16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. - Lk 10:38-39
From the Pastor

Every spring our 2nd Graders receive their first Holy Communion. This past year as I was teaching the children the proper way to receive Holy Communion, some of the children started telling me ways that they’ve seen people in church receiving Holy Communion in an improper way. Don’t you love the brutal honesty of children?!

From time to time, it’s good for all of us to refresh our knowledge about important matters because bad habits can easily settle in.

We believe that Holy Communion is truly the real presence of Jesus Christ: his body, blood, soul, and divinity. Because the Eucharist has infinite value, we give extraordinary reverence and devotion to this sacrament. Therefore, the church asks us to do the following out of love for Jesus:

- Catholics should fast from all food and drink (except water or medicine) for at least one hour before receiving Holy Communion so that the physical hunger you feel will point to the deeper spiritual hunger we all have for God.
- If you’re aware of a serious sin in your life, you should go to Confession before receiving Holy Communion.
- As you step forward to receive Holy Communion, you should make a reverent bow.
- When the minister says, “The Body of Christ”, you respond by saying “Amen,” which is an Aramaic word that means “I believe”.
- You are not required to receive from the chalice, but the church encourages the faithful to do so as a fuller sign of the mystery we celebrate. Holy Communion is fully received under either the form of bread or wine.
- If you do choose to receive from the chalice, once again bow and say “Amen” when the minister says, “The Blood of Christ.” It is never acceptable to dip the host into the chalice. This is called “self-intinction” and is not allowed because of the risk of dripping the Precious Blood of Jesus on the floor. If you choose not to receive from the chalice, you should still bow to the chalice as you walk by as a way of reverencing the presence of Jesus in the consecrated wine.

Take some time in prayer after receiving Communion to speak with the Lord. You have become a living tabernacle of Jesus’ presence!

Fr. Dan Janasik

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

Today’s Gospel recalls the familiar story of Mary and Martha, which begs a question of all of us: If Jesus came to your home, would you relate more to Martha, who devoted her time to hospitality and busywork, or would you set aside all these tasks and spend time forming a relationship with Jesus as Mary did? It’s easy for us to be consumed by activities, checking boxes, and crossing items off lists. There can be a great sense of accomplishment and satisfaction operating this way, but as Jesus says to Martha, “You are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing.” Rather than busy ourselves or stir ourselves into a frenzy, it is the proper role of a disciple to listen to Jesus’s instruction. This doesn’t mean activities and housework are unimportant or hinder our lives as disciples; rather, we need to set time aside to work on our relationship with Christ. The first line of our opening hymn today, “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” is a great reminder of the peace we will find when we do this, “I heard the voice of Jesus say ‘come unto me and rest’”. This week, may we all find a break from the chaos of our lives to hear the voice of Jesus calling us to be His people. Bryan Staedler, Director of Music

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Hospitality in the Biblical World

Bridget Klawitter, Pastoral Associate

Our first reading (Genesis 18:1-10a) this weekend recalls the importance of hospitality, especially to the stranger. Hospitality customs were more than simply ways to be polite or friendly and went beyond entertaining guests. Hospitality customs were a vital part of the culture of the ancient world. The people followed these customs as formal, even sacred, codes of conduct.

In an age when inns were few and far between, travelers had to rely upon the hospitality of strangers to aid them in their journeys. Hospitality was also a way to survive in a culture where political boundaries were in constant flux. A traveler might find himself in unfriendly territory all too quickly. The Israelites were hospitable out of a sense of communal responsibility, out of obedience to the Mosaic law, and because of their desire to please God. Hospitality customs in the biblical world related to two distinct classes of people: the traveler and the resident alien. In most translations of the Bible, there is little attempt to try to separate the two. Even in the original Hebrew and Greek, different words are sometimes used interchangeably for the two groups. Either is called a stranger, one who does not belong to a particular community or group. In Israel, the law protected the resident alien, a foreigner who had settled permanently in the land. He could not own land, but he could participate in communal activities. The traveler, who had few legal or political rights, was extremely vulnerable. Only the force of the customs of hospitality protected him.

The environment of the desert and arid land in most of the Middle East was harsh. For a traveler, access to water and food was a matter of life and death. Most settlements were built near available water or wells. The traveler needed to have access to the water. Yet, it was also important for the settled community to have protection. As a result, strict codes of conduct developed to govern such encounters. The host was obliged to provide the traveler with food, water, and shelter. These conventions of hospitality also applied equally to the desert dwellers who lived in tents as they followed the grazing herds (today called Bedouins). They were obligated to provide for travelers that stopped at their tents, and under these customs could expect some protection from hostile actions from the "stranger." By accepting the traveler, especially in providing and sharing with him food, the host also took the responsibility of protecting him. The refusal on either part was a serious breach of honor.

The biblical lessons of hospitality begin at the beginning of salvation history in Genesis. The stories of Abraham and others illustrate the way a guest should be treated. When three strangers approached his tent, Abraham ran out to greet them, provided them with water to wash their dusty feet, a place to rest, and prepared a lavish meal for them. The sharing of food together was a token of friendship, a form of covenantal commitment. Abraham’s words and actions, including bowing to the ground, seem exaggerated to us. However, this was typical of expected hospitality.

This entire "code" of hospitality in the Middle East was strong and it is also this dimension of mutual commitment in the sharing of food that provides the Eucharist with one of its most dynamic meanings. Our homes and our churches should be places where everyone feels welcome and at home. Guests should never feel that they are causing undue extra labor. In short, all that is really needed to be an excellent host is a loving heart, an open ear, and eyes that see Christ in each person who crosses the threshold.

