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Sunday, August 16, 2020

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Sunday

7:30am

9:30am

1:00pm (Español)

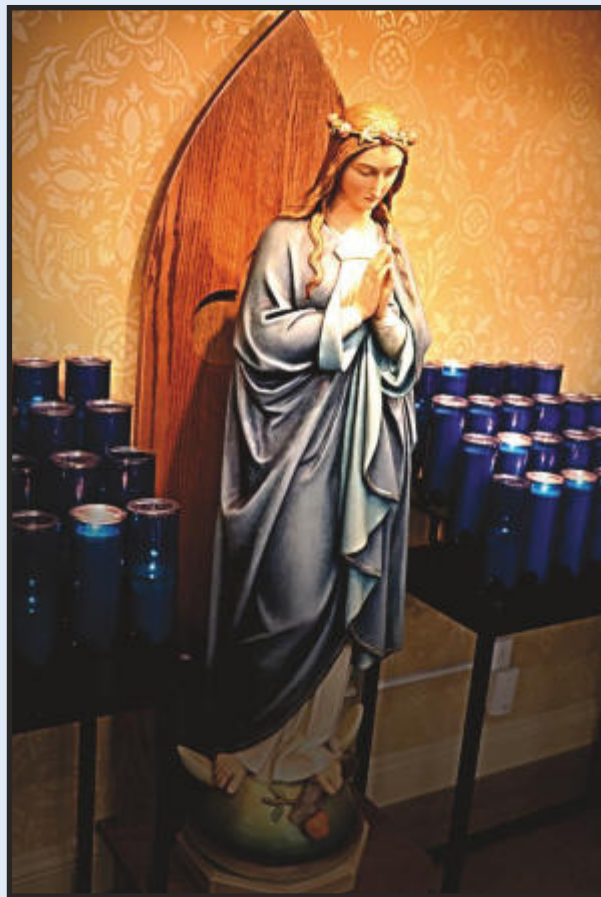
Monday through Friday

6:15am

Confessions and Adoration

Thursdays

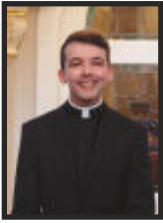
5:30pm-6:30pm



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“Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid” (Matthew 14:27)

Dear friends,

We are all familiar with fear, disappointment, anxiety, and frustration. We have all been in that boat, including the disciples of Jesus who, for an entire night, were out in the middle of a lake being tossed about by the waves, “for the wind was against [them]” (Matthew 14:24), and all of this until Jesus appeared “during the fourth watch of the night” (v.25). The Romans had divided the night into four watches. The first watch was from 6 pm to 9 pm. The second watch was from 9 pm until midnight. The third watch was from midnight till 3 am, and the fourth watch was from 3am to 6am.

The Gospel of Matthew says that the boat was already a few miles offshore, being tossed about by the waves, probably from about 6pm until 3am, when the Lord appeared. (cf. 14:25). For 9 hours they were fighting against the wind and, at that point, one can only imagine the level of frustration, disappointment, anxiety and fear on the part of the disciples. And, where had Jesus been all this time? With them, on the boat, but they did not realize that.

Once Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and precede him to the other side of the lake, the Gospel says that he went up on the mountain to pray (cf. Matthew 14:22-23). In union with His Father in prayer, the second person of the Trinity, the Lord Jesus, was present to all in the same way that the Father is present to all things and people in every place and time. Therefore, Jesus had been on that boat with his disciples all night long! How could they miss that?

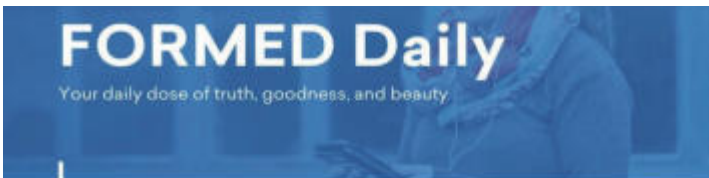
I can imagine the disciples were overwhelmed and consumed by the thought of this wind working against them, losing sight of the

tiny whispering sound of God’s presence in the boat. The prophet Elijah realized that the Lord was in this whispering sound, and in reaction to this he covered his face in awe: he was in the presence of God Almighty! (cf. 1 Kings 19: 12-13) This presence of God is as powerful as comforting: there is nothing to fear! He is here with us! The disciples, at that time, missed it; the thought of the forces against them was too consuming. That was the disciples’ story and that is our story as well: often times we allow ourselves to become so overwhelmed by the cares and concerns of this life that we lose sight of the Lord’s gentle presence in the boat of our existence.

