

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Gathering Song

1. For the fruits of all cre - a - tion, Thanks be to
 2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is
 3. For the har - vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to

God. For the gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion,
 done. In the help we give our neigh - bor,
 God. For the good we all in - her - it,

Thanks be to God. For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing,
 God's will is done. In our world - wide task of car - ing
 Thanks be to God. For the won - ders that a - stound us,

Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing, Fu - ture needs in
 For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing, In the har - vests
 For the truths that still con - found us, Most of all, that

earth's safe keep - ing, Thanks be to God.
 we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 love has found us, Thanks be to God.

Penitential Act

Gloria — see sidebar

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I: Isaiah 35.4-7a

Response: Psalm 146



Praise the Lord, my soul! Praise the Lord, my soul!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, my soul!

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.

September 5, 2021

Parish Life

Weekly Schedule

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

The polls closed on Wednesday, September 1, in our Sunday Mass Survey, with 456 parishioners represented in the 243 individual

forms returned. There were a handful of creative write-in appeals for some "outside-the-box" thinking on our part ... like an (additional?) earlier Mass at St. Michael's or a later Mass at Resurrection. I gave these a few moments consideration for, with two priests on staff, if there was ever a chance for creativity this is it ... but then again, he and I have already committed to fill-in at other parishes for some clergy who are planning on some Sunday absences in the next months. Next spring we will face the question as to whether Fr. Joe will be reassigned or not (and if so whether another associate will take his place). The wisest move then seems to be that whatever Mass schedule we shape, it needs to be able to be covered by a single priest.

So, with the thoroughly exciting and creative possibilities taken off the table, totaling first and second choices, here is how the attendance numbers stacked up:

4:00pm SM 190	5:30pm CR 160		
7:30am CR 68	8:30am CR 163	9:00am CR 164	10:30am SM 135

The clear winners it seems are those proposing "let's go back to what we had going before COVID interrupted our lives." The fans of the return of the 5:30pm Saturday night option outpowered those preferring an early 7:30am Mass. Nudging back the Sunday morning Mass time at Resurrection to 9:00am beat out the former 8:30am option by one vote, but there were many more "first choice" votes for 8:30am than 9:00am. So I must cast my own ballot for 8:30am ... as on those weekends when I have been alone on Sunday morning, fitting in 10:30am at St. Michael's right after 9:00am at Resurrection, has been a tight squeeze.

We talked it over at the Pastoral Council Meeting this week, and came to the consensus that, starting the weekend of September 18-19, our Sunday Mass schedule will be (and will return to) the following:

4:00pm at St. Michael Parish
5:30pm at Resurrection Parish
8:30am at Resurrection Parish
10:3 am at St. Michael Parish

Thanks for sharing your opinions on all of this (even the "outside-the-box" ones).

Though it wasn't on the survey, there were several fervent unsolicited "thank you's" for our providing one liturgy where social distancing, masking, and limited singing have been on the docket. So, for the common good and for the near future, those elements will transfer from the soon-to-disappear 7:30am Mass to the returning 5:30pm Saturday Mass. As we say elsewhere in the bulletin, "Stay tuned. Things change."

Msgr. Mark Pierce

Sunday, September 5

7:30am Mass at CR: For the People of the Eastside Parishes
9:00am Mass at CR: +Marsha Dunn
10:30am Mass at SM: +Alexius Wieloch

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

Monday, September 6

Labor Day

8:30am Mass at CR: +Francis, Bernice and Gerald Shallow

Tuesday, September 7

12:10pm Mass at CR: +Jacob Wieloch
3:00pm Mass at Primrose: +For the Deceased Members of the Sobkowiak Family
5:30pm Rosary and Novena at CR

Wednesday, September 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:10pm Mass at CR: +Fr. Steve Gross
6:00pm Catechist Meeting at SM

Thursday, September 9

St. Peter Claver

12:10pm Mass at CR: +John Treptow

Friday, September 10

9:00am "What Catholics Believe" Bible Study at SM Parish Office
12:10pm Mass at CR: +Sue Miller

