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JUNE 9, 2024 • 10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them in reply, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking around at those seated in the circle he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." - Mk 3:33-35

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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Readings for the Week of June 9, 2024

Mon: 1 Kgs 17: 1-6/ Ps 121: 1bc-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8/ Mt 5: 1-12

Tues: Acts 11: 21b-26; 13: 1-3/ Ps 98: 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4. 5-6/ Mt 5: 13-16

Weds: 1 Kgs 18: 20-39/ Ps 16: 1b-2ab. 4. 5ab and 8. 11/ Mt 5: 17-19

Thurs: 1 Kgs 18: 41-46/ Ps 65: 10. 11. 12-13/ Mt 5: 20-26

Fri: 1 Kgs 19: 9a. 11-16/ Ps 27: 7-8a. 8b-9abc. 13-14/ Mt 5: 27-32

Sat: 1 Kgs 19: 19-21/ Ps 16: 1b-2a and 5. 7-8. 9-10/ Mt 5: 33-37

Sun: Ez 17: 22-24/ Ps 92: 2-3. 13-14. 15-16/ 2 Cor 5: 6-10/ Mk 4: 26-34

'My own heart let me more have pity on' BY GERARD MANLEY HOPKINS

My own heart let me more have pity on; let
Me live to my sad self hereafter kind,
Charitable; not live this tormented mind
With this tormented mind tormenting yet.
I cast for comfort I can no more get
By groping round my comfortless, than blind
Eyes in their dark can day or thirst can find
Thirst's all-in-all in all a world of wet.

Soul, self; come, poor Jackself, I do advise
You, jaded, let be; call off thoughts awhile
Elsewhere; leave comfort root-room; let joy size
At God knows when to God knows what; whose smile
's not wrung, see you; unforeseen times rather — as
skies
Betweenpie mountains — lights a lovely mile.

**2024 June 11 Tues: Barnabas, ap M**

8:00 a.m. All Souls (St. James)

2024 June 12 Weds: Ordinary Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Mildred Loyet (St. Jerome)

2024 June 13 Thurs: Anthony of Padua, p, r, dr M

8:00 a.m. Respect for Human Life (St. James)

2024 June 14 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Margaret Diepholz (St. Jerome)

2024 June 15 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ BVM

4:00 p.m. † Lynn Hays III (St. Jerome)

5:30 p.m. Christian Unity (St. James)

2024 June 16 SUN: 11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 a.m. † Deceased members of the Dallas & Doyle Families (St. Jerome)

10:30 a.m. For the parishioners of St. Jerome & St. James (St. Jerome)

Calendar of Events**2024 June 8 Sat:**

1:00-2:00pm: Confessions at St. James -CANCELLED*

2:30-3:30pm: Confessions at St. Jerome-CANCELLED*

4:00 pm: Mass at St. Jerome

5:30 pm: Mass at St. James

*See June 11th

2024 June 9 Sun:

8:30 am: Mass at St. Jerome

10:30 am: Mass at St. Jerome

7:00 –9:00pm: Hour of Prayer Eucharistic Adoration

2024 June 11 Tues:

4:00-5:00pm: Confessions at St. James

5:30-6:30pm: Confessions at St. Jerome

2024 June 15 Sat:

1:00-2:00pm: Confessions at St. James

2:30-3:30pm: Confessions at St. Jerome

4:00 pm: Mass at St. Jerome

5:30 pm: Mass at St. James

2024 June 16 Sun:

8:30 am: Mass at St. Jerome

10:30 am: Mass at St. Jerome

7:00 –9:00pm: Hour of Prayer Eucharistic Adoration

Please Pray For All The Sick, Especially:

Tim Obernuefemann, Cathy Rosenthal, Patricia Barnett, Florence Haffner, Mac Moss, Dennis Grapperhaus, Ellen Bednara, Mary Evans, Tami Press, Marge Range, Susan Poletti, Carolyn

Staroske, Shayla Campbell, Gessica Handegan, Stephanie Poletti, Gertie Gebhart, Mark Davis, Delores Daiber Luczak, Anthony Buzzitta, Lynn Hays, Tom Ahlmeyer, Jason Burton, Jim Booth, Ron Burgess, Mary Ann Friet, Ross Bushur, Michael Daugherty, Tina Bruner, Charlee-Kate Grapperhaus, Mary Wilson, Pat Aleman, Sharon Aleman, Mary Ann Becherer, Judy Touchette, Kay Grotefendt, Gerald Loyet, Katie Fuller, Otto Baumgartner, Helene Kilpatrick, Nancy Varda Smith, Jessica C., JoAnn (Vesci) Graeff, Colleen Campe, Dennis Jablonski, Teresa Dickman, Austin Acree

To request a name to be put on the prayer list, contact Jodi at the office (667-6571 ext. 10 or stjerome@stjeromeparish.org)

Mass Intentions: There are available dates for upcoming masses, especially weekday masses. Please email Jodi or call the office if you have intentions you wish to be scheduled.