**Please help us keep our prayer list current by calling the parish office.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Aug. 3/4………HC School Supply Collection
- August 9/10……………KC Food Drive
- August 12………………Blood Drive
- Aug. 13-15…….Volleyball Evaluations
- Aug. 23-26…….Family Packet Pickup
- August 26……….School Meet & Greet
- August 27……….First Day of School
- September 1……….Hospitality Sunday
- September 7……….Christian Formation Registration

**Golf Outing!**

**SUNDAY AUGUST 18, 11:30 A.M. MUSKEGO LAKES COUNTRY CLUB**

Join the fun with Father Dan and the Knights of Columbus. All are welcome. The cost is $120.00 per player and includes 18 Holes of Golf with Cart, Range Balls, Putting Contest, Lots of Prizes, Beverages, Lunch and Dinner.

We play a Shamble format. A Shamble is a combination of Scramble and Best Ball. On each hole you choose your team’s best tee shot and from that spot, all four players play out the hole individually. The lowest of the four individual scores becomes the team score for that hole.

Join with a foursome, or we’ll connect you with a team. Look for the flyer in an upcoming bulletin or you can find it on the Parish website. Or, contact Greg Zwick directly at 414-333-3596 or gzwick@wi.rr.com.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**St. Leonard Parish**

**Blood Drive**

Donating at this drive will help make a financial contribution to Eagles Wings Free Clinic.

**Monday, August 12**

2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**Location:** W173 S7743 Westwood Drive, Muskego

Give blood, get noodles. When you give blood at this drive, we’ll give you a coupon for a free entrée when you purchase a Coca-Cola Freestyle beverage from Noodles & Company (while supplies last)!

To make an appointment, visit bit.ly/stleonardaugust2019 or contact Bridget Klawitter Pastoral Associate at klawitterb@archmil.org or 262-679-1773 x13.

Appointments encouraged. Friends and Family welcome.

**Human Concerns School Supply Collection**

It only seems a short time since school ended, but it is time to prepare for the new school year.

The following is a list of items that need to be donated to the school supplies collection that will take place on the weekend of **August 3rd & 4th**.

Items will be donated to the South Side Meal Program, St. Rose’s, St. Michael’s and Muskego Food Pantry. Please place your items in the Human Concerns brown wooden containers labeled “School Supplies” at the church entrances. Thank you in advance.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED:**
- pencil box,
- notebooks (single subject), folders (plain colors with pockets), loose paper (wide rule), scissors (sharp and rounded), large pencils, crayons (regular size and large), rulers, compasses, protractors, pens, pencils, markers, highlighters, washable markers, glue, socks and underwear.
A young parishioner, Caitlin, asked for food for our food pantry as her birthday party gift. "One year, I got so many presents and I thought about all the kids who didn't even have food." How did her friends react to her request this year? "The response was amazing because they understood about helping others." We thank Caitlin, and her parents who helped with the big delivery!
**Parish Calendar**

**MONDAY, JULY 22, 2019**
9:00 am Jim Gosz Basketball Camp—Gym  
8:00 pm Centering Prayer—Chapel

**TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2019**
9:00 am Jim Gosz Basketball Camp—Gym

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2019**
6:30 am Early Risers Scripture Study—Fireplace Rm  
8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration—Chapel  
9:00 am Jim Gosz Basketball Camp—Gym

**THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2019**
9:00 am Centering Prayer—Chapel  
7:00 pm Mom’s Group—Fireplace Rm, GS

**FRIDAY, JULY 26, 2019**
Sat, 262

**SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2019**
4:30 pm Archdiocese of Milwaukee History Display—GS

**SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2019**
7:00 am (AFTER ALL MASSES) Archdiocese of Milwaukee History Display—GS  
9:00 am Little Leos Nursery—Little Leos Rm

**SCRIP sold after all Masses in the Gathering Space**

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**Archdiocese History Wall Display**

**Coming July 27-28**

Learn more about our Catholic history in the Milwaukee area after all Masses in our Gathering Space next weekend, July 27-28!

Be sure to check out the large display "walls" in the Gathering Space after Mass that show the spread of our faith in the Milwaukee area. The walls were created to recognize the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee this year and are here this weekend only!

A timeline of sorts will start with our history as a missionary church to the establishment of our Archdiocese in 1843.

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**Walk With Me**

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**Mass Schedule & Intentions**

**MONDAY, JULY 22, 2019**  
• St. Mary Magdalene  
  NO MASS

**TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2019**  
• St. Bridget  
  8:00 am † Jim Wolfgram

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2019**  
• St. Sharbel Makhluf  
  8:00 am † Bill Drzadinski

**THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2019**  
• St. James, Apostle  
  8:00 am † Jean Fairbanks

**FRIDAY, JULY 26, 2019**  
• Sts. Joachim & Anne  
  8:00 am † Pat Jones

**SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2019**  
• 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
  3:30 pm Confessions  
  Confessor: Fr. John Cella  
  5:00 pm † Sandra Lentz  
  Presider: Fr. John Cella

**SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2019**  
• 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
  7:30 am Ron Wojciechowski  
  Presider: Fr. Dan Janasik  
  9:00 am † June Wilson  
  Presider: Fr. Dan Janasik  
  11:00 am For the Parishioners of St. Leonard  
  Presider: Fr. John Cella

Baptisms: Deacon Larry Ramsey

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**Thank You**

We wish to thank Margaret Clippert for the matched funds we received on behalf of her employer, the WEC Energy Group.

Also, we thank Del Bloor for his donation of time and materials to do drywall taping andudding for the new K3 classroom.

**Wedding Banns**

II Kayla Ignasiak and Tyler Elwood

**New Parishioners**

JONAS, Erik & Deidra, Aiden and Benson. WHITEHOUSE, Rob & Steffanie, Brynn and Ally

**Regular Parish Contributions**

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