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, September 11

3:00pm Confessions at SM
4:00pm Mass at SM: +Angie Kucirek

Sunday, September 12

7:30am Mass at CR: For the People of the Eastside Parishes
8:30am Mass at CR: For the Deceased Members of the Presl Family
10:30am Mass at SM: +Jean Lierman
1:30pm Book Club Discussion Group at CR FH

CR - Church of the Resurrection • SM - St. Michael Church

Scripture Readings: <https://bible.usccb.org>

Mass for Labor Day, September 6, at 8:30 am. Our weekly worship schedule usually calls for an "after work" Monday Mass option, but since Monday the 6th is Labor Day and a holiday ... we will move the Mass for that day only from its usual 5:30 pm time to 8:30 am at Resurrection.



Church of the Resurrection: 715-845-6715
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Website: eastsideparishes.org

Readings for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 12

Isaiah 50:5-9a; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-38

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks about the suffering he will experience when he faithfully carries out his mission as the Christ. Unlike the servant of God in the passage from Isaiah, and unlike Jesus himself, Peter objects to the idea. The movement in today's Gospel is an apt description of the struggles of discipleship. Peter "took [Jesus] aside"—stepping out of the action, so to speak. But Jesus "turned around," squarely facing his disciples and what lay ahead, telling Peter to "get behind me," and follow him on this way through suffering and death into Resurrection. The disciple, like Jesus himself, must resolutely go forward on the path to which he is called, certain that with the Lord God for his help, he shall not be disgraced. *What struggles of discipleship—the tendency to turn away from the path the Lord ordains for you—are going on in your life?*

Are You Homebound Due to Health Concerns? You Can Have Holy Communion Brought to You...

September 3 was the first Friday of the month, and in a Church custom that goes back centuries, First Friday is a regular occasion to take Holy Communion to those who are bound to their home due to age or illness. There are a dozen Communion Ministers at the Eastside Parishes who reach out to dozens of people this way right now. If you would like to have Communion brought to your home, call the parish office, 715-842-4283, to put in your request.

Opportunities for Sunday Worship, a Daily Message, and Formation on the Mass on our Website

Believe it or not, this bulletin isn't everything we have to tell you at the Eastside Parishes. For those with internet access, there are daily and weekly messages you can access through our website: eastsideparishes.org. For example, there we livestream the 9:00 am Sunday Mass (and there it can be reviewed through the next week). That's where you also can find an audio-only "daily reflection on the Scriptures" posted by Fr. Mark or Fr. Joe. And currently we have three 15-minute messages from Fr. Mark about the importance of Lord's Day worship for your consideration, as well as some much briefer words of encouragement on the importance of Sunday Mass by some of our members. Give it a look!



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:
Chester and Margaret Kwarciany

St. Michael Votive Candles burn:

- In memory of Tom Vick
- In memory of Geraldine Krolikowski
- In memory of Raymond Krolikowski
- In memory of Elmer and Blanche Bootz
 - For good health of D.K.
- For good health and successful heart procedure for Paul Michalski
 - For special intentions

Friday Morning Men's Group revving its engines to begin Friday, September 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 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.



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 25, 2021

Bishop Callahan sent us a COVID update on August 24th generally telling us to stay the course we are already on. Here's a rundown of our current procedures at worship:

- For the unvaccinated, the continued wearing of face coverings and social distancing remain strongly recommended; with the delta variant gaining steam, even those who have been vaccinated are encouraged to mask at Mass and at other parish events.
- Most of each church will be available for seating with two exceptions: first, the pews at the very front and the very 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.
- Sanitizing of "high-touch" areas (pew tops, door handles, etc.) will continue per the CDC recommendations.



Stay tuned. Things change.