Back to the story in the lake, around 3 a.m., the Lord appears to his disciples and says: “take courage, it is I; do not be afraid” (Matthew 14:27). “It is I, don’t worry” as in saying: “you know who I am, you know what we have lived together and what I have done for you. Did you just not witness that I fed more than five thousand people with the five loaves of bread and two fish you gave me? Did you not realize that I would never leave you alone?” The winds working against the boat are also making the disciples forget the memory of their friendship with the Master. The end result? More fear.

Towards the end of the story, the Lord invites Peter to leave the boat and meet him on the water. Peter obeys and leaves the boat but again, all of a sudden, his focus changes, and Peter loses sight of the Lord, once again, to focus on how strong the wind was and so he begins to sink (cf. Matthew 14:30).

Friends, these are times to realize that the Lord has not left the boat. Cares and concerns will always be part of the journey, yet our behavior must also reflect our deepest convictions in the faith, one of them being that we are not alone: “take courage, it is I; do not be afraid” (Matthew 14:27).



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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 17
6:15am +Charles & +Andrew Leitheiser
Tuesday, August 18
6:15am +Harriet Peters
Wednesday, August 19
6:15am +Shirley & +Roger Konop
Thursday, August 20
6:15am +Barbara Theisen
Friday, August 21
6:15am +Lee Barwick
Sunday, August 23
7:30am +Robert Mueller
9:30am +John Meyer & +Joyce Gorman
1:00pm(Spanish) The people of Saint Frances Cabrini and
Saint Mary's Immaculate Conception Parishes

Mass Intention Openings:

Thursday, September 17th, at 6:15am
Tuesday, September 22nd, at 6:15am
Monday, September 28th, at 6:15am

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

All safe environment education training sessions will be done virtually for August. Please visit archmil.org to register online.

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Goal: \$29,876
Raised: \$24,695
Needed: \$5,181

PARISH CONTACTS

Please see the website for a complete staff listing

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PARISH HAPPENINGS

2ND COLLECTION FOR BUILDING AND GROUNDS:
Sunday, August 30, 2020

THE RETURN OF SCRIP!

Scrip will again be sold after Masses each weekend.

RCIA CLASSES FORMING

Interested in becoming Catholic? Classes are forming now for the Fall. See the website or contact Julie Braun to register.

JOURNEY PROGRAM

The Journey Program is accepting registrations for the 2020-2021 formation year at this time. We are also looking for mentors! Check out JourneyCatholicMinistry.org or our Facebook page at JourneyProgramWC. Please contact Christina Spindler, Director of the Journey Ministry at 262-338-2366 ext. 124 or cspindler@wbparishes.org

PARISH INFORMATION

New Members

Welcome! Please call the parish office or visit our website.

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:30am-12noon

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Contact Julie Braun at 262-338-2366 X114 for more information.

Baptism

Contact Julie Braun for information on Baptism Preparation Classes, preferably before the child is born.

Marriage

Please contact the pastor as soon as you are considering marriage, but no less than six months prior to the desired wedding date.

Communion for the Homebound

Call the parish office.

Sacrament of the Sick

Celebrated the last Sunday of the month after both Sunday morning Masses. Or call the parish office to arrange a visit.

Miscarriage Ministry

Please contact Julie Braun at 262-338-2366

Bulletin, E-bulletin, and Pulpit announcements

Contact Tammy Waech twaech@wbparishes.org.

Sign up for our E-bulletin on our website.

Parish Social Media

Facebook: [@ImmaculateConceptionWestBend](https://www.facebook.com/ImmaculateConceptionWestBend)

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Honduras Mission: visit:

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