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July 9 & 10, 2022

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Mass Schedule
St. John's

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am
Thursday: 5:30 pm

St. Aloysius Sunday 8:00 am
Wednesday 5:30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays: 4:20 to 4:50 p.m.
and by appointment

Weddings
Please make arrangements with
the pastor eight months in advance.

Baptisms
Please make arrangements by contacting
the office at 937-2017.

Funerals
Please make arrangements with the pas-
tor or with the funeral director.



15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with
compassion at the sight.” - Lk 10:33

MASS Intentions

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Saturday, July 9, 2022 @ 5:00 P.M. at St John the Baptist Catholic Church
The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time President: Fr. Tom Barrett

In Memory of: *James Brown by Jacqueline Brown **Lector:**
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Sunday, July 10, 2022 @ 8:00 A.M. at St. Aloysius/Sacred Heart Church
The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time President: Fr. Tom Barrett

In Memory of: *Sharon Schneider by John & Rita Dobill **Lector:**
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Doris Basler

Sunday, July 10, 2022 @ 10:00 A.M. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time President: Fr. Tom Barrett

In Memory of: *Karcyn Clark **Lector:** George Hopkins
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Theresa Renik

Wednesday, July 13, 2022
NO MASS

Thursday, July 14, 2022
NO MASS

Friday, July 15, 2022
NO MASS

Saturday, July 16, 2022 @ 5:00 P.M. at St. John the Baptist Church
The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time President: Fr. Tom Barrett

In Memory of:*Jim Renick **Lector:** Barbara Glodich
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Liz Witkewicz

Sunday, July 17, 2022 @ 8:00 A.M. St. Aloysius/Sacred Heart Church
The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time President: Fr. Tom Barrett

In Memory of: *Tatar Family **Lector:** TBA
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: TBA

Sunday, July 17, 2022 @ 10:00 A.M. St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time President: Fr. Tom Barrett

In Memory of: *Sara, Mary Margaret & Dick McPhail **Lector:** Leonard Hopkins
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Julie Davis



Our Gifts to God

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church July 2 & 3, 2022

Envelopes.....\$3,060.00
 Loose.....\$65.00
 School\$1,660.00
 Special Collections/Other.....\$315.00
 Total.....\$5,100.00

CSMA Goal 2022.....\$5,891.00
 Met to date.....\$7,620.00
 Total exceeded \$1,729.00

St. Aloysius/Sacred Heart Catholic Church July 3, 2022

Envelopes.....\$1,672.00
 Loose.....\$0.00
 Special Collections/Other.....\$30.00
 Total.....\$1,702.00

CSMA Goal 2022.....\$3,831.00
 Met to date.....\$3,250.00
 Total needed \$581.00



**Our Sanctuary Candle for
the month of July is in
memory of:**

Richard "Dick" McPhail

**May the souls of the
faithful departed,
through the
mercy of God,
Rest In Peace**



Pray for our sick:

Virginia Calonne	David Dobill	Carolyn Freeman
June Glenski	Mark Glodich	Georgina Levanti
Bernard Mbidoaka	Karen Jamrozek	Jonny King
Dale Krepel	Art Lenzini	Teddy Richardson
Bill Levanti	Mary Snider	Mike & Glenda Doyle
Peter Popit	Albena Rice	Jim Wangler
Eric Westray	Susan Dragovich	Jean Kretz
Brian Krepel	Lisa Maleski	Bob Townsend
Rick McLaskey	Kay Levanti	Mayce Thompson
C. W. Stillely		

St. John's School is Hiring

St John the Baptist Catholic School is hiring a teacher's aid to help with the Pre-k class for the 2022-2023 school year. Please contact Kay Levanti at 618-937-2017 Tue. Wed. Thu. Between 8:00 a.m. and noon.

St. John the Baptist School 2022-2023 Registration

St. John the Baptist Catholic School continues to accept registration applications for the 2022-2023 school year. We will be teaching grades Pre-K through 8th grade, we follow the National Standards of Education in all subjects, including music and art, we are Chromebook 1 to each student, we offer Band to grades 5-8, we are rebuilding our sports program and we allow Christ in our school with classes in religion and weekly mass. Please see our website for more information at: letyourfaithsoar.com. Or call 618-937-2017.

Knights of Columbus



Chicken & Dumplings Dinner

Sunday, July 24th

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

St. John's Community Center

\$8.00

GOSPEL MEDITATION

We can learn a great deal from Mister Rogers. Remember him? He was the gentle soul who found his way into living rooms worldwide starting as far back as 1968. Mister Rogers' Neighborhood was a beloved program that celebrated and exalted people, especially children. He taught us that we are neighbors and that everyone has a place. Everyone matters. He had a vision, born of his relationship with God that highlighted every human life's innocence, beauty, and uniqueness. To that end, he called us to be responsible for each other, saying nothing different than what Jesus said. Viewers quickly learned that life is not just about me.