618-667-6571

[\(stjerome@stjeromeparish.org\)](mailto:stjerome@stjeromeparish.org)**ST. JEROME PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

The Parish of St. Jerome is a Eucharistic community of faith responding to the Word of God, opening our doors and hearts to all who come in need or to worship.

We provide uplifting and meaningful liturgy, faith formation, and social gatherings for people of all ages.

We discover our gifts through prayer, social action, and stewardship as we journey to the kingdom.



Week of May 25/26

St. James:

Weekly Collections: \$256

St. Jerome:

Catholic Communications: \$52
Sister Parish: \$30
Cemetery Fund: \$145
Retired Diocesan Priests: \$28
Building Fund: \$10
Weekly collections: \$7,273

Weekly Collected (including building fund): **\$7,283**
weekly budget: \$10,708

YTD collected: **\$514,016**

YTD budget: \$599,132

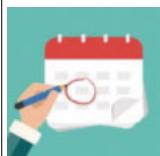
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The cemetery board would like to thank parishioners and families of deceased parish members for their generous donations to the recent yearly solicitation for our two cemeteries, St Jerome Cemetery and St. John the Baptist Cemetery. We received \$7,835, which will be used for day-to-day operating expenses, special projects and perpetual care of the cemeteries.

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Bulletin articles are due by
NOON June 13th for the
June 23rd bulletin
Please send to Jodi at
stjerome@stjeromeparish.org



Steve's Notes (♪) on Scripture

Stephen Stack, Pastoral Associate for Liturgy & Music

Identity: Who do we think we are?

The “fall” of Adam and Eve (man and woman, i.e. *human beings*) was not so much about disobedience of the rule not to eat the “forbidden fruit” as much as about their being tempted by the idea of being not “mere creatures” of God, but being gods of their own making. As God created them (us), they were “clothed” in the innocence of being God’s beloved children; they didn’t “know” that they were physically naked. But when the serpent tricked them, they gave in to the “human” desire to be the masters, creators of their own lives. In “making themselves gods,” they stripped themselves of the clothing of their original innocence in the Creator’s love, and then they were ashamed to realize that they were “naked.” In Scripture, clothing is a sign of one’s identity; to be naked is to have no identity. Their “nakedness” was shameful because it meant that they were “no one.” Of our own making, our own will, without the Creator, we are “nothing.” We are not God, and when we deny the reality of God and of our being made by God — in his image! — we strip ourselves of our true identity as God’s beloved children.

In today’s gospel, Jesus’ identity is questioned because he, with the power that comes from his obedience to the will of the Father and through the Holy Spirit, was healing and expelling demons. His family members thought Jesus was out of his mind, and were essentially disowning him; the scribes wanted to believe that rather than being possessed of God and the Holy Spirit, he was “possessed by Beelzebul” — “by the prince of demons he drives out demons.” When Jesus was tempted by Satan in the desert, it was the same temptation as for Adam and Eve: to disobey the will of God and to deny his true identity as the Son of God.

This is the reason for Jesus’ rather sharp warning about blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, with which Jesus was fully possessed and which we are also to be. To deny the power of the Holy Spirit at work in us — to attempt to be “self-possessed” — is to give in to the temptation of Satan, to stand against God. This, of course, is absolutely deadly for us.

Often am I tempted into thinking that what I do and who I am is of my own making. This can happen in so many big and small ways: from excessive pride and failing to be grateful to God, to anger and despair that I am powerless over certain things, events, or people. But as I become drained of life and energy, I remember to turn to God to be fed and filled with his Holy Spirit. Thanks be to God, whose goodness and mercy is constant, unconditional, and endless....

