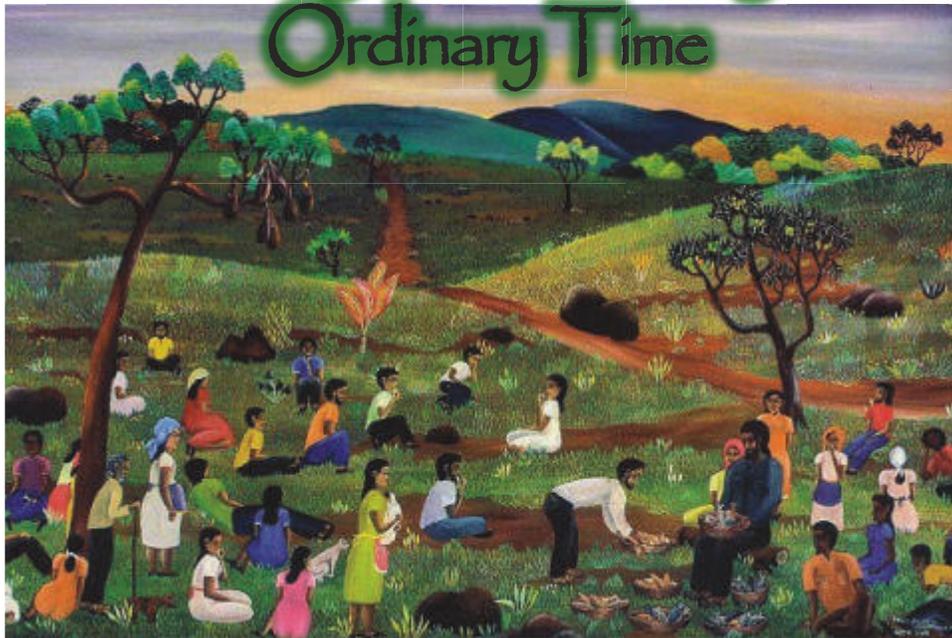


Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Gathering Song



1. Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns a-dore him; Praise him an - gels, in the height;
2. Praise the Lord! for he is glo-rious; Nev - er shall his prom-ise fail;



1. Sun and moon, re - jice be - fore him; Praise him, all ye stars of light.
2. God has made his saints vic - to-rious; Sin and death shall not pre-vail.



1. Praise the Lord! for he has spo-ken; Worlds his might-y voice o - beyed;
2. Praise the God of our sal - va - tion! Hosts on high his pow'r pro-claim;



1. Laws which nev - er shall be bro - ken For their guid-ance he has made.
2. Heav'n, and earth, and all cre - a - tion, Laud and mag - ni - fy his name.

Penitential Act

Gloria — see sidebar

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I: Joshua 24.1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Response: Psalm 34



Taste and see the good-ness of the Lord.

Reading II: Ephesians 5.21-32

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Nicene Creed

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.

August 22, 2021

More "Blah, Blah, Blah" from Msgr. Mark

One never knows how quickly the USPS will deliver these days, but I am counting that most of you have received a letter from the me this

week. If not, you can probably expect it to show up in your mailbox soon. As I admit in the letter's opening paragraph, it's a bit on the long side. Those who know me aren't surprised by that. I hope you will make your way through all of it, even if initially you don't think you are being addressed.

The first part is a rehash of a bulletin column from several weeks back where I waxed nostalgic about the "normal times" before COVID 19. No clergy people I have bumped into were under the illusion that, just because Bishop Callahan lifted his dispensation from the obligation to attend worship back in June, all Catholics would come roaring back to Sunday Mass. I do see more people each weekend. Indeed, last Sunday at the 9:00 am liturgy we had to nudge people to sit closer to give everyone a seat. But there are many I haven't seen since COVID struck. Some are likely still not feeling safe in large crowds, and others are away for the summer ... but my real fear is that a goodly number have just fallen out of practice. But faith is like a fire. It must be fed if it is going to give light and warmth. And for Christians that has always meant Sunday worship.

