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11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**“TO WHAT SHALL WE COMPARE THE KINGDOM OF GOD?
IT IS LIKE A MUSTARD SEED...ONCE IT IS SOWN, IT
SPRINGS UP AND BECOMES THE LARGEST OF PLANTS.”**

- Mk 4:30A, 31 A, 32

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday—4:00 PM
Sunday—8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Pax Christi Adoration Chapel Hours:

Sundays—11:00 AM until 11:00 PM
Wednesdays—7:00 AM until 11:00 PM

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June 13 – Eleventh Sunday Ordinary Time

Opening Song—For the Beauty of the Earth — *sing v 1-3*

Gloria sung

Liturgy of the Word

Reading 1 Ezekiel 17:22-24/92

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you, to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your loving mercy in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night.

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you, to give thanks to you.

The just will flourish like the palm tree,
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Planted in the house of the LORD
they will flourish in the courts of our God.

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you, to give thanks to you.

Still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,

to proclaim that the Lord is upright.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you, to give thanks to you.

Reading 2 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Alleluia

Gospel Mark 4:26-34

Homily

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy

Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Closing Song—For the Beauty of the Earth — *sing v 4-6*

For the Beauty of the Earth



1. For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry
2. For the beau - ty of each hour Of the day and
3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and
4. For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter,
5. For your church, that ev - er - more Lifts its ho - ly
6. For your - self, best Gift Di - vine! To this world so



of the skies, For the love which from our birth
of the night, Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
mind's de - light, For the mys - tic har - mo - ny
par - ent, child, Friends on earth, and friends a - bove;
hands a - bove, Of - f'ring up on ev - 'ry shore
free - ly giv'n; Word In - car - nate, God's de - sign,



O - ver and a - round us lies:
Sun and moon, and stars of light: Lord of all, to
Link - ing sense to sound and sight:
For all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
Its pure sac - ri - fice of love:
Peace on earth and joy in heav'n:



you we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Text: Follot S. Pierpont, 1835-1917
Tune: DIX, 7 7 7 7; arr. from Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872, by William H. Monk, 1823-1889
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Parish Stewardship for May 30, 2021

Average amount needed in weekly stewardship envelopes	\$13,300.00
Adults Env. & Online	\$ 6,534.69
Students	\$ 6.00
Plate	\$ 591.56
Automatic Direct Donation average	\$ 1,649.25
Total for the week.....	\$ 8,781.50

FROM THE PASTOR

The Old Testament book of Sirach concludes with these words:

May your soul rejoice in God's mercy, and may you never be ashamed to praise Him. Do your work in good time, and in His own time God will give you your reward.

The school year at St. Mary's has come to an end. It was a year that tested patience and endurance on the part of students, parents, teachers and staff, of our volunteers and of anyone who had some type of association with the school. I am proud of what Saint Mary's School accomplished this year, especially given the restrictions due to COVID issues. This included the added burden on the part of teachers to provide computerized classroom instruction for students who were quarantined at different times during the year as well as for students who remained at home the entire school year. It also included the extra time and effort to sanitize every part of the school and to do this day after day. Our teachers and staff did what the book of Sirach indicates by *doing their work in good time*. Now we trust what the conclusion from book of Sirach indicates – *that God in His own time will give them their reward*.

Mr. Joseph Koch, our principal, deserves special commendation and thanks. Under his leadership and direction the teachers and staff joined together with excellent effort to bring us through this school year. Mr. Koch has shown that he is a very effective administrator. We can give thanks to God that Mr. Koch is our school principal and we can give thanks to God for the wonderful teachers and staff who are part of Saint Mary's School. Each of them took on added responsibilities to bring us to a successful completion of this school year.

As the school year ends, we are saying good-bye to two devoted and loving teachers. Mrs. Kind and Mrs. Mader have been exemplary in the ways that they touched the minds and hearts of the students under their care. Saint Mary's School has been blessed with their presence and they will both be missed.

