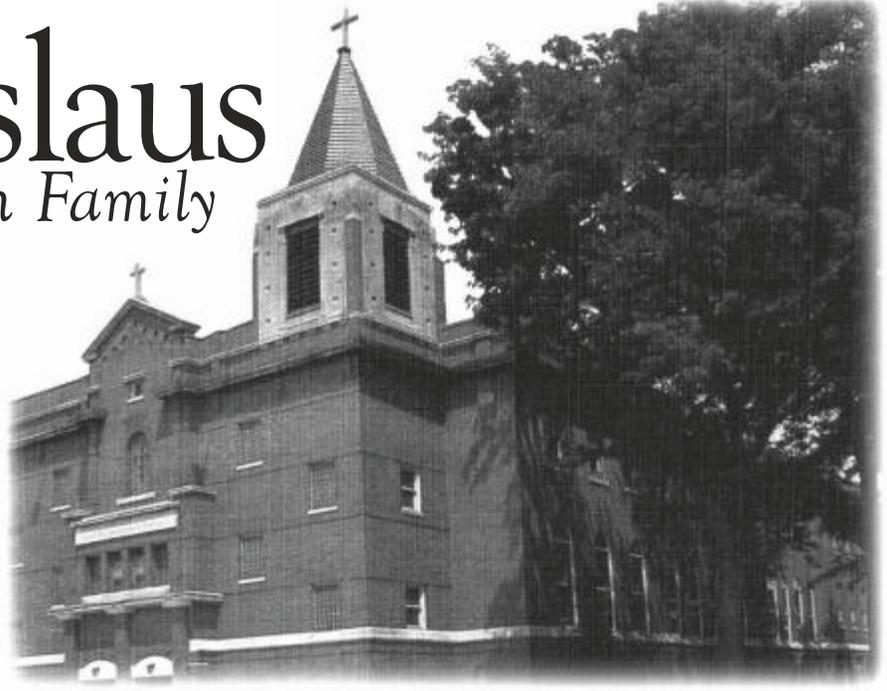


St. Stanislaus

Parish Family

July 18, 2021
16th Sunday
In Ordinary Time



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MASSES

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 8:30am

WEEKDAY MASSES

There are no weekday Masses or Word &
Communion Services at this time.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays from

4:00pm-4:15pm

and after the 4:30pm Mass.



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He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place
and rest a while." So they went off in the boat by themselves
to a deserted place. - Mk 6:31b-32

Liturgical Notes for the Week

Today we the Church gather on this the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Like the disciples in the gospel we in the midst of our busy lives have responded to Jesus' invitation to come and to be here so that we can rest awhile and be with him. He has eagerly anticipated our presence here and wants so much for us to listen to his teaching, to sing his praise and to receive his life giving Body and Blood. So that refreshed ourselves, we may then be able to serve in the world as the faithful shepherds he calls us to be. Last Sunday Jesus sent off his disciples two by two to evangelize and to heal the suffering. In today's gospel, they return to share their experiences. One purpose of the homily of the liturgy is to keep each listener make real the message in their life as lived the following week. Since the time and purpose for Liturgy is restricted— there isn't time for us who gather to share our experiences of living the faith during Mass. We admittedly are too shy or too scared to even answer a question given by a homilist, especially our own Msgr. John every now and then. Perhaps our week has made us aware of some issue or insight we would like to raise but worship time isn't the right time. Our protestant sisters and brothers have a solution for this needed resting time all believers need—they have Sunday schools for all ages after or before worship or Wednesday 7:00pm gatherings where faith sharing is the purpose for coming together as well as men's and women's groups that meet regularly for Bible study. Have any of your friends or neighbors told you about them or even invited you to attend one with them. Perhaps some of you may have family members who have joined other churches just because they have these opportunities provided. In this mid-point of this liturgical year of the pandemic perhaps we need an opportunity to tell of our experiences, of what being part of the church means to each of us and what we missed most about not being able to receive the Sacraments and how we can be the "sheep" as well as the "shepherds" our baptisms have anointed us to be. Sr. Miriam Pollard a member of the Trappistine Order has written the following first person narrative "A Searching Shepherd" — may it inspire you this week as you ponder and rest, perhaps wrestle with the words of all three of today's scriptures and the practical suggestions given above.

A Searching Shepherd

God made thorns, he told himself. Thorns are good. But they hurt. They scrape the skin to blood. God made thorns, but why? Oh why?