Steve



Nurturing Our Faith

Sr. Linda Mary,
Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation

Excerpts from Pflaum Gospel Weeklies
10th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mk 3:20-35

Jesus warns the Scribes against the worst sin a person can commit, when he says "But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an everlasting sin." For the Scribes had said, "He has an unclean spirit." which is to deny the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' own family thought he was crazy! That's what the Gospel of Mark says.

But when you think about it, isn't this entirely likely? Don't we all view the choices our loved ones are making with disbelief and a questioning of their sanity? Why is she marrying him? What would possess him to move to that part of the country? They must be nuts to purchase that property. Raising their kids that way just proves how loony the two of them are.

Moral support from our families is something we all crave. But it can't be the gold standard by which we live and breathe and make decisions. Sometimes, we have to follow the mad way our hearts direct us, no matter what they say about us.

It is in God's love that we are saved and forgiven. When we accept God's love, the Holy Spirit, we are accepting God himself.

Pay special attention during the Creed. Listen carefully for what we profess as Catholics regarding the Holy Spirit.

Question of the Week

When did you do something against the advice of those around you? Would you do it again?

How can you accept God's love into your life?

Jesus, help me to know, live, and bring your love to others. Holy are your ways, O Lord, and holy are the people whom you choose and call to yourself. Soften our hearts so that we may see the world as you see it, Make us better stewards of this creation. Amen.

Sr. Linda Mary



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Save the Date!

Our 32nd Annual Golf Classic will be held on Friday, September 6th at the Spencer T. Olin Golf Course. This fun event includes lunch, on course refreshments, dinner, and more! Registration will open later this month.

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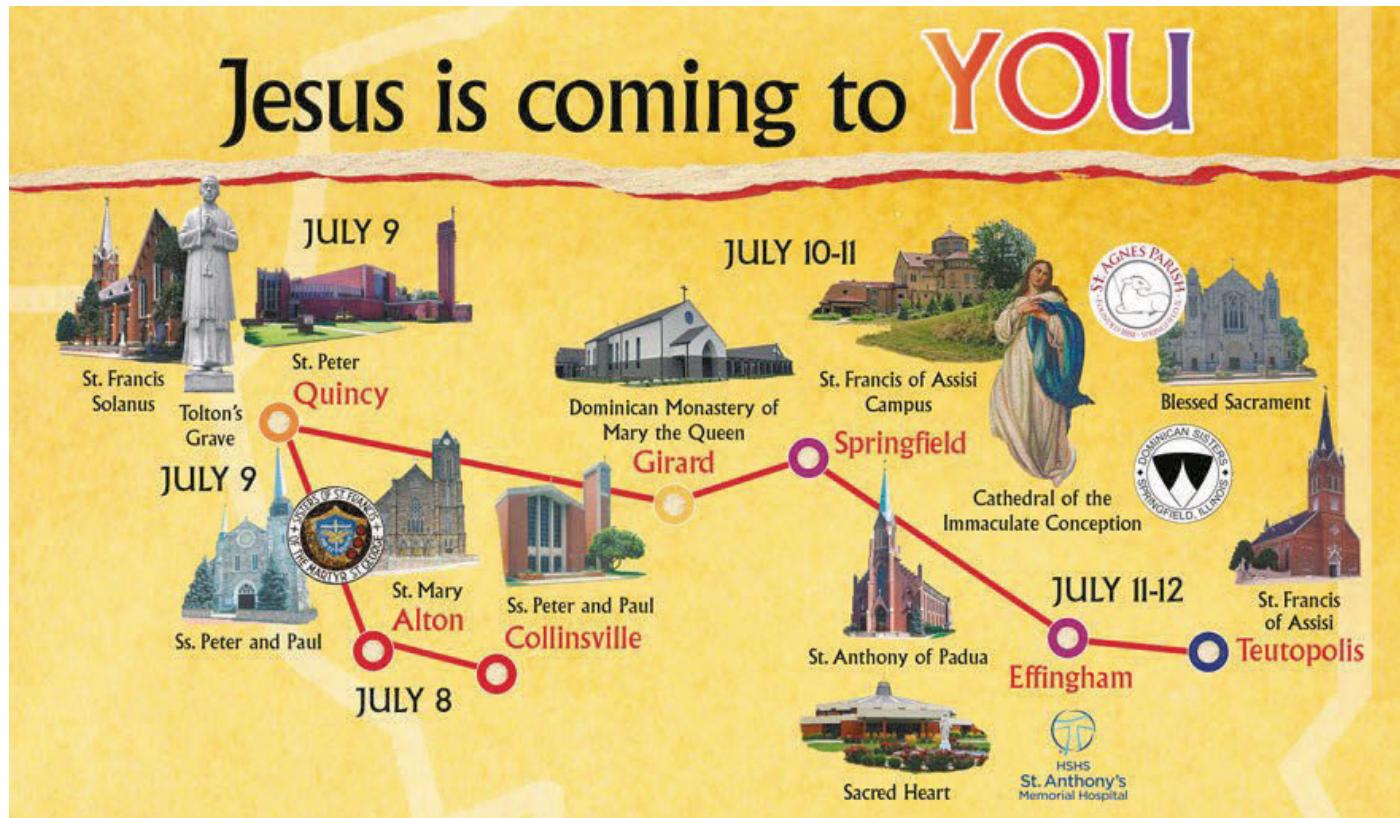
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Go to dio.org/procession to learn more and register!

