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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 September 13, 2020



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
 3:30—3:50 pm on Saturdays at St. Rita
 8:30—8:50 am on Sundays at St. Mary
 10:30—10:50 am on Sundays at St. Anne
 (Or call Fr. Joseph for an appointment)

CONTRIBUTIONS for September 6, 2020

		Online	
St. Anne - \$	675.00	St. Anne - \$	425.00
St. Mary - \$	495.00	St. Mary - \$	355.00
St. Rita - \$	1,225.00	St. Rita - \$	240.00

We encourage your parish giving by going onto our website: <https://ncc.weconnect.com>. Or you can mail your envelope to the parish office at PO Box 110-Boulder Junction, WI 54512. If you have any questions please call the office @715-385-2390

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE
Wednesdays at 8:00 am—St. Mary, Sayner
Thursdays at 9:00 am—St. Anne, Boulder Junction
Fridays at 9:00 am—St. Rita, Presque Isle
Saturdays at 4:00 pm—St. Rita, Presque Isle
Sundays at 9:00 am—St Mary, Sayner
Sundays at 11:00 am St Anne, Boulder Junction
Due to the fact we are only allowed to have 25% of total occupancy, we are asking you to call the office Mon—Thurs. 8:30 to 4:30 at 715-385-2390 or email me at stannechurch@centurytel.net to preregister each week for which Mass you are attending and how many people. You are encouraged to attend our Masses through the week to help in this matter.
 We are also live streaming Sunday Mass on YouTube on Sundays. Go to YouTube, Type in Northwoods Catholic Churches , Scroll down to St Anne Mass. You can watch anytime on Sunday after 11:00 am.
 Thank you and God Bless

2020/2021 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Thank you for filling out a Catholic Services Appeal envelope. For those who did not fill one out, please do so before you leave church today. No gift is too small, and our parishes are trying to reach 100% participation.

**Our goals for this year are: St. Mary-\$15,139.00
 St. Rita-\$12,680.00, St Anne-\$9,476.00**

**As of 9/6/20 we have raised: St. Mary -\$2,613.00,
 St. Rita-\$2,721.00, St. Anne-\$3,551.00**

There are many challenges that face us today. The shortage of priests in one such challenge. The responsibility our parish has to help provide diocesan services and ministries such as support for vocations and the education of seminarians is an answer to the challenge.

When making your donation at Mass or sending to the parish office please **make check payable to your parish, and in memo write CSA. Thank you!** Online Giving to the Catholic Services Appeal provides (www.Catholicdos.org) donors with a secure and easy way to make a gift to Catholic Services Appeal. Your parish is automatically credited with your gift.

ALL THREE PARISHES

Special Prayer Request: Please pray for the health of Joe Lakota, Greg Shimon, Dale Muth. Our prayers also go out to all Police, Fireman, First Responder, and the active-duty men and women who are serving in the military.

If you have a special prayer request, please contact Kathy in the church office at 715-385-2390

ST. ANNE PARISH

Reader for Sept 20th: Mike Beno

If you need help with getting groceries or anything else, we have willing volunteers. Please contact the office @ 715-385-2390

Lay Leadership: Trustees: John Ader, Therese Safford

Parish Council: Barbara Douglas-Johnson (Chair), Susie Schwanda (Vice-Chair), Dennis Aukstik (Secretary), Peter Kable, Mary Van Grinsven.

Finance Council: Tom Wierzba, Greg Van Grinsven.

Bible Study: Is not meeting at this time

***Gather Us In* Capital Campaign Kick-Off**

Today we officially launch our capital campaign to raise the funds to expand and renovate our church facility.

We thank the following individuals for agreeing to serve as our *Gather Us In* Campaign Committee:

*John Ader, Mike Beno, Jeff Lucas,
Tony Schwanda, Mary Van Grinsven,
Tom Wierzba, Father Joseph*

Campaign Key Dates**Pacesetter Visits: During September**

Personal visits to build momentum and receive early commitments.

