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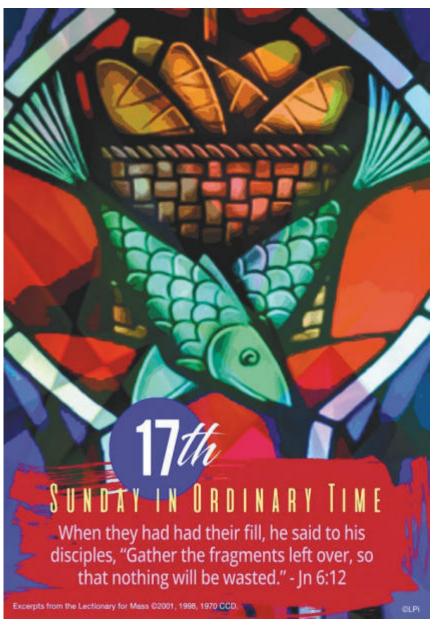
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Sunday Masses

Saturday: 4:00pm Tuesday, Thursday

10:00am Thursday

Confessions

Saturday 3:00-3:30pm

Weekday Masses

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:15am

Eucharistic Holy Hour

1st Wednesday of the Month 6:15-7:15 pm

Next Holy Hour: August 4, 2021

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time · July 25, 2021

We had great fun! Join us next time! All who want to keep their minds active, have fun and love to play Scrabble are welcome! S C R A B B L E Our next get-together will be in the school library on Wednesday, July 28th at 1pm.



7th Annual Car Show & Picnic Immaculate Conception, N5589 County Rd E, De Pere, WI August 15th, 2021 ~ Registration 10 am to 12:30 pm



Trophy presentation at 2 pm Show cars will park in blacktopped parking lot or on grass to the left of the parking lot. Food, Soda & Beer Available, 50/50 raffle, Silent Auction, Kid's games & much more...

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, Help us to spread your fragrance wherever we go. Flood our souls with your Spirit and Life. Penetrate and possess our whole being so utterly that our lives may only be a radiance of yours. Shine through us and be so in us that every soul we come in contact with may feel your presence in our souls. Let them look up, and see no longer us but you, Jesus. Stay with us and then we shall begin to shine as you shine, so to shine as to be a light to others. The light, O Jesus, will be all from you; none of it will be ours. It will be you, shining on others through us. Let us thus praise you in the way you love best by shining on those around us. Let us preach you without preaching, Not by words but by example, by the catching force, the sympathetic influence of what we do, the evident fullness of the love our hearts bear for you. Amen.

Everyday Stewardship - It's All in the Basket

St. Therese of Lisieux made a point of going the extra mile in kindness towards those people who really got under her skin. It was part of her own brand of Everyday Stewardship thanking God for all His creation, even the parts with which, in her own humanness, she struggled to cope.

I think about this a lot when I challenge myself to give thanks for things that bother me and people who challenge me. When I do this, I envision Christ giving thanks over those insufficient loaves. How many of us would see that paltry little basket and kick a rock in frustration because we can't feed all our people? "You didn't give me enough, Lord! You didn't give me enough patience, enough money, enough creativity, enough stamina to be a good steward. If you had given me more, I could also give more!"

In those moments of despair, we need to take a good look at the life God has given us. We need to look at the trials and the challenges and the shortcomings. The hopes that didn't pan out, the disappointments that keep cropping up. Somewhere therein lies what we need to be the steward God asks us to be, just as St. Therese's own stewardship was defined by the people she simply couldn't stand.

God does not give us all we want. He does not give us all we ask for. He does us one better: He gives us all we need. It's all in the basket. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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The Kindergartener

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom as the children drew pictures. The teacher would occasionally walk around and see each child's artwork. As she approached one little girl who was working especially

hard, she asked what the drawing was.

The little girl told her: "I'm drawing God!"

"But sweety," the teacher replied, "no one actually knows what God looks like."

Automatically, the little girl continued drawing and said, "well, they certainly will in a minute!"

Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained

Question: We are considering homeschooling our children. Does this present a problem when it is time for them to receive the sacraments? What must we do?