St Jerome Catholic Church is seeking to hire a Pastoral Associate for Liturgy and Music. The Pastoral Associate for Liturgy and Music is responsible for coordinating the planning, setup, and upkeep of the parish worship environment throughout the liturgical year. This person serves as a resource for parishioners to promote an understanding and a development of skills for the celebration of the Church's liturgy. The qualified candidate is a professional who may hold specialized credentials in music and who has a thorough understanding of Roman Catholic liturgy. This person of faith is responsible for the effective planning, coordination, and execution of music within the liturgical celebrations of the parish. Please contact the parish office for more information and a complete job description: stjerome@stjeromeparish.org.



SAVE THE DATE ST JEROME CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Sunday, July 21-Thursday, July 25
6:00pm-8:00pm**

VBS is for children going into PR-K – 5th grade and those in 6th grade –adult, please sign up to volunteer.

To register for VBS or to sign up to volunteer you may go to the parish website or forms will be available in the narthex.

Any questions contact Brenda Neumann 618-975-5907
bneumann@stjeromeparish.org



The St. Jerome Rummage Sale Committee wanted to let our fantastic parishioners know that the Rummage

Sale made \$5,441.25 to be used for church maintenance. Please start saving items for next year's sale. Thank you so very much!

Pilgrimage to Poland and Prague, Budapest and Vienna with Fr. Dean Probst and Fr. Michael Berndt, Oct. 14-25, 2024.

Cost is \$3197/person. Contact Fr. Dean at 217-494-6326 phone/text or rdprobst@gmail.com for a complete brochure or any questions.

There are 12 spaces left for the group.

Dates Available for Baptisms

June 22/23
July 27/28
Aug 24/25



To schedule a date:
Please contact the Parish
Office: 667- 6571

or stjerome@stjeromeparish.org

MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES:

To ensure clear and efficient communication, it is imperative that everyone follows the same steps. If you identify a maintenance need, *please call the office to get it on the list. (You can call anytime and leave a message in the general mailbox.)* Generous parishioners have offered to help with different tasks and parish staff will manage contacting the appropriate individuals. Do not contact individuals directly. If you have someone in mind that might be able to assist, please mention that individual to the office when reporting the issue so that we can coordinate the efforts.

PARISH STAFF

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Parish Office Information

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Hours: Tuesday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

OFFICE CLOSED ON MONDAYS

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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS/COMMITTEES

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NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

New parishioners are always welcome! You may register in person or by calling the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms ~ Please contact the Parish Office for registration information. Prior to baptism, parents are required to attend a baptism-preparation session. Parents may attend this before their child is born.

Penance ~ Saturdays at 1:00 p.m. at St. James and 2:30 p.m. at St. Jerome or by appointment. Communal services are celebrated during Advent and Lent.

Marriage ~ If you are considering marriage, a minimum of six months is required for preparation. A wedding date cannot be set until after the first meeting with the pastor. At that time, the diocesan and parish guidelines will be explained.

Anointing of the Sick ~ Parishioners who are seriously or critically ill, or having surgery, should contact the pastor for the celebration of the sacrament.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults ~ The R.C.I.A. is an ongoing formation process for adults who are interested in becoming a Catholic and would like to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist. Call the Parish Office for additional information.

ST. JEROME CEMETERY INFORMATION

St. Jerome owns and operates two cemeteries – St. Jerome Cemetery, located on Troy-O'Fallon Road, and St. John the Baptist Cemetery – located on Lebanon Road. Contact the Parish Office for more information.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES:

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