

St. Stanislaus

Parish Family

June 20, 2021
12th Sunday
In Ordinary Time

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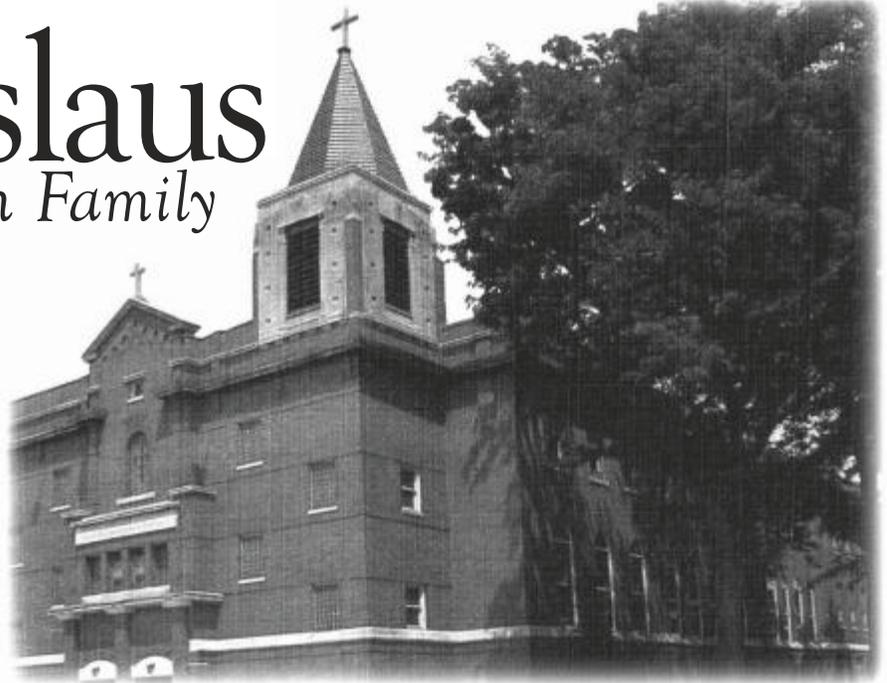
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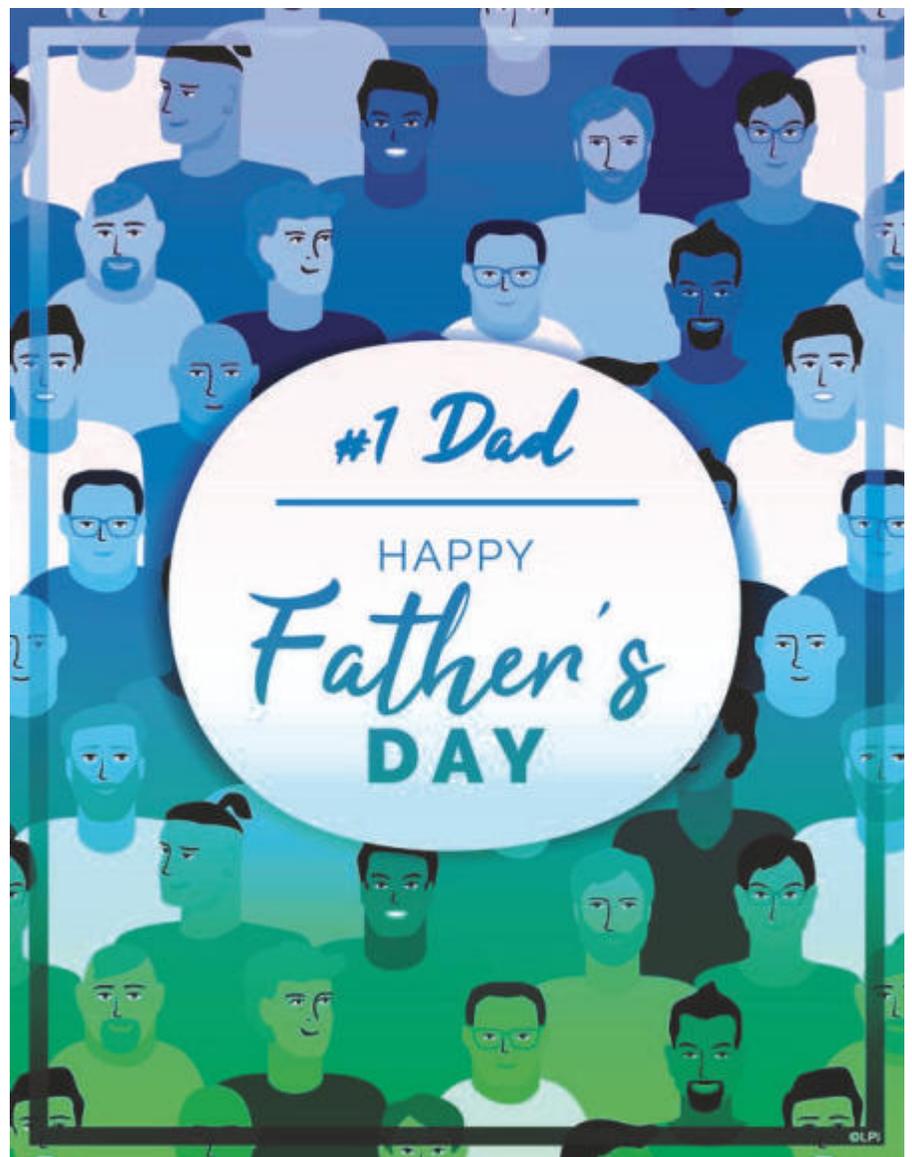
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Liturgical Notes for the Week