"We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say, 'It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.' Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes (Fred Rogers)." It is so easy to look the other way. After all, I'm not the one who needs to leave home out of fear and try to find somewhere safe. I am not the one who is hungry and without shelter or food. I am not the one who has a child being bullied or ridiculed because of the way they dress or act. I am not the one being threatened with violence or unable to find meaningful work. The distress and agony of our neighbors are our distress and agony. We cannot walk by it with an attitude of indifference, especially if we call ourselves believers. When we no longer care, we have suffocated our souls. This is a great sin.

God's law "is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out." We all have a need for love and acceptance. That's why Mister Rogers' television show was so popular. It spoke to something deeper, something sacred about humanity. God didn't give us his law in a book. He wrote it on our hearts. We know what we need to do. It's a matter of choice. Love is sacred. When we love another human being, especially without regard for ourselves, it is a holy moment. These moments are often missed due to our self-serving agendas and rules.

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Observances for the Week of July 10, 2022

Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Benedict, Abbot

Tuesday:

Wednesday: St. Henry

Thursday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Friday: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

The Lectio Divina

What is Lectio Divina, and how is it associated with the Benedictine Monastic tradition, whose founder, St. Benedict, we honor on July 11?

Benedict desired his monks to live in community, praying the Liturgy of the Hours together, contemplating sacred texts, and doing manual labor. The monks developed a technique to facilitate a spiritual and devotional reading of the Bible known as Lectio Divina, the holy reading of a text. This method encourages the reader to hear the biblical text with an open heart and focus on whatever God wants to highlight and then apply it to daily life.

There are variations on Lectio Divina, but essentially, the technique consists of a three-step process of reflection. When the reflection is done with a group, the responses are shared by all the participants. Once the text is selected, it is read meditatively, and the following are then explored: a word or phrase that attracts you; how and where the content of this reading touches your life today; what you believe that God wants you to do during this coming week (month, year, lifetime).

Thanks to Benedict, the Christian community has been gifted with this special way of entering into the biblical text. This week, use the Lectio Divina process on one of the readings for the coming Sunday and make a note of the life connections you are making. How is this reflection on the biblical text drawing you closer to God and others?

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Reading for the Week of July 10, 2022

Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9])/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-2

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21

Vacation Bible School A Radical Ride on the Wings of Prayer

July 11th-15th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. In the air conditioned classrooms of St. John the Baptist Catholic School

Join us for Faith lessons, Music, Games, Crafts and Snacks.

Contact Ms. Debbie at 618-889-0791 for more information.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

What Jesus Doesn't Say

"If Jesus wanted us to (fill in the blank), he would have said so."

We hear this argument applied to every controversial topic under the sun — and even some not-so-controversial topics, too. Whenever someone is trying to make a case for a decision they have already made, they call in Jesus' scriptural silence on the matter as their expert, unimpeachable witness.

And sure, there's much Jesus doesn't talk about in the Gospels. But by this logic, we would have to assume that Jesus doesn't care, for instance, if we drive well over the speed limit (he doesn't discuss cars and highways in the Bible) or what we do online (he never mentions the Internet or web-sites at all!), when we know that certainly is just not the case.

Like the scholar of the Jewish law who challenges Jesus to define who exactly his "neighbor" is, we can argue semantics all we want. But if we rest in prayer and look deep into our hearts, we know what path we need to take, and it's usually not the easy one.

I find that I do this plenty in ways that are far more subtle. I lament that the situation facing me is not sufficiently "black and white." I become frustrated by the shades of moral grey and toss up my hands, claiming I don't know what the right answer is, insisting that I can't be blamed for the ramifications of whatever decision I make.

What I need to be doing in these situations is asking God for His guidance, even if it makes me nervous. I need to be like the scholar. He was brave enough to ask, even though I think he knew he wouldn't particularly like the answer. Let's strive for that same courage.



Saint Henry was born in 972 to Henry, Duke of Bavaria, Germany, and his wife Gisela of Burgundy. Saint Henry's early life was permeated with Christianity, among those who guided his education was Bishop Wolfgang of Ratisbon, who became a saint himself. In 995, Saint Henry succeeded his father as Duke of Bavaria, and in 1002, upon the death of his cousin, Otho III, he was elected emperor. In 1014, Saint Henry undertook the long journey from Germany to Rome to be crowned Holy Roman Emperor by Pope Benedict XIII.

In 1022 Saint Henry assisted Pope Benedict VIII in holding the Council of Pavia, which promoted clerical celibacy and sought to end simony (the buying and selling of ecclesiastical goods and offices). During his reign, Saint Henry used his wealth and position for the Church. He confirmed Benedict's authority over Rome, was a patron of churches and monasteries, supported the Cluniac Reforms, restored episcopal sees, and founded the Diocese of Bamberg where he built a cathedral.


Saint Henry was married to Cunigunde of Luxembourg, to whom he was incredibly devoted. Although disputed by some historians, some stories of the couple's marriage report they took vows of chastity because their union was childless. Saint Henry died in July of 1024 and was canonized in 1146 by Pope Eugene III.



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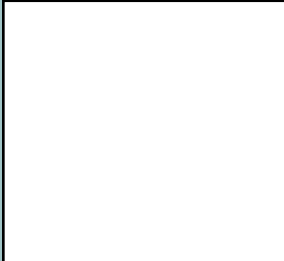
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