So I am hoping some who have fallen out of the habit will read the letter and feel a bit of a tug. The tug is that I miss them and, more importantly, that they are missing out on something far better than just me. I am hoping you will assist me in praying for our parish and our missing members, and, if they are neighbors and family, that you give them a little tug yourselves.

But there are a couple more mundane matters in my long letter, too. **Like "What is the most helpful Lord's Day Mass schedule for us?"** Sunday at 7:30 am seems to have developed a lot of fans this summer, but I know there are some very determined lovers of the 5:30 pm Saturday liturgy as well. If we had the attendance and ministers to fill them both that would be sweet, but likely right now it will be an either/or. Help us know which will please you. Remember, for a ballot to count it needs to be signed. Just saying.

And, as just mentioned in passing, we once again are reaching out for liturgical ministers. The onset of COVID was the time that some of our most faithful Communion Ministers, Ushers, Readers, and Servers concluded it was time to hang up their spurs. So, on the lower part of the same sheet with the Mass survey is an invitation/begging note for you to step forward and offer your assistance. Sustaining a 7:30 am Sunday or 5:30 pm Saturday Mass option has everything to do with filling these roles. Hmm. Maybe if you want your strong opinion about the Mass time survey to carry extra weight, consider signing up on the liturgical minister part. Just saying.

Oh, and as a letter addition, on our parish website we've posted some brief encouraging remarks from fresh-faced and attractive parish members about what worship means to them ... and three more instructional chats about the "why" of Sunday worship and obligation from less attractive (and more dated) me. As we close up summer and return to the programming year, I hope you'll assist us to make things more "normal" again.

Msgr. Mark

Sunday, August 22

- 7:30am Mass at CR: For the Deceased Members of the Klos Family
- 9:00am Mass at CR: For the People of the Eastside Parishes
- 10:30am Mass at SM: +Fabian 'Buck' Stachowiak

NOTE: The rosary will be said beginning at 11:35 am before the Daily Masses. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will follow Mass.

Monday, August 23

St. Rose of Lima

- 5:30pm Mass at CR: +Deceased Members of the Schneider and Koltz Families
- 6:00pm Confessions at CR
- 6:30pm Men's Club Group in St. Michael Cafeteria

Tuesday, August 24

St. Bartholomew

- 12:10pm Mass at CR: +For the Deceased Members of the Steines Family
- 5:30pm Rosary and Novena at CR

Wednesday, August 25

St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz

- 12:10pm Mass at CR: +Jim Gassner

Thursday, August 26

- 12:10pm Mass at CR: +Anita Lewandowski

Friday, August 27

St. Monica

- 9:00am "What Catholics Believe" Bible Study at SM Office
- 12:10pm Mass at CR: Special Intention for Majella McIntyre

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, August 28

- 3:00pm Confessions at SM
- 4:00pm Mass at SM: +Angie, Joe Jr. and Donald Kucirek

Sunday, August 29

- 7:30am Mass at CR: For the People of the Eastside Parishes
- 9:00am Mass at CR: +Melissa Sue Boyle
- 10:30am Mass at SM: +Kathryn 'Kitty' Smith

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*Scripture Readings for this Week
can be found at:
<https://bible.usccb.org>*

Bulletin article submission deadline:
Monday at noon
bulletins@eastsideparishes.org

Readings for the Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 29

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8; James 1:17b-18,21b-22,27;
Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

The prominence accorded the Law in the Old Testament can seem a little dry, but that's not how the Jews see it. The Law is Israel's treasure, expressing and safeguarding their intimate covenant with God (so the warm feeling for the Law espoused by Moses in today's first reading). But the Jews were very aware how the human heart was prone to settle for "mere" minimums. That's the matter up for discussion in the Gospel portion. Like the prophets before him, Jesus points out that exterior observance doesn't make you right before God. It takes the gift of your whole person (described here as "the heart"). *What in your personal and religious life is more external observance than a matter of the heart?*

If your household didn't receive Fr. Mark's letter with the **Mass Survey and Volunteer Opportunities**, please call either parish office to "place your vote" for Mass times by September 1 or to receive a copy of the mailing. St. Michael 715-842-4283 and Resurrection 715-845-6715.