Today we the Church celebrate the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time. As the Gospel of Mark continues to nourish us the authors of Living Liturgy focus our attention on the noticing that in the first four chapters, Jesus causes plenty of confusion and uncertainty among the people he encounters. Within this man the townspeople of Capernaum find something completely new and baffling that leads them to ask, “What is this?” when Jesus casts out an unclean spirit (1:27;NABRE). The scribes and Pharisees question why he eats with tax collectors and sinners (2:16), dares to break the Sabbath (2:24), and has the audacity to forgive sins (2:7). And in today’s gospel the disciples, “filled with great awe and fear,” turn to each other to ask, “Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?” Slowly Jesus’ identity as the Messiah, the son of the living God, is being revealed through his words and actions as he demonstrates his authority over all from spirits, to illness and sin, to the forces of nature. As we continue to journey into Ordinary Time the time of living and growing in our life of faith, we are confronted with the question, who do we know Jesus to be? Have we experienced him as the Master Teacher, the Redeemer, the Wonder-worker? Are we aware of his teaching us about addressing God as “Our Father” when we pray and how that one word changes our understanding and relationship? Today being Father’s Day is a good day to think what it means to call God — FATHER! Perhaps the following prayer words of an author not known can help in honoring Our Father—God today.

Thank You Father

Dear God:

- I want to thank You for what you have already done.
- I am not going to wait until I see results or receive rewards, I am thanking you right now.
- I am not going to wait until I feel better or things look better, I am thanking you right now.
- I am not going to wait until people say they are sorry or until they stop talking about me, I am thanking you right now.
- I am not going to wait until the pain in my body disappears, I am thanking you right now.
- I am not going to wait until my financial situation improves, I am going to thank you right now.
- I am not going to wait until the children are asleep and the house is quiet, I am going to thank you now.
- I am not going to wait until I get promoted at work or until I get the job, I am going to thank you right now.
- I am not going to wait until I understand every experience in my life that has caused me pain or grief, I am going to thank you right now.

- I am not going to wait until the journey gets easier or the challenges are removed. I am thanking you right now.
- I am thanking you because I am alive.
- I am thanking you because I made it through the day’s difficulties.
- I am thanking you because I have walked around the obstacles.
- I am thanking you because I have the ability and the opportunity to do more and do better.
- I’m thanking you because FATHER, you haven’t given up on me.

