

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Gathering Song

1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but
 3. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but

call your name? Will you go where
 call your name? Will you care for
 call my name. Let me turn and

you don't know And nev - er be the same?
 cruel and kind And nev - er be the same?
 fol - low you And nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, Will you
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare Should your
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go Where your

let my name be known, Will you let my
 life at - tract or scare? Will you let me
 love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and

life be grown In you and you in me?
 an - swer prayer In you and you in me?
 live and grow In you and you in me.

Penitential Act

Gloria — see sidebar

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 12, 2021

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

Checking the news can be a real drag these days. Fires in the west, hurricanes in the south, floods in the east, and our ongoing efforts every-

where to outwit the coronavirus. And then there are the troubles beyond our borders, like the aftermath of the earthquake in Haiti and the trials of refugees in Afghanistan. Even when we aren't in the cross-hairs of the upset, such woes can tempt us to withdraw into our shells.

But there is another response, a healthier (more Christian) one. Each of these concerns is bigger than we are, but rather than just sitting on our hands and feeling overwhelmed, there are things to do within our reach ... small things and bigger things ... ways we can shake our fists at the Chaos all around and say, "But you won't have the last word." Here are a couple examples.

The people of Haiti have had a terrible August, first with the August 14 earthquake and then with Hurricane Grace. We don't have to invent a way of responding though. Our Catholic community has been working in Haiti for a very long time through **Catholic Relief Services**. They know the land, the people, the needs. If you have been part of our Lenten Operation Rice Bowl effort, you have actually been a contributor to CRS. Maybe we could step up and assist them with a special gift for Haiti? If you are computer-savvy, check their website at www.crs.org or, if it is simpler for you, send a gift through the mail to CRS, 228 W. Lexington St.; Baltimore, MD 21201-3443. [Be sure to mark "Haiti Relief" on the check's memo line.]

And then there are the Afghans, not a world away, but temporarily housed at Fort McCoy less than two hours south of us. Nearly all of these families are arriving here only with the clothes on their backs. The work of resettlement is being sorted out and organized by a variety of church and governmental agencies, and it's going to take months. **Catholic Charities** in our diocese has specifically taken on the task of responding to immediate personal and comfort needs for those currently at Fort McCoy (clothing, child-care, and hygiene items, etc.). Catholic Charities has, for example, set up gift registries through Amazon Smile, Target, and Walmart where donors can purchase needed items and have them shipped directly to CC for redistribution. An updated list of the kind of items they welcome, and links to the registries and a way to donate to Catholic Charities directly, can be found at their website: cclse.org/afghanistan-refugee-assistance. The CC folks are very clear that right now they do not want used items or household appliances, electronics or food, unless specifically specified in the donation lists. Again, I am quite sure that they would welcome monetary gifts for the general cause through their USPS address as well at 3710 East Ave. S.; La Crosse, WI 54601. [Be sure to mark "Afghan Relief" on the check's memo line.]

If you are daring, have special expertise in the legal, social work, counseling, or medical field, and have one or more weeks to share, they might also use your volunteer time. The folks at Catholic Charities are a little overwhelmed sorting through the offers at the moment, so if you are interested, the best thing to do is to send them an email at info@cclse.org and wait.

My point is, in the end, there is no reason to feel helpless or overwhelmed. The healthiest way to respond to the terror of the times is in being part of the solution.

Msgr. Mark Pierce

Sunday, September 12

- 7:30am Mass at CR: For the People of the Eastside Parishes
- 9:00am 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

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

Monday, September 13

St. John Chrysostom

- 5:30pm Mass at CR: +Jude Martell
- 6:00pm Confessions at CR

Tuesday, September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- 12:10pm Mass at CR: +Henry Brzezinski
- 12:45pm Adoration at CR
- 3:00pm Mass at Forest Park: +Judy Wieloch
- 5:30pm Rosary and Novena at CR

Wednesday, September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

- 6:00am Study of the Catechism at CR Conference Room
- 12:10pm Mass at CR: +Roy Kocik
- 6:15pm Faith Formation Parent Meeting (K-12) at SM Cafeteria

Thursday, September 16

Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian

- 12:10pm Mass at CR: +Paula Yastic

Friday, September 17

St. Robert Bellarmine

- 9:00am "What Catholics Believe" Bible Study at SM Parish Office
- 12:10pm Mass at CR: For the Living and Deceased Members of the Pitterle Family

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, September 18

- 9:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry at SM Gathering Space
- 3:00pm Confessions at SM
- 4:00pm Mass at SM: +Norbert and Helen Berens
- 5:30pm Mass at CR: For the People of the Eastside Parishes

Sunday, September 19

- 8:30am Mass at CR: +Delores Hackel
- 10:30am Mass at SM: +Henry Brzezinski
- 6:00pm Faith Formation for High School at SM

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

Scripture Readings can be found at:
<https://bible.usccb.org>

Church of the Resurrection: 715-845-6715
St. Michael Parish: 715-842-4283
Website: eastsideparishes.org

Readings for Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 19

Wisdom 2:12,17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

Today's scriptures give us a long grim look into the shadowy side of human existence, confronting us with our own inner darkness. Who of us cannot resonate with James' words about jealousy and selfish ambition? Who of us cannot recognize the "wars and conflicts" raging not only among nations but also on a smaller scale—workplace, family, even within ourselves? Where do these come from? The Letter of James attributes them all to self-centered desires. Notice the words that James uses to describe this dynamic—covet, kill, envy, fight, wage war—all with the goal of possessing for oneself. If it's any comfort, Jesus' disciples in today's Gospel are good company, arguing among themselves about who was the greatest. *What conflicts do you experience in your own life? What is their source and resolution?*

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Liturgy Schedule "Returns to Normal" Starting September 18-19

After all was said and done, the response to the August Mass Time Survey is to return to the Sunday schedule as the Eastside Parishes worshipped before COVID. The switcheroo starts next weekend. Here is how it will look:

- 4:00 pm at St. Michael Parish**
(preceded by Confessions at 3:00 pm)
- 5:30 pm at Resurrection Parish**
(social distancing and masking continues)
- 8:30 am at Resurrection Parish**
(preceded by Confessions at 7:30 am)
- 10:30 am at St. Michael**

Friday Morning Men's Group is 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.