God made rain, but it doesn't seem to like the desert. Rocks are hot, and the sand is burning. The sand is cracked from thirst. Now, where have the sheep got themselves to? I am the shepherd of the sheep, says the Lord. I search. To search is who I am. I am the one who wanders, the great walking one, the one who sleeps in the

cold and culls the burrs out of their wool. Yes, I know — they cannot be recommended for intelligence. This is a small brain we are talking about. But I am their shepherd. They are the objects of my love. I take them up in my arms, my tired arms, my bleeding arms. And they are more to me than rest and beauty and food and light—my own, my flock, my creation. And I love them. I bring them into cool valleys where the trees drop fragrant shade, and the birds serenade them, and they can hear the streams falling quietly from the hills. Where they can drink. They shall eat and drink and never want. They shall romp in the green grass and race in the wildflowers. My own flock, with deep brown eyes that speak to mine, and white wool that sparkles in the dusk. I have made them and sought them and brought them home.

This week celebrates some special saints whose intercession each of us can benefit by and who would be honored by our prayerful remembrance of them as they are listed in our parish calendar.

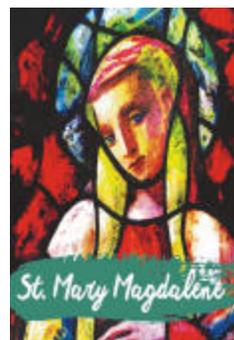
Faith Formation News Notes

Registration is presently on for all of our current Faith Formation Programs which will be starting too soon to our unique summer swimming weather's rare appearances thus far.

Wednesday morning adult faith formation and Wednesday afternoon children's program start September 8th, 2021.

RCIA — Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults will have its organizational session on Sunday September 12th, 2021, to determine its omitting times in accords with its participants scheduling.

Sacrament Preparation Classes for Children (Baptism, Penance, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation) will be offered according to need. Please register as soon as possible if child is 7 years old or older and not enrolled in the above listed program.



St. Mary Magdalene Feast Day - July 22

St. Mary Magdalene, woman of many sins, who by conversion became the beloved of Jesus, thank you for your witness that Jesus forgives through the miracle of love. You, who already possess eternal happiness in His glorious presence, please intercede for me, so that some day I may share in the same everlasting joy. Amen.



Scripture Reflection

There's an ordinary pine grove located on a tree farm not too far from town where life's stresses and demands seem to melt away. It is here that all that seemed so important out there no longer is and one can get lost in the rows of trees and majestic beauty. God is here and all is good. We need to connect with the Divine Source of all that is in order to understand what it is we are doing and why we are doing it. Otherwise, things stop making sense and bitterness can overcome one's spirit. It's okay to play once in a while and to discover that place of profound life and peace. People always have needs and there is constantly something to do. And while all of that is necessary and we are needed, there is also that inner solitude within that needs to be celebrated and released. We all need a pine grove. It's that little place we can go and leave all that consumes us behind. It's a place where technology can be set aside and wonder, and awe given some time. We don't have to text, calculate, or orchestrate anything in the pine grove. It is a somewhat deserted place where all of that can be set aside and we can just be. The anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and occasional apathy, all can fall to the ground like all of those pine needles that once held their place on the branch of a Frasier Fir. The needles can let go. We can let go. We are beings connected with Being and we all need to remember what really matters, who really matters and what life is truly all about. We need to find that place where we can rest and let go of all of the barnacles we accumulate. Rest, breathe, seek, and love. The world will need us again when we leave the pine grove. It will all be waiting for us, beckoning for our attention. But we will have prayed and will have marveled at the silence and the beauty of goodness. We can go back, ready, and eager to listen, to help, to heal, to cry, to embrace, and attend to all that is asked of us. But, having let go of the distractions in that deserted place we will have a renewed sense of purpose. We will know better Who it is we serve and what we are meant to do. It will all be clearer now that we have been Divinely touched and refreshed.

Inspiration For The Week

We only have so much psychological and spiritual energy. We easily get tired. Responding to life's demands and people's needs can really zap us of all of our energy. Anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and even apathy can run wild. We can find ourselves bitter and irritated by the fact that we have to do it all again. We need to rest, connect, and focus. Deserted places, free of unnecessary distractions and demands, are great places of refreshment and we all need them. Desiring to be alone for a bit and rest does not indicate selfishness. Rather, it radiates wisdom. God is the source of all we do and the satisfaction of every human heart. If we are going to use the gifts God gave us well, then we have to make sure our batteries are recharged and replenished. Jesus invites us to go to a desert place to rest and pray. Where is yours?

Financial Blessings

YOUR GIFTS TO YOUR PARISH TWO WEEKS AGO IN THE COLLECTION AMOUNTED TO.....\$2,837.00

Adult envelopes issued.....297 (July, 2021)
 Adult envelopes used.....104/35% (July 4, 2021)
 Food Pantry.....2 Donations.....\$2,040.00

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Thank You for your continued support! May God Bless You!

CONSIDERATION: Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.

