. Let us cling to the rock of the sacraments and accept the hand that would drag us away from the flames.

"Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight." — Sirach 27:30

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Are Catholics allowed to visit psychics? Why or why not?

Answer:

It's part of human nature to experience some sense of unease and fear about the future. This can lead some people to seek out the services of psychics or consult horoscopes or turn to other occult practices or resources (e.g. Ouija boards or tarot cards). The Catechism of the Catholic Church is very clear that Catholics should avoid such practices: "Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone" (no. 2116).

Despite the uncertainties we might feel, we are called to have faith and trust in God, confident of God's desire for what is best for us. This means that we are called to surrender, to pray and to reflect on how we can best move into the future in hope, knowing that God is with us.

Mass Intentions for the Week of September 17, 2023

Tuesday September 19th

7:00 am (Columbus Chapel)

† Joe and Martha Steckler by Steven and Julie Van Wyhe

8:00 am (Our Lady of Peace)

† Bernadine Weber by Kim & Cheryl Heiman

Wednesday September 20th

7:00 am (Columbus Chapel)

† Marian Kraus by PCCW

8:00 am (Sacred Heart)

† Joe & Frances Burggraf, Winifred Scott by Joe Burggraf Jr

† George & Georgia Wenzel by George Wenzel

Thursday September 21st

8:00 am (Our Lady of Peace)

† Alvin and Ruby Heckel by Gordon Sternweis and Dennis Heckel

Friday September 22nd

7:00 am (Columbus Chapel)

† Ken and Kathy Steckler by Steven and Julie Van Wyhe

8:00 am (Sacred Heart)

† William Edwards by Alcott Family
Special Intention

Saturday September 23rd

4:00 pm (Our Lady of Peace)

† Philip Ejercito by The Ejercito Family

Sunday September 24th

8:00 am (Sacred Heart)

† James Lotzer by Pete & Cathy Lotzer

† Blanche, Bernard Jr, & Gene Schuld by Bernard Schuld

† Walter Weigel by Family

10:00 am (Our Lady of Peace)

† Dick Thomer by Thomer family

-Pro Populo

Questions of the Week

First Reading

Sirach teaches that the Lord desires us to be forgiving and merciful to each other. In doing so, the Lord will show us mercy and forgiveness in return. To whom could you show mercy and forgiveness this week?

Second Reading

Paul instructed the Romans that Jesus was the Lord of all — both the living and the dead. How should this reality impact our daily living?

Gospel Reading

Jesus tells the parable of the unforgiving servant to teach the disciples the importance of compassion and forgiveness, especially toward those who sin against you. How do you deal with friends or co-workers who have wronged you?



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Wednesday, September 20, 5:30 p.m.
Topic: The Theology of God—Insights from Catholic Teaching

Requiescat in Peace Please keep in your prayers Marjorie Wilhelm and her family and friends who mourn her passing. May she rest in peace.

First Fridays On the First Friday of each month, Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish has Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart at 5:30 p.m. followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions, and concluding with Benediction. All are invited.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Office Closed The Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish office will be closed this Friday, September 22, and Thursday and Friday September 28-29.

Mission & Action

Columbus Builders The Columbus High School Building and Construction Class is looking for projects. If you have a project please email Mr. Hoernke at hoernke.lee@columbusdons.org.

Thank You & Congratulations Bishop Callahan and the Rural Life Committee of the Diocese of La Crosse would like to thank everyone who attended and helped plan this year's Rural Life Day, especially the Heiman Family for graciously hosting the event. Congratulation to all those who were recognized for their achievements in farming and agriculture.

Mums the Word Thanks to the Heiman Family for donating the beautiful mums from the Rural Life Day celebration to Our Lady of Peace and Sacred Heart of Jesus. They are beautiful.

Secretary Position Available Our Lady of Peace Parish is seeking to hire a parish secretary. Candidates must possess familiarity with bookkeeping, proficient skills in using QuickBooks and Microsoft Office programs, and a willingness and ability to learn procedures and tools unique to parish office work. If you are interested, please call the parish office at 715-384-9414.

Congratulations Best wishes to Quentin Owens son of Lawrence and Carmen Owens who is baptized at this day Our Lady of Peace Parish. Please keep Quentin in your prayers as he begins his new life in Christ Jesus.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Hall Progress Report
Work in Progress: Ceiling drywall complete, masonry east wall about one half complete, framing canopy beams for soffit, HVAC roughins, asphalt cut for electrical service. *Look Ahead:* Masonry continues, MEP roughins continue, miscellaneous framing continues, insulating, windows, drywall interior starts, east side grading & concrete work, gas service, and electric service.

Men of The Cross Conference This year's diocesan *Men of the Cross Conference* will be held on Saturday, October 14, from 8:30 a.m. until 5:15 p.m. at the La Crosse Center in La Crosse. Tickets are \$45 per person. For registration and more information visit menofthecross.org.

Respect Life Sunday Lifesavers After Masses on September 30 and October 1 the Knights of Columbus will be selling Lifesavers for their *Culture of Life* fundraiser. Please support the Knights and enjoy some fruity candy.

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Gate of Heaven Cemetery Fall Clean-up All grave decorations must be removed by Sunday, October 1; after that date any items that remain will be removed and discarded. Call the Cemetery Sexton at 715-486-2098 if you have any questions.

That Man Is You All men are invited this Tuesday, September 19, at 6:00 a.m. in Dillenburg Hall at Our Lady of Peace Parish for this week's *That Man Is You* gathering. *That Man is You* honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. A light breakfast is provided.

Deanery Confirmation Congratulations to all the young people of the Marshfield Deanery who are confirmed today, Sunday, September 17, at 4:00 p.m. by Bishop Callahan at Our Lady of Peace Church.

Natural Family Planning Class SymptoPro will be offered in the Marshfield Deanery at St. John the Baptist Parish. For more information, call 715-381-3252.

Rosary Rally A Rosary will be prayed on Saturday, October 7, at 12:00 noon at St. John the Baptist Church followed by a presentation by Fr. Arturo Viguera entitled *Mary, Mother of the Eucharist*. Please bring a dish to pass for the potluck that will follow.

Chicken Dinner St. Wenceslaus Parish in Milladore is having a drive-thru only chicken dinner on Sunday, October 1, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Christian Music Skate On Friday, September 22, from 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. join other skaters at Melody Gardens for a night of skating featuring popular, contemporary Christian music.

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