The author of the book of Sirach was a teacher. His final words are good words for all of us to consider.

May your soul rejoice in God's mercy, and may you never be ashamed to praise Him. Do your work in good time, and in His own time God will give you your reward.



For your information: Bishop Callahan will be sending a letter to all Catholic households within the Diocese of La Crosse to inform us that very soon a the dispensation from Sunday Mass obligation will no longer be in effect.

Beginning the last Sunday of June, there will no longer be a general dispensation from assisting at the Sunday Mass. At that time we will also discontinue taping the weekend Mass.



*Ashley Denfeld
and
Noah Dirks
July 10, 2021.*



Thank You!

The Cemetery Committee would like to thank the Knights of Columbus and everyone who volunteered to help with the spring time clean-up this year. Your help was really appreciated.

Week at a Glance

Wed., June 16 ... Communal Rosary 7:00pm

Our Mission and Identity

Our parish, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, grows only in Christ and through the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Flowing from these gifts, we dedicate ourselves to live and proclaim the Gospel message of Christ’s love. To live Christ’s love may at times be difficult. Nevertheless, it is our goal.

We are called to reach out to our parish family, to the needs of the local community, the diocesan Church, the universal Church, and to the global community. We do this by being attentive to the voice of God found in the Sacred Scriptures, in the Sacred Tradition of our Catholic faith, and through an informed conscience which we try to cultivate.

In light of our baptism, we try to be Christ centered in every aspect of our faith life.

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Pax Christi Adoration Chapel

The Adoration Chapel can ONLY be described as a wonderful gift. It is the gift of being close to the presence of the Lord Jesus as we contemplate His love for us.

During the Holy Mass, the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. During times of Adoration when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, we see the consecrated bread and the consecrated wine which have truly become the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. In one sense, this is a miracle in our midst – that Jesus would come to us in this way. But often that is the way of the Lord – a silent and unobtrusive way. He comes to us in silence, remains within us and invites us to carry Him into the world around us. None of us can ever fully understand how this occurs, but we do know why it occurs. It happens because God loves us and loves this world so deeply. He wants to remain with us and we with Him.

If you are willing to give the Lord even a bit of your time by adoring Him in the Blessed Sacrament, you will find these words to take on new meaning:

Come in faith, Remain in hope, go out in love.

The effects of adoration: Here is a comment from one of our parishioners who has a weekly hour of adoration. “In the past, I never had a personal relationship with Jesus. I knew of him, I knew about him, but I didn’t know him. I didn’t really love Jesus because you can’t love someone you don’t know. The first time I went to adoration, I was bored out of my mind and spent most of the time looking at my watch. During my second visit, I didn’t pray at all. The third time, however, I was at a low point. Adoration has improved every aspect of my life. I’m no longer in a state of constant worry about situations I have no control over. I don’t know what the future holds, but I find great comfort in knowing the One who does.”

***Currently the Adoration Chapel is open on Sundays and Wednesdays.**

SACJ SERAPHIC ADORERS
OF THE CHILD JESUS

Vocational Day of Discernment with the Sisters of the Seraphic Adorers of the Child Jesus, will be on June 26, 2021. There will be adoration, conference, lunch, recreation, and vespers. For more information or to RSVP please call 715-899-0767 or email Vocations@seraphicadorers.com.



THE MINISTRY OF
THE WILD GOOSE

UPDATE TO THIS PROGRAM The 14 week video/discussion has begun and is open to all adults. If you have not attended the first meetings please know that you are welcome to join at any time.

Presentation details:

- Thursday evening sessions start at 7:30pm with a light social at 7:00pm and will continue to meet at The Dirks Group location. Next session is July 1st.
- The Friday sessions have been **moved to St. Mary's School in Marathon**. This session starts at 6:30am with light social 6:00am. Next session is July 2nd.

Both sessions meet every other week.

For more information please contact:
Deacon Gordy at 715-297-3513.

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