Today also marks the Summer Solstice and reminds us that the Birthday of St. John the Baptist is coming soon. In fact this day is only one of three celebrated in the liturgical year this Thursday June 24th. It red flags the coming of one of the three birthdays honored in the liturgical calendar. Do you know whose they are and why this one is celebrated on Thursday June 24th?

As June is coming to an end let us not forget that this is the month of “brides” and Our Holy Father in his prayer intention invited us to pray for marriage. Jesuit father, Andrij Hlabse, wrote the following reflection on marriage inviting us to reflect upon God’s plan and the awesomeness of The Sacrament of Matrimony.

The Beauty of Marriage

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness, and patience. Marriage is a tremendously beautiful Christian vocation meant to reflect that eternal and infinite faithfulness that Christ has for His Church (Ef 5:32). It is also a vocation, like every vocation, made up of the concrete ups and downs, joys and struggles of every-day life. In order to reach the goal of profound Christian witness in marriage, especially in today’s cultural context, young people need to prepare seriously before entering this call, so that they can live its gifts and challenges faithfully. If we think of the wisdom of the Church’s practice, we notice that all those moments that introduce us into a vocation are accompanied by formation in the Church’s community. The Sacrament of Baptism is either followed (for children) or preceded (for adults) by serious catechesis; the Sacrament of Holy Orders is only received after many years of training. Those entering consecrated life only pronounce their vows after a special time of formation called “novitiate.” Why should marriage be any different? Each vocation is a special way of living friendship with Christ. In marriage this friendship shines forth in the lifelong commitment between one man and one woman, open to new life in children. Marriage is lived in the community of the new family itself and in the wider community of the Church, a kind of family of families. Every married path is unique, yet they all depend on the virtue of love to grow in that generosity, faithfulness, and patience that make every-day Christian witness possible.



Scripture Reflection

As we look at our lives and world events, do we ever find ourselves wondering if God is sleeping? After all, maybe God's patient, unconditional love has run its course and He is finally fed up with humanity's reluctance to accept the truth about who we are. God really can't be that patient! All throughout human history, many have prayed to God for intervention or for particular needs. Because their prayers were not answered in the way they wanted or anticipated, they felt that God may have abandoned them. Were they right? It seems that we are continuing, at a rapid rate, down a path of destruction. Do you not care, God, that we may be perishing? When the boats of our lives are rocking and the seas tumultuous, we want to know that we have God's attention. Even more so, we want God's intervention. Maybe the storms and the waves are necessary. If we listen, they can teach us valuable lessons. Without them, we would never learn that we have the strength to endure, understand the uselessness of fear and worry, or develop the ability to really trust. If God immediately rushed in and simply calmed things down before they got difficult, what good would that really be? We would miss opportunities to learn how to drink more deeply of life, treasure its complexity, irony, and beauty and fully engage ourselves in surrendering to the love of our Creator. It is easy to walk on the surface of life without immersing ourselves in its messiness. Life has to burn its way through us in order to bring us to a place of secure trust. It's unfortunate that some prefer a shallower journey. That's the balancing act that comes with faith. It is not God's job to prevent us from encountering the torrential rains and winds of life. Many believe that if faith is done the right way, that God will provide for smooth sailing. That's not how it works. God permits us to ride out the difficult stuff knowing that the storm will eventually be calmed. Do we not have faith that God will do this? True faith trusts in the steadfastness of God's love when the seas are calm and when they are choppy. God's unconditional loving presence shines through all of it and endures forever. Knowing this allows us to put our boats out into uncharted waters without hesitation. Knowing that we prefer the comfort and safety of what we know to be still waters, how do we feel when Jesus says, "Let us cross to the other side"?



