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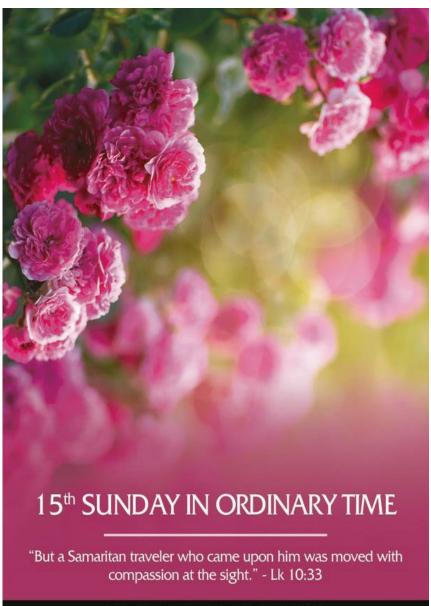
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Sunday Masses

Sunday: 10:00am Thursday

Confessions

Weekday Masses

Saturday: 4:00pm Tuesday, Wednesday & 8:15am

Eucharistic Holy Hour

Saturday 3:00-3:30pm 1st Wednesday of the Month 6:15-7:15 pm

Next Holy Hour: August 3, 2022

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time · July 10, 2022

Everyday Stewardship - What Jesus Doesn't Say

"If Jesus wanted us to (fill in the blank), he would have said so."

We hear this argument applied to every controversial topic under the sun — and even some not-so-controversial topics, too. Whenever someone is trying to make a case for a decision they have already made, they call in Jesus' scriptural silence on the matter as their expert, unimpeachable witness.

And sure, there's much Jesus doesn't talk about in the Gospels. But by this logic, we would have to assume that Jesus doesn't care, for instance, if we drive well over the speed limit (he doesn't discuss cars and highways in the Bible) or what we do online (he never mentions the Internet or websites at all!), when we know that certainly is just not the case.

Like the scholar of the Jewish law who challenges Jesus to define who exactly his "neighbor" is, we can argue semantics all we want. But if we rest in prayer and look deep into our hearts, we know what path we need to take, and it's usually not the easy one.

I find that I do this plenty in ways that are far more subtle. I lament that the situation facing me is not sufficiently "black and white." I become frustrated by the shades of moral grey and toss up my hands, claiming I don't know what the right answer is, insisting that I can't be blamed for the ramifications of whatever decision I make.

What I need to be doing in these situations is asking God for His guidance, even if it makes me nervous. I need to be like the scholar. He was brave enough to ask, even though I think he knew he wouldn't particularly like the answer. Let's strive for that same courage.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

You are invited to a book reading club.



Our 1st book reading club meeting will begin on July 21st at 6:30 pm in the school library. For now, we have chosen the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month. We will start reading 'Resisting Happiness' by Matthew Kelly. The book was given as a gift a while back. Find your copy and join us.

Any questions, please call Dori Bluma 850-1192 or Keith Jenquin 259-9076

On the Lighter Side

An elderly woman was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. When she put the heavy package on the counter, the postal clerk asked, "Is there anything breakable in here?" "Just the Ten Commandments," the lady replied.



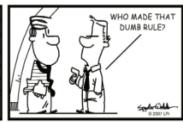


Please keep in your prayers the family of Leon Blumreich who recently passed away. As we pray for his soul, may he rest in peace.

Don't forget to stop by Seymour's Farmers Market Tuesday's 2 pm - 6 pm 690 Woodland Plaza, Hwy 54 in front of Woodland Plaza







Gospel Meditation - July 10, 2022 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We can learn a great deal from Mister Rogers. Remember him? He was the gentle soul who found his way into living rooms worldwide starting as far back as 1968. Mister Rogers' Neighborhood was a beloved program that celebrated and exalted people, especially children. He taught us that we are neighbors and that everyone has a place. Everyone matters. He had a vision, born of his relationship with God that highlighted every human life's innocence, beauty, and uniqueness. To that end, he called us to be responsible for each other, saying nothing different than what Jesus said. Viewers quickly learned that life is not just about me.

"We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say, 'It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.' Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes (Fred Rogers)." It is so easy to look the other way. After all, I'm not the one who needs to leave home out of fear and try to find somewhere safe. I am not the one who is hungry and without shelter or food. I am not the one who has a child being bullied or ridiculed because of the way they dress or act. I am not the one being threatened with violence or unable to find meaningful work. The distress and agony of our neighbors are our distress and agony. We cannot walk by it with an attitude of indifference, especially if we call ourselves believers. When we no longer care, we have suffocated our souls. This is a great sin.

God's law "is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out." We all have a need for love and acceptance. That's why Mister Rogers' television show was so popular. It spoke to something deeper, something sacred about humanity. God didn't give us his law in a book. He wrote it on our hearts. We know what we need to do. It's a matter of choice. Love is sacred. When we love another human being, especially without regard for ourselves, it is a holy moment. These moments are often missed due to our self-serving agendas and rules.

Worship Services

JULY 9 – JULY 17

Saturday, July 9 - 3:00 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass

† Joe Kline

Sunday, July 10 - 8:00 am Mass at St Sebastian

† Barbara Sponenburg

10:00 am Mass

† Ricky Vande Hey, Bill Van Handel & Living & Deceased Member of their Family

Monday, July 11 - No Services

Tuesday, July 12 - 8:15 am Mass

† Living & Deceased Members of the Gillis & LaPlante Families

Wednesday, July 13 - 8:15 am Mass

† Mary Steffens

9:00 am Communion Service at St Sebastian

Thursday, July 14 - 8:15 am Mass

† Mary Van Dyn Hoven

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

† Florence, Walter & Duane Ebert

Saturday, July 16 - 3:00 pm Reconciliation

4:00 pm Mass

† Esther Leisch

Sunday, July 17 - 8:00 am Mass at St Sebastian

Mary Ann (†) & Marvin Nooyen (their ann.)

10:00 am Mass

† Delores Leininger

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Readings - Week of July 10, 2022

Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9])/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37 Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24 Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16 -18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12·1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21 Next Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/Col 1:24 -28/Lk 10:38-42

Liturgical Ministers

SATURDAY, JULY 16

4:00 PM

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SUNDAY, JULY 17

10:00 AM

Lector Jill Joly

Cantor Nicole VandenHeuvel

Musician Sam Goeben Distributors Amy Linsmeyer

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Greeters Lee Rynish, Joey Bluma Family



Due to our deadline for this bulletin because of the 4th of July holiday, this weeks stewardship and expenses will be listed in the next weeks bulletin.

Living the Liturgy - It's important to keep our eyes open. Otherwise, we can easily dismiss things that truly require our attention. Whether it is someone needing care, a wrong that must be rectified, an injustice that must be addressed, or someone in need of a helping hand, the lens through which we view life (and even the rules by which we live) can prevent us from stopping and acting. Whether it's an obsession with being on time, a compulsion to complete tasks according to a schedule, or a rigidity with not breaking a law or fear of taking a risk, we miss daily opportunities to show mercy. We often fail in our duty to be a good neighbor, especially when it involves brothers and sisters remote from us whom we have never met. The pain of the world is our pain. God's law of love, mercy, and compassion is not something remote. It's already within us and very near. All we have to do is open our eyes and carry it out.

During difficult moments, let us not close in on ourselves, shutting Jesus out. Let us seek Jesus, return to him, to his forgiveness, to those wounds that have healed us. In this way, we too will become capable of compassion, of approaching the wounds of others.

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