St. Michael Parish

Church of the Resurrection

Adult Envelopes/Offertory	\$7,841.01
Electronic Contributions.....	\$0.00
Weekly Total	\$7,841.01
Fiscal Year-to-date Contributions	\$89,269.24

Adult Envelopes/Offertory	\$10,554.55
Electronic Contributions	\$0.00
Weekly Total.....	\$10,554.55
Fiscal Year-to-date Contributions.....	\$90,479.30



Cash contributions this week.....	\$555.00
Electronic contributions this week.....	\$0.00
"We Believe" weekly total	\$555.00

Total "We Believe" cash contributions to date \$1,148,928.92

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

An Update (and a Word of Appreciation) on the St. Joseph Cathedral Rebuild in La Crosse

The restoration of stone facing of the Cathedral is progressing well, and it is anticipated that the work will reach completion late this Fall. You are invited to view the Cathedral's website where they have provided updates on the construction, as well as live construction cams, allowing you to watch the work. This need could never have been addressed had it not been for the support of many. The Christ Our Cornerstone campaign kicked off with a target of \$6.1 million in January 2021, and with 2200 donors (and the St. Ambrose Financial Services match) we have reached the goal. Bishop Callahan extends his sincere appreciation to all who carried out this work through their participation, pledge payments and prayers. If you wish to review the whole message, see this Vimeo link: <https://vimeo.com/588061083>

To Touch is To Heal, To Heal is To Touch

September 2021

**"Oh Lord, I have come to you for protection, don't let me be disgraced.
Save me, for you do what is right."** Psalm 31:1

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Fall is fast approaching, and you can smell it in the air. So much is happening in the news it makes my head spin. Many challenges and controversies appear daily as children return to school. What will be next?

This month I am looking forward and backward. **Reminiscing** is an important part of life. It is very healthful for people of all ages, but it is especially therapeutic for the elderly. However, as children return to school, it could be time for children to reminisce about the last school year.

When I visit with members of the Eastside Parishes, I am always fascinated and interested with listening to their life stories. I have learned so much about the community and what it was like years ago. It would be such a shame for our parishioners' stories not to be passed on. Sharing the ways that God has been faithful and merciful to us is indeed a privilege and a blessing.

If you are a storyteller, or the listener, record these precious stories and memories. Encourage the person to share their feelings as well as their experiences. A journal, the computer, photos, perhaps audio with a title of "Thanks for the memories."

10 Ways to Have a Happy, Healthy Week

Spend Time Worshipping – in your home, church, personal devotions
Smile

Take Care of Yourself – eat right, exercise regularly, and rest well

Find Quiet Time – for planning, thinking, praying and thanking

Accept Mixed Feelings -happy, sad, frustrated, afraid, and thankful

Seek Help – from family, friends, neighbors, church family

Sing Along – with the radio, with the children, with the cantor

Give Gifts Within Your Budget – you are the best gift to people

Enjoy and Celebrate Each Day – alone, with family, friends, and your faith community

In All of the Above – Celebrate the JOY of Christ's Presence. He is always with us.



**"Blessings crown the head of the righteous.
The memory of the righteous will be a blessing.** Proverbs 10: 6-7

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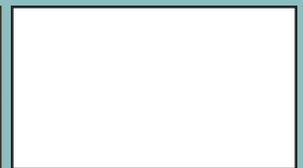
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Reading II: James 2.1-5

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Mark 7.31-37

Profession of Faith: Nicene Creed — see sidebar on front

The Universal Prayer

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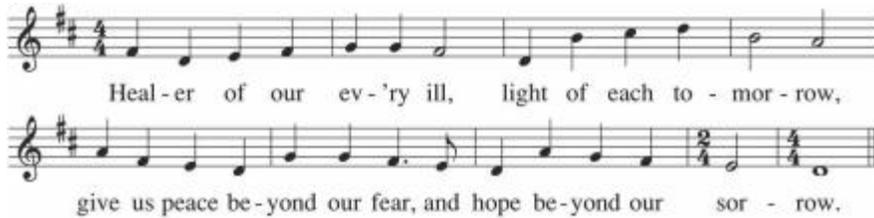
Preparation of Gifts and Altar



Preface Dialogue

Eucharistic Acclamations — see sidebar

Song During the Communion Procession — Cantor first, then assembly



Song after the Final Blessing



EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION

**Holy, Holy, Holy
Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth
are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
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.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

MYSTERY OF FAITH

**When we eat this Bread
and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.**

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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