— Author, James Baldwin

Catholic Services Appeal/CSA 2021

Many sincere thanks to the 24 families of our parish who made a pledge/gift last week in the amount of **\$5,635.00** toward our Catholic Services Appeal parish goal of **\$24,294.00** We need **\$5,829.00** to reach our Parish Goal. Please be generous in helping our parish reach its CSA goal. Thank you and God bless you and yours. — Msgr. John

Everyday Stewardship

Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock! When you hear these strong words from the Old Testament, you're probably thinking, thank goodness I don't have any sheep — dodged that bullet. Nobody misled here! No flock scattered on my watch! However, we are all shepherds of a kind, called to tend our own sheep: our families, our parishes, our communities. But it's exhausting. Don't we all sometimes just want to take a break from being a steward? The excuses are so familiar: we're tired, we've done enough, we've given all we can, what more does the parish (or my spouse, or my kids, or my boss, or my friends, or my community) want? We give ourselves permission to be selfish. So, what if the flock scatters just a little? Jesus gets that. We can just imagine him weary with exhaustion, can't we? We see him on his boat, attempting to sneak away for a quick break — maybe just a chance to eat a bite of food in peace. He is God, but he was still human, after all. Even the most dedicated shepherds need to sleep. But people couldn't leave him alone. They were hungry for him. They needed what he could offer, and they needed it now. As tough as it is, that's the example we are tasked with imitating. Everyday Stewardship demands accountability. It demands our showing up even when we are tired. It demands that we look at our lives, our time, our energies, our talents, our hearts, our bank accounts and think: where do I still have more to give?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Monday, July 19

Tuesday, July 20 - St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr

Wednesday, July 21 - St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Thursday, July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene

Friday, July 23 - St. Bridget, Religious

Saturday, July 24 - St. Shargel Makhlūf, Priest

4:30pm †Mary Brzek int. Adam Groszek
 Health & God's Blessings for Estela Garfias—
 Birthday int. Neighbor
 Health & God's Blessings for our Parishioners

Sunday, July 25 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am †Adeline Zmuda - Birthday int. Family
 †Irene Lipka - 19th Anniversary of Death
 int. Mackowiak Family
 †Adam Marszalek - Birthday int. Family

Quote from Pope Francis

Rest is so necessary for the health of our minds and bodies, and often so difficult to achieve due to the many demands placed on us. But **rest** is also essential for our spiritual health, so that we can hear God's voice and understand what he asks of us.



Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained

Question: I've heard that we become angels when we die. Is this what the Church teaches?

Answer: As human beings, we are both spiritual and corporeal. We are body and soul. This makes us unique in all creation. No other physical creature — plant or animal — possesses an immortal soul made in God's image and likeness. Like the distinction with plants and animals, angels have an entirely different sort of existence. Angels are pure immortal spirit, and they have been so since the moment of their creation. While they may take on an appearance of a body in Biblical history, they are not a body like we are. Angels are neither male nor female, despite the art we often see.

As the result of the Fall, human beings experience death. Our souls are temporarily separated from our bodies. However, we do not become something other than human. Every Sunday in the Creed we profess "I believe in the resurrection of the body." As Jesus was united with his body on the third day, so too will we be united with our bodies at the end of time.

Question Of The Week

First Reading:

The prophet Jeremiah spoke of God's negative reaction to "the shepherds" (false rulers) who neglected and misled his "sheep" (the people of Israel and Judah). What characteristics make for an ideal leader?

Second Reading:

Paul taught the Ephesians that through his cross and resurrection, Jesus established unity and peace for all believers. When have you experienced harmony in your faith community?

Gospel:

Jesus encouraged the apostles to retreat and rest after their successful missionary work, but the crowds made that difficult. What gets in your way from resting and retreating?



Community Events



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

Food Pantry News



A *big thank you* to all our St. Stan's School Students for their food donations all school year long. Also, *thank you* to the teachers and staff that coordinate it. *Special thank you* to the EC Knights of Columbus for their recent donation of

food and monetary donation, we appreciate your support all year long. *Thank you* to the St. Stan's Parishioner that recently donated a refrigerator to our food pantry.

And a *big thank you* to our volunteers who have dedicated their time to make this a worthy endeavor.



Polka Party

This year the Festival of the Lakes will host a POLKA PARTY

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.



Movies in the Park

Movie: Tom & Jerry

Date: July 19, 2021

Time: 8:45pm

Location: Centennial Park
1005 S. Centennial Drive
Munster, In 46321

Bring your blankets and/or chairs and enjoy the movie under the stars.

Concessions will be available for purchase. Come early to watch the sponsor of the event, Susan's School of Dance performances on the amphitheater stage.

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Any questions contact:

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