Financial Blessings

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Adult envelopes issued.....294 (June, 2021)
Adult envelopes used.....82/28% (June 13, 2021)

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Everyday Stewardship

A show of hands, ladies and gentlemen. Have any of you been given the silent treatment and had absolutely no idea why? On the flipside, have any of you have sworn you're not going to demean yourself by explaining, for the thousandth time, that you need extra help with the kids before soccer practice, or that you feel ignored when your spouse doesn't ask how your day went? But sadly, love doesn't give you the ability to read minds. And in the end, we learn the lesson again and again, we have to verbalize our feelings, our needs, our wants. Expecting your partner to anticipate your needs is guaranteed to end badly. It's the same with God, even though, oddly enough, He does have the ability to read minds. But He still desires us to explain ourselves to Him, doesn't He? "I'm feeling scared of this." "I'm really worried about that." "God, I think I need x, y and z. Help me. Please." Jesus slept on that boat, as it was tossed and turned by the waves, until his disciples woke him. "Why were you sleeping?" they ask. Well, geniuses, he was sleeping because they hadn't woken him up yet. They had wasted time cowering in fear, waiting for him to act. They gave him the silent treatment and they didn't even know it. God doesn't desire us to verbalize our needs as a way of keeping us submissive. He's not that petty. What He desires is the communication — that's what really counts. That act of opening yourself up, of becoming vulnerable, of relying on Him, trusting Him. If it feels like God is asleep in your life, ask yourself this, have you tried waking Him up?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Inspiration For The Week

Do we trust that God will take care of us and has things under control? When life gets difficult, shaky or painful, we may find ourselves wondering what we may have done to deserve this fate. Often, we go to great lengths to explain suffering away, as if it has no purpose and ought not to exist. In an attempt to get God on our side in our battle against suffering, our prayer can mirror a question asked by the disciples: do you not care that we are perishing? As we are asking that question of God, God is asking of us: do you not yet have faith? It is for certain that God does not intentionally inflict pain upon us. God has no sinister plot to test our faith or trip us up. Rather, the unconditional, restorative and rejuvenating power of God's love can bring light out of the greatest darkness and gives hope in the midst of deep despair. We have to be patient and ride out the storm. It is our task to deepen our faith that God will calm the wind and draw meaning out of that which seems senseless.

Monday, June 21 - St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

Tuesday, June 22 - St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs

Wednesday, June 23

Thursday, June 24 - The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Friday, June 25

Saturday, June 26

4:30pm †Luis Rodriguez int. Rodriguez & Delli Colli Families
†Julia A. Lelek int. Ciba Family

Sunday, June 27, 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am †Mary Brzek int. Teresa Radziwiecki
†Irene Lipka - Anniversary of Death
int. Mackowiak Family
Health & God's Blessings for our Parishioners

Quote from Pope Francis

Nothing could better express the pride and emotion a father feels when he understands that he has handed down to his child what really matters in life, that is, a wise heart.



A poem dedicated to those of us who have lost our fathers but have them always in our hearts.

For Dad

To be heard, without saying a word, to be hugged when I'm feeling blue, to be understood, when I'm confused, so rare was a Dad like you. Your loving smile, and gentle laugh, made all the difference in my day. Your endless wisdom, and timeless advice always helped me find my way. In you there was no equal, you were in a class all your own.

And because of all the love you gave me, I'll never be alone. It's an honor to have known you, to have shared stories and dreams. I'll always think of you smiling, no matter how tough life seems. You're still special beyond compare, your heart so kind and true,

I wish that everyone on earth, could have such a Dad like you!

Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained

Question: What do the colors of the priest's and deacon's vestments mean?

Answer: In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the colors of the vestments evolved over the course of several centuries and there was wide variation both in the colors used, and in the feasts and seasons associated with particular colors. It was Pope Innocent III (d. 1216) who gave us the basic outline that was later prescribed by Pope Saint Pius V in 1570. The various colors remind us of the dominant themes of a particular season or celebration.

- **White:** Used for the seasons of Christmas and Easter and in celebrations of the Lord, of Mary, the angels, and saints who were not martyrs. This color is also used in Masses for the dead, at baptisms, weddings and other festive celebrations.
- **Red:** As the color of both blood and fire, red is used on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, as well as Pentecost and special celebrations of the Holy Spirit. Moreover, red is used on the feasts and memorials of the Apostles and those saints who died as martyrs.
- **Violet:** The color for Advent and Lent. Violet may also be used in Masses for the dead and on All Souls Day (November 2).
- **Green:** A color of life and hope, green is used throughout Ordinary Time.
- **Other colors:** Rose may be used on the Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent, black may be used in Masses of the dead and on All Souls Day, gold or silver may be used on solemn occasions in place of white, red, or green.