Mission Co-Operative Visitor for this summer: Fr. Thomas Nirappel



When this area was initially opened to European settlement, the Church wasn't far behind. Missionary priests would follow the rivers that served as highways into this region and gather Irish, French-Canadian, and German settlers to establish the Church. Their salaries, catechetical books, and materials for building mission stations were often paid for by mission societies made up of clergy and laity in Germany and France where the Catholic community was already well established. Now it is our turn. So, annually all the parishes of the Diocese welcome a priest or religious from the emerging Church to speak about the growth and needs of the home where the faith is expanding. August 21-22 we will host Fr. Thomas Nirappel. Fr. Thomas is from India and will speak about the work of his order, the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales. Currently working in the Diocese of La Crosse, he is the Pastor of St. Adalbert in Rosholt. Do welcome him.

A Missionary Co-op Program envelope is attached to this bulletin. Please return your contribution in the weekly collection or to either parish office (write checks out to either St. Michael or Church of the Resurrection). Thank you!

Please remember all of our homebound and hospitalized parishioners from Resurrection and St. Michael Parishes in your prayers this week.

Resurrection Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of:
John and Katie Bretl

St. Michael Votive Candles burn:

- In memory of Jerry Vokral
- In memory of Tom Vick
- In memory of Chester and Margaret Kwarciany
- For successful medical treatment for Jennifer Vokral

Friday Morning Men's Group revving it engines to begin Friday, September 17/24??, at 6:30 am

Men are ... well, different. When the topics stray from the Packers, work, and the like, many of them find it hard to know what to say. One remedy is a Men's Group: a study and discussion group for men only. Before COVID our 6:30-7:45 am group who gathered for discussion, prayer, and a light breakfast was doing well. But after an 18-month hiatus, Fr. Mark is calling us back beginning on September 17/24?? in Francis Hall at Resurrection. The launch pad for our meetings will be a book: **The Unbroken Thread: Discovering the Wisdom of Tradition in an Age of Chaos** by Sohrab Ahmari.

A simple light breakfast will be served. Call 715-842-4283 to get on the list.

Sign Up!

How about an adult study of faith?

On Tuesday nights, starting September 21, Fr. Mark will again lead whomever he can gather into a general adult study of faith he calls **Catholicism 101**. We will meet about a dozen times before Christmas and pick up again in late January. We'll tackle topics big and small, like: What will make me whole and happy? ... How can we know there's a God? ... How does one pray like an adult? ... What is the role of Mary, the saints, and the pope in our tradition? These sessions would be especially helpful for those who somehow missed Confirmation, who were raised in other Church traditions and want to understand the Catholic way, or who suspect good things might come from blowing the cobwebs off what they learned as kids. We will make this fun. To get on the list, contact Fr. Mark at 715-842-4283 or frmarkpierce@gmail.com.

COVID procedures at Sunday Masses at the Eastside Parishes last updated August 8, 2021

ACTION PLAN			
WHO	WHAT	WHEN	HOW

As the expectations have changed over the last few weeks, here's a rundown of our current procedures at worship:

- For the unvaccinated, the continued wearing of face coverings and social distancing is encouraged but not required; those who have been vaccinated are welcome to mask as they see fit.
- Most of each church will be available for seating with two exceptions: first, the pew at the front and the pew at the back of each section will continue to have an empty "buffer" row (behind or ahead of it) for those who would welcome more space between them and others. And for the near future, the 7:30 am Mass at Resurrection will continue to require 6' distancing and the wearing of masks by all.
- Taking the offering "passively" at the entrances of the church will continue for now.
- Our current Mass schedule (one on Saturday late afternoon and three on Sunday morning) is only for the time being, and we expect to adjust worship times again as we edge our way back to "normal."

Stay tuned. Things change.