Commitment Sunday: October 25**Eucharistic Adoration**

St. Anne, (1st Tues) of the Month at 5:30 pm

St. Mary, (2nd Wed) of the Month after Mass

SCHEDULE OF MASSES/MASS INTENTIONS

09/12 Sat.	St. Rita, Presque Isle	4:00 pm
	+Patricia Beattie, by Nellie & Dick Hemming	
09/13 Sun.	St. Mary, Sayner	9:00 am
	For the Safety and Health of all Children and Teachers going back to classes	
	For all on the St. Mary Prayer Chain, By St. Mary Altar Society	
	For fallen away Catholics	
09/13 Sun.	St. Anne, Boulder Junction	11:00 am
	The People of the Cluster	
09/16 Wed	St. Mary, Sayner	8:00 am
	+Duane Miller, by Ken & Betty Kallay	
09/17 Thur.	St. Anne, Boulder Junction	9:00 am
09/18 Fri.	St. Rita, Presque Isle	9:00 am
	+Florence Konkolewski	
	+Michael Rogacki	
	+Edward Konkolewski, Sr.	
	+Edward Konkolewski, Jr.	
	By Bob & Eileen Rogacki	
09/19 Sat.	St. Rita, Presque Isle	4:00 pm
	The People of the Cluster	
09/20 Sun.	St. Mary, Sayner	9:00 am
	+Ray Kessro, by Sue & Norman Kessro	
	+Jerome & Patricia Fassbender, By Family and Loved Ones	
09/20 Sun.	St. Anne, Boulder Junction	11:00 am
	In Memory of Sophie Bieschke 100th Birthday By her children	
	+Judy Durand, by Scott Durand	

ST. RITA PARISH

Reader for Sept 19th: Faith Newberry

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Lay Leadership: Trustees: Bob Hagen, Jerry Sanders

Parish Council: Otto Novak (Chair), Faith Newberry (Vice chair), Leo Crawley, Jim Steines, and Lisa Roan

Finance Council: Richard Schmalzer

Food Pantry Donations: St Anne and St Rita will be accepting donations for the Food Pantry. Items needed are: Toilet bowl cleaner, disinfectant wipes, glass cleaner, anti-bacterial hand soap, disposable gloves, and paper towels. Please be generous in your giving. Thank you !!!

ST. MARY PARISH

Reader For Sept 20th: Jessica Grafwallner

Religious Education

We are exploring options for our fall religious education program. A survey will be sent out to all who are interested in our youth program. If you are new to the parish, contact Ida Nemec at ilnemec@frontier.com or call 715-542-3127 or text 715-499-4016.

Lay Leadership: Trustees: Sue Kessro, Nick Chicka. Parish Council: Jim Nellessen (Chair), Ida Nemec (Secretary) Stan Rakowski, Jessica Grafwallner

Finance Council: Ed Johnston

To add a name to the prayer chain call Peggy Tamingel at 715-542-3799 or Monica Fath at 715-542-2351.

The Following businesses give a percentage of their sales to our church. Camp's receipts: Mark CD3 on them and turn them into the red basket at camp's or drop them in the collection basket. Also save receipts from St. Germain Shell and turn them into the box in the front entrance of church.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

What right do we have to limit the amount and degree of forgiveness we show to others when we are so desperately in need of it ourselves? In not wanting someone who hurt us to downplay or forget the gravity of their wrong, we cling to anger, resentment, and wrath as a way of maintaining control. It is a way to acknowledge and express our deep hurt. We fail to realize that in doing so we hold ourselves hostage to these destructive feelings and actually become mired in the bondage of sin. All we gain is further alienation from ourselves, others, and especially God. We are no longer free but tethered to all of this unresolved negativity. Don't we really want to let it go? The fact is that we need to.

A good self-reflective posture will quickly show us that when the shoe is on the other foot and we are the ones in need of forgiveness, we desire it above anything else. This is especially true with our relationship with God. It is hypocritical to want one thing for ourselves and something else for another. Yet, many act in precisely this way.

Perhaps we think that in offering forgiveness, even for the most grievous of wrongs, somehow excuses the person of their wrong and makes it almost acceptable. This is what makes revenge, retaliation, and punishment so attractive. We see forgiveness as being an eraser that easily wipes away the offense without consequence. Or, we may believe that in offering forgiveness I must somehow forget the wrong and open myself as a victim of even greater possible hurts in the future. In fact, forgiving my sister or brother of their wrongful actions or attitudes involves none of this. It does not erase anything or position me vulnerably as a doormat to be walked on.

Forgiveness is an act of freedom that restores honest dialogue, shares true, and heartfelt feelings and acknowledges the consequences of an action. It admits that the wrong has caused a hurt that must be healed and squarely positions responsibility on the offender. The act of forgiveness recognizes our sinfulness and brokenness. It also admits that the most saintly among us is capable of doing very grave and deep harm to another person. It sees that we all can be victims of our passions and works in progress that deserve unlimited chances to get it right. With forgiveness, I release myself from the bonds of negativity and pursue a path of restoration, wholeness, and healing. I do not forget the wrong nor do I dismiss it. Sometimes, we have to stay far away from the one who hurt us. But we can still heal internally and be free.

For the one who wants to be forgiven and the one who needs offer forgiveness, the journey can be an adventure in learning what brought us to this place and what is needed to move forward. This is exactly how God treats us. Why would we not want to do the same for others?



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