Answer:

Homeschooling is legal in all fifty states and like other types of education, has its advantages and its drawbacks. There are many factors to consider, and each family



has to decide what the best way to educate its children is. With religious education, many dioceses have a formal policy that outlines procedures and expectations, some of which include more than just academic information. Call the religious education office to find out what they are for your area.

In general, though, an appointment with your parish priest to discuss your situation is the best first step. An opportunity to discuss what is available, what the expectations are for each sacrament, and how you can best prepare your child helps make your time of preparation more effective. The priest can direct you to good catechetical materials, parent information classes, and other choices and possibilities for your child. All parents need to be part of their child's religious education, taking a lead in instilling the values and beliefs of their faith.

Communication and information helps us all to teach and preach the Gospel as Jesus did.

July 25, 2021

This year's version of Vacation Bible School (VBS) begins on Monday. The four day program is hosted by Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Seymour. Children and volunteers from Seymour and the surrounding area will gather to learn more about God's great plan for all of us and celebrate our connection as Christians.

VBS has been an annual event in Seymour for many, many years, sandwiched between the Outagamie County Fair and BurgerFest. Each year it has continued to grow. Our community missed this opportunity last year due to the pandemic.

The leaders, all volunteers, have continued to use their creativeness to provide a memorable experience for our community's youth. You see, people volunteer their time, striving for excellence, and pull out all the stops to engage our community's youth for one simple reason: God is worth it!

If you know those who volunteer their time to run this program, thank them for their commitment to excellence and engagement because God is worth it. If you know any children attending, maybe your own children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or friends, encourage them, engage them about what they are learning, and pray for them because God is worth it.

Let us use our time, strengths, and talents to glorify God this week, as we should every week, because God is worth it!

John Steltz, Missionary Discipleship Coordinator

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Sunday, Jul 25, 2021

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Celebrate mom-and-pop operations

However few dollars there are, parents make them stretch until payday. However uncertain the way ahead, they shoulder the decision-making for their brood. However dark the night and scary the storm, parents hug their little ones through it. Today our nation celebrates Parents' Day, honoring the grownups who make children's lives safer, happier, and healthier. While they may not multiply loaves and fishes quite like Jesus, parents do perform minor miracles of sufficiency every day across this country. They take imperfect human love and weave a blanket of protection and possibility for their tribe. Support your local parents!

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15 (110). "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted."

Monday, Jul 26, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Family ties

Jesus' ancestry through Joseph is extensively traced in two of the gospels, but there's nothing there about his maternal line. The names of his grandparents—Mary's parents—aren't mentioned in scripture, but tradition has dubbed them Joachim and Anne. Whatever their names were, they had to have been remarkable people to have raised the mother of God. The courage and faith they passed on to Mary is a precious gift all parents can pass to their children. Treasure your own intergenerational bonds.

TODAYS READINGS: Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34; Matthew 13:31-35 (401). "The birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches."

Tuesday, Jul 27, 2021

Parables of trying and trust

Jesus favored parables—short allegories featuring people, places, and things familiar to ordinary listeners—to get his point across. Typically, they were about the kingdom of God, standing in stark contrast to the current world. "The kingdom of God, even if it requires our cooperation, is firstly a gift of the Lord," Pope Benedict XVI reminded pilgrims in 2012. Not that humans shouldn't lift a finger. Such parables, Benedict said, echo a famous saying from Ignatius of Loyola: "Act as if everything depended on you; trust as if everything depended on God." Where do you need to trust God more and where, perhaps, do you need to act?

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Matthew 13:36-43 (402). "Whoever has ears ought to hear."

Wednesday, Jul 28, 2021

Stay the course

Father Stanley Rother is one step away from canonization and being named publicly as a saint of the Catholic Church. Born in Oklahoma in 1935, ordained a priest in 1963, missioned to Guatemala in 1968, Rother immersed himself among the Tz'ufujil Mayan communities. When civil war broke out and his name appeared on a death list, after briefly departing he decided to return, saying, the "shepherd cannot run." On July 28, 1981, three men entered the rectory where he lived and killed him. Now recognized as a martyr for the faith, Rother was beatified by the

Vatican in 2016. As we await the canonization of this first American martyr, pray that you, too, might be a sign of Christ's love to the people close to you, even when it comes at a cost.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 34:29-35; Matthew 13:44-46 (403). "When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."