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Church of the Resurrection

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Fiscal Year-to-date Contributions	\$71,969.73

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Electronic Contributions.....	<u>\$2,475.00</u>
Weekly Total.....	\$8,528.50
Fiscal Year-to-date Contributions....	\$72,664.75



August 15, 2021

Cash contributions this week.....	\$4,050.00
Electronic contributions this week.....	<u>\$2,572.75</u>
"We Believe" weekly total	\$6,622.75

Total "We Believe" cash contributions to date \$1,147,503.92

Total pledges (including friends' match)..... \$1,341,987.43
(not counting St. Ambrose Financial Services interest forgiveness)

Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation – Registration Open



Registration forms, calendars, and information are available on our website for both Faith Formation (K-12), and Sacramental Preparation (typically 2nd grade for 1st Reconciliation and Communion, and typically 10th grade for Confirmation).

Faith Formation has new resources and textbooks for elementary, middle, and high school. Detailed information is in the Faith Formation Handbook available online, as well as in the hard copy registration packets in the back of church. Middle and high school will be highlighting a comprehensive youth ministry focus within the class sessions and beyond (for special events like retreats and service experiences.)

Contact Michelle by phone at **715.842.1810** or email michelle@eastsideparishes.org with questions.

Go to www.eastsideparishes.org/ff today to access registration forms and other helpful information.

Volunteers are needed...Faith-filled people, with a love for God who would like to share in the invitation to "let the little children come to Him", and our middle and high school youth, too, are invited to prayerfully consider becoming a catechist, catechist aide or small-group leader. Resources are provided for those who choose to serve with any of the age groups.

St. James Fraternity of the Secular Franciscans will meet on Sunday, September 12, at 2:00 pm at Krasowski Hall at St. Michael Church. Reflection 11 is the study lesson. Guests are welcome. For more information call Lora at 715-845-8927.

Resurrection Parish

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Deacon	Rev. Mr. John P. McDonnell
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Director of Music and Liturgy	Tom Lella
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Weekend Masses

St. Michael: 4:00 pm on Saturday and 10:30 am on Sunday
Church of the Resurrection: 7:30 am and 9:00 am on Sunday

Weekday Masses

Resurrection: 5:30 pm on Mon. and 12:10 pm Tues.-Fri.

Reconciliation

Church of the Resurrection: 6:00 pm Monday
St. Michael: 3:00 pm Saturday

Reconciliation is also available by appointment.



To the Parents of Young Children.....

"Angel Bags" are once again available at each of the churches. Each bag contains a book, small tablet with crayons, a pencil, a book, etc. to be used during Mass. We ask that you return the bags to the hooks after Mass. They will be refreshed during the week by some volunteers.

If you have to leave Mass with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. Each church has a gathering area you may go to and St. Michael's has a Children's Chapel in the back of church. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

Pat Esselman
Parishioner



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The Universal Prayer

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts and Altar

Preface Dialogue

Eucharistic Acclamations — *see sidebar*

Song During the Communion Procession



One bread, one bod - y, one Lord of all,
one cup of bless - ing which we bless. And
we, though man - y, through-out the earth,
we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

Song after the Final Blessing

Refrain
We are called, we are cho-sen. We are Christ for one an-oth-er. We are
prom-ised to to-mor-row, while we are for him to-day. We are
sign, we are won-der. We are sow-er, we are seed. We are
har-vest, we are hun-ger. We are ques-tion, we are creed.

Verses
1. Then where can we stand jus - ti - fied? In what can we be - lieve? In no one
2. Then how are we to stand at all, this world of bend - ed knee? In noth - ing
1. else but he who suf - fered, noth - ing more than he who rose.
2. more than bar - ren shad - ows. No one else but he could save us.
Who was jus - tice for the poor. Who was rage a - gainst the night.
Who was hope for peace - ful peo - ple. Who was light.

to Refrain

EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION

Holy, Holy, Holy
Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth
are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he,
blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

MYSTERY OF FAITH

Save us, Savior of the world,
for by your Cross
and Resurrection
you have set us free.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in
heaven, hallowed be thy
name; thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth as
it is in heaven. Give us this
day our daily bread; and
forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who
trespass against us;
and lead us not
into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

*Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil...
and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.*

For the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
are yours, now and forever.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Behold the Lamb of God, behold him
who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper
of the Lamb.*

Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter
under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul
shall be healed.

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