To get on the list for either of these groups, contact Fr. Mark at 715-842-4283 or frmarkpierce@gmail.com.

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.



St. Michael Parish welcomes **Lincoln Olivier Tatro**, son of Brian and Monica Tatro, who baptized on August 28, 2021; and **Sophie Marie Schmidt**, daughter of Jordan and Susan Schmidt, who was baptized on September 5, 2021.



The Eastside Parishes extend their sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of:
Aaron Wicker, who died on September 6, 2021; and
Lou Close, who died on September 8, 2021.

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 custom that goes back centuries, it is a regular occasion for Holy Communion to be taken to those who are homebound due to age or illness. Being at home because you want to avoid exposing yourself to COVID is another good reason to welcome the sacrament. If you would like to have Communion brought to your home, call the parish office, 715-842-4283, to put in your request.

COVID procedures at Sunday Masses at the Eastside Parishes last updated September 8, 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:

ACTION PLAN			
WHO	WHAT	WHEN	HOW

- With the completion of the railings along the ramp on the McClellan Street entrance at the Church of the Resurrection, all the doors to both churches are now open for the first time in eighteen months!
- 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 until it "goes away," the 7:30 am Mass at Resurrection will 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 CDC recommendations.

Stay tuned. Things change.



St. Michael Parish

Adult Envelopes/Offertory	\$7,321.50
Electronic Contributions.....	<u>\$3,065.50</u>
Weekly Total	\$10,387.00
Fiscal Year-to-date Contributions	\$96,590.74

Church of the Resurrection

Adult Envelopes/Offertory	\$9,581.22
Electronic Contributions	<u>\$2,085.00</u>
Weekly Total.....	\$11,666.22
Fiscal Year-to-date Contributions.....	\$102,145.52



September 5, 2021

Cash contributions this week.....	\$610.00
Electronic contributions this week.....	\$500.00
"We Believe" weekly total	\$1,110.00

Total "We Believe" cash contributions to date \$1,150,038.92

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



Jesus Welcomes You for a Visit through Eucharistic Adoration this Tues., Sept. 14

As we settle into our fall routine, why not make time with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist part of that routine? Exposition and Adoration will begin at 12:30 pm at the Church of the Resurrection and conclude at 6:30 pm. Prayer materials will be available to aid your conversation with Him.



Written by Benedict XVI for his visit to Ground Zero in 2008

O God of love, compassion, and healing, look on us, people of many different faiths and traditions, who gather today at this site, the scene of incredible violence and pain.

We ask you in your goodness to give eternal light and peace to all who died here—the heroic first-responders ... along with all the innocent men and women who were victims of this tragedy simply because their work or service brought them here on September 11, 2001.

We ask you, in your compassion to bring healing to those who, because of their presence here that day, suffer from injuries and illness. Heal, too, the pain of still-grieving families and all who lost loved ones in this tragedy. Give them strength to continue their lives with courage and hope.

We are mindful as well of those who suffered death, injury, and loss on the same day at the Pentagon and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Our hearts are one with theirs as our prayer embraces their pain and suffering.

God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the earth. Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred.

God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events. Grant that those whose lives were spared may live so that the lives lost here may not have been lost in vain.

Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all.

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 (8:30 am beginning September 19) Sunday Mass (and there it can be reviewed through the next week). It'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:
John and Katie Bretl

St. Michael Votive Candles burn:

- In memory of Chester and Margaret Kwarciany
 - In memory of Tom Vick
 - For good health for Dennis L.
- For good health for Jim and Cathy Rose
 - For good health for Lakyn
 - For good health for D.K.

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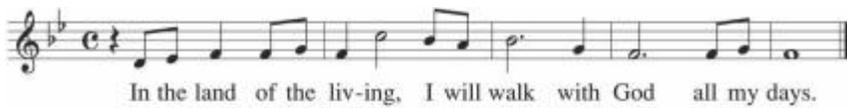
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Gloria — see sidebar

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I: Isaiah 50.4c-9a

Response: Psalm 116



In the land of the liv-ing, I will walk with God all my days.

Reading II: James 2.14-18

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Mark 8.27-35

Profession of Faith: Nicene Creed — see sidebar on front

The Universal Prayer



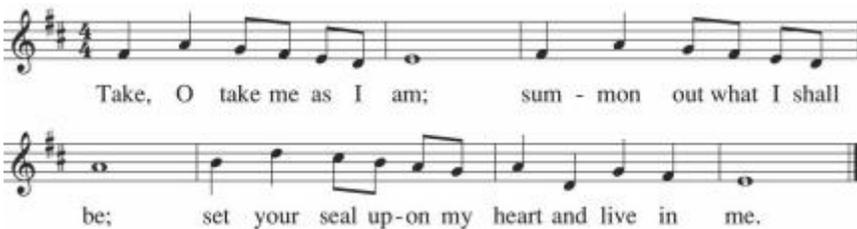
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts and Altar

Preface Dialogue

Eucharistic Acclamations — see sidebar

Song During the Communion Procession — Cantor first, then assembly



Song of Praise — please rise and sing



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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