Thursday, Jul 29, 2021

MEMORIAL OF MARTHA

Lesson learned

Any memorial honoring Saint Martha includes a well-deserved nod to those who quietly serve. But Martha's role in salvation history goes well beyond her hospitality to Jesus and lies in the example of her maturing faith. When Jesus admonished her about her anxiety, Martha listened. She grew in wisdom and understanding, so much so that when her brother Lazarus dies, she runs to meet Jesus and declares: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Martha provides an inspiration to all of us to persevere in knowing God, loving Christ, and serving others.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38 (404); John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42 (607). "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing."

Friday, Jul 30, 2021

Open the door to your own ministry

Do you ever think about your daily activities as a ministry? No activity is outside the realm of a possible ministry. Take Blessed Solanus Casey, for example. One of Solanus' jobs was as a porter, that is, a door keeper. Open/shut case, right? Not at all! Solanus understood his simple job as being a true ministry, service of God through service of others. He did not merely answer the door; he opened his heart to everyone who entered. In doing so, Solanus was able to reflect God's love and healing to others in a way that truly made a difference. How do you open your heart to others during your daily routine?

TODAY'S READINGS: Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Matthew 13:54-58 (405). "Is he not the carpenter's son?"

Saturday, Jul 31, 2021

MEMORIAL OF IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST

Book your biblical excursion

Never underestimate the power of a book to change lives or history. Ignatius of Loyola was a young Spanish soldier from a prominent military family. While recovering from a serious war injury, he came upon *Vita Christi*, a spiritual biography of the life of Christ by 14th-century German Catholic monk Ludolph of Saxony. In the book he found the meditative technique of immersing oneself in a biblical scene from the life of Jesus. The book changed Ignatius' life, and the technique became foundational to the development of Ignatian spirituality and the famed *Spiritual Exercises*. Try the technique: Open a gospel, read a story, and place yourself at the scene. Really be there. See what happens.

TODAY'S READINGS: Leviticus 25:1, 8-17; Matthew 14:1-12 (406). "This fiftieth year you shall make sacred by proclaiming liberty in the land for all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you."

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Worship Services

JULY 24 - AUGUST 1

Saturday, July 24 - 3:00 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass

† Greg Ullmer

Sunday, July 25 - 8:00 am Mass at St Sebastian

† Marlene Matuszak

10:00 am Mass

† Delores Leininger

Monday, July 26 - No Service

Tuesday, July 27 - 8:15 am Mass

f Clarence Smet

Wednesday, July 28 - 8:15 am Mass

f Kathleen Berg

9:00 am Communion Service at St Sebastian

Thursday, July 29 - 8:15 am Mass

t Barb & Merle Wagner

Friday, July 30 - 8:15 am Mass at St Sebastian

† Florence, Walter & Duane Ebert

Saturday, July 31 - 3:00 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass

† Virginia & Richard Wachtendonk

Sunday, August 1 - 8:00 am Mass at St Sebastian

† Joseph & LaVerne Vande Corput

10:00 am Mass

Living & Deceased Members of the Robert & Diann Ciesielczyk Family

† Denotes deceased person(s)

Live the Liturgy

God shows up in unexpected ways! Just when we think we have God's agenda figured out, another surprise



comes. Expecting to find God only in some places hinders us from finding Him everywhere. Who would have thought that a young boy's few loaves and fishes would feed thousands of people? The disciples were probably just as amazed as everyone else when this feast appeared before them. Sometimes, we find it difficult to believe that God can do amazing things with something small and simple. Yet, grasping this truth is really at the heart of understanding the power of the Eucharist. Having the Body and Blood of Christ made present for us is one amazing wonder. Actually being fed and nourished by that gift is another. Now being able to become what we have eaten, God can do tremendous things with the simple, humble gifts of our lives. All we have to do is realize that God dwells within us. When we do, then everyone we encounter and everything we do has the power to become a sacramental moment. When done with great love even the smallest gesture can be multiplied exponentially. Now, that's amazing!

Liturgical Ministers

SATURDAY, JULY 31

4:00 PM

Lector Deb Peterson
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

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16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23

[1a]/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

[2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42 Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6,

10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12 Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

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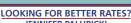
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