Question Of The Week

First Reading:

Much of the book of Job addresses the mystery of suffering and God's role in human affairs. Today we hear part of God's response to Job's questioning with images of the sea and raging waters, representing God's power and omniscience. What helps remind you it is God who governs the universe with purpose and fidelity?

Second Reading:

Paul encouraged the Corinthians to have the conviction of faith that since Christ died for all, believers should now live for him. In doing so, we become a "new creation." How have you seen this happen in your life as a person of faith?

Gospel:

Early in their following of Jesus, the disciples' witness of the miracle of Jesus calming the storm at sea led them to ask: "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?" How would you explain to others who wonder about the divinity of Jesus?

Community Events



4th of July Home Decorating Contest

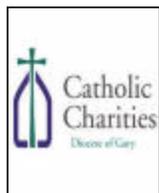
Celebrate your 4th of July by showing your patriotic spirit and East Chicago pride!

Contest Rules:

1. Participation is open to all East Chicago residents.
2. Display American-colored themes, flags, banners, bunting, etc.
3. Entry form must be received by Tuesday, June 22nd at 3pm at Parks and Recreation, 1615 E. 142nd St. East Chicago, IN 46312.
4. House must be decorated by Friday, June 25th.
5. Judging will be done on Tuesday, June 29th and Wednesday, June 30th.

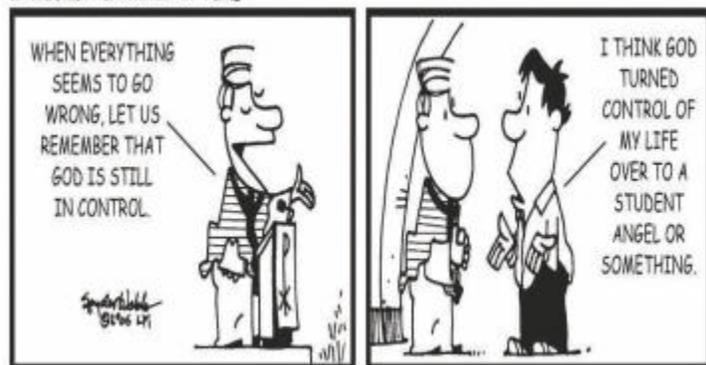
Entry forms are due by Tuesday, June 22nd by 3pm. Please visit www.eastchicago.com to fill out form. Winners will be announced on Friday, July 2nd on ECTVNEWS.

Catholic Charities Father's Day Collection



Today, as we honor our fathers and father figures, we will be taking a special Father's Day Collection for Catholic Charities. Will you consider providing a special Father's Day Collection gift to Catholic charities. Your gift will be doubled and will make twice the impact for our Northwest Indiana neighbors in need with the \$25,000 in matching funds Catholic Charities has available! To learn more about Catholic Charities or to donate online visit www.catholic-charities.org. You can also mail in a check to Catholic Charities at 940 Broadway, Gary, IN 46402.

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



St. Stanislaus School is re-opening its 3 & 4 year old pre-school program. Both full and half day classes are offered. This program lays the foundation for good academic and social skills. Children can be registered by calling the school at 219-398-1316 or by going on-line at www.ststansec.org. Don't delay, classes fill up fast.



If anyone is interested in helping the Food Bank of NWI's Mobile Market in the area of East Chicago, please contact Sarah Barnard at 219-980-1770 ext.316 for more information on how you can help. Or you can always find more information on their website at www.foodbanknwi.org

Polka Party



This year the Festival of the Lakes will host a POLKA PARTY on Sunday, July 18, 2021. Musical entertainment will be provided by the E-Z Tones from 2-6pm at the Hammond Marina located at 701 Casino Center Drive in Hammond, Indiana. Drinks and authentic polish food from Cavalier Inn available for purchase. Free admission and parking. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket. For more information you may call 219-659-7678 or at festivalofthelakes.com.



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