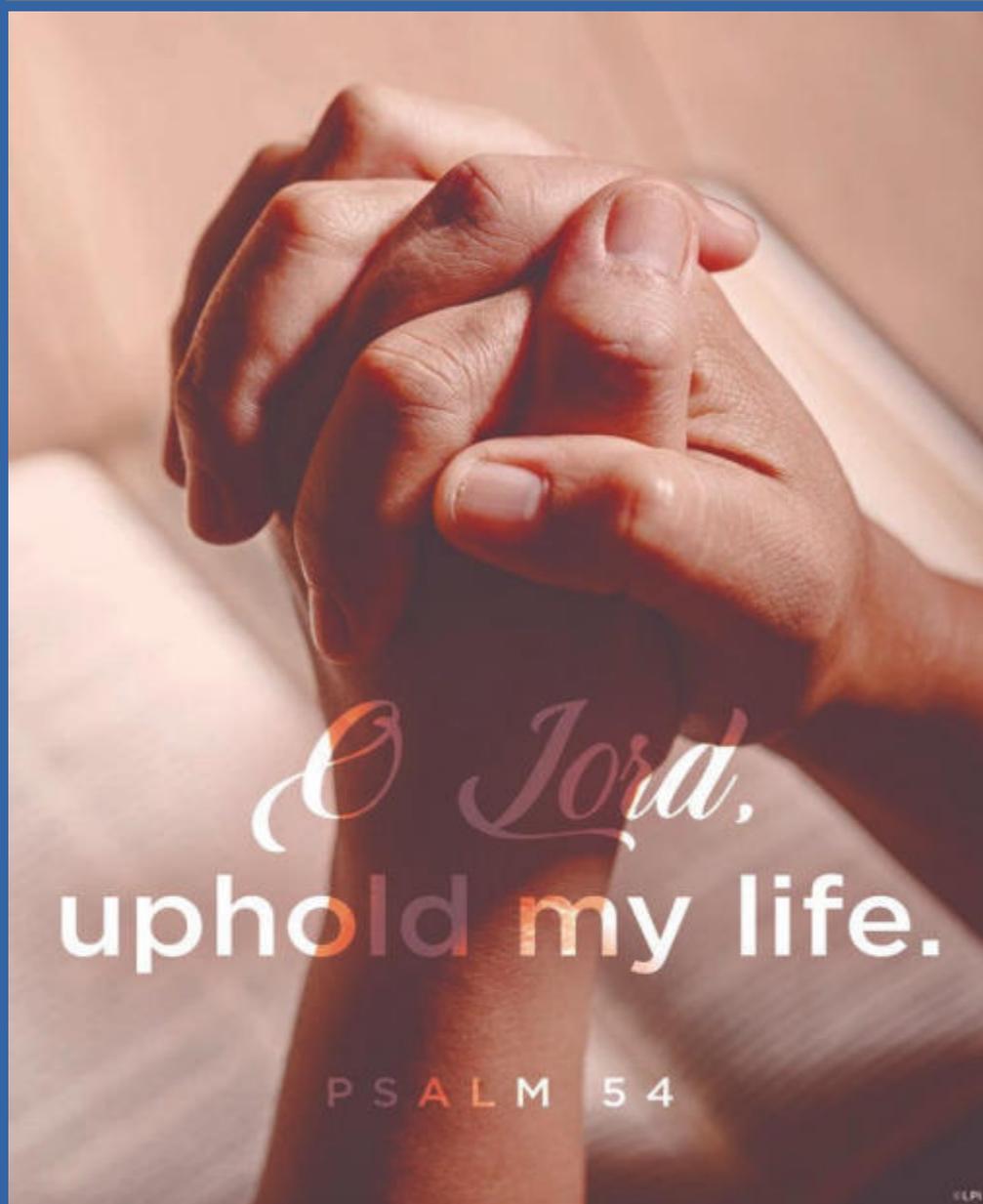


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THE TRI-PARISH BULLETIN
September 19th, 2021



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New Members

Always welcome to our parishes.
Please call the office to register.

Baptism

Parents and/or those expecting
in the near future may request
Baptism for their child by call-
ing the office to begin prepara-
tions.

Marriage

Please call the parish office at
least six months prior to the
anticipated date.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

If you are homebound and wish
to receive Holy Communion,
please contact the office.

Confessions

Saturdays 5 pm to 5:40 pm at
Kendall or call Fr. John for an
appointment.



Monday	September 20th	
9 a.m.	Fr. Trainer	K
Tuesday	September 21st	
4 p.m.	Pat Welch	W
Wednesday	September 22nd	
9 a.m.	Fred & Bertha Bruske	E
Thursday	September 23rd	
8 a.m.	Clayton Hansen	K
Saturday	September 24th	
Confessions 5-5:40 p.m.		K
6:00 p.m.	Ruth & Alvin Cook	
Sunday	September 25th	
9:00 am	Marvin, Bentz, Foltz fam	E
11:00 am	All Parishioner of EKW	W

Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of September 19, 2021
 Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37
 Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18
 Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
 Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9
 Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22
 Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45
 Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Tri-Parish Prayer List - We pray for the sick and those who have asked for our prayers, especially Alice & Tony Roberts, Rob Moyer, Dan Wallace, Ralph Gosselin, Bev Puechner, Jeannie Klipstein, Gary Von Ruden, Carol Wolfenden, Bennett Brock, Deb Pohlman, Micheal Richie Shannah Juliot, David Gorman, Bev Cousineau, Carla Von Haden, Margaret Leis, Patti Vlasak, Ray Schmidt, Jim Lu8nde, Madelyn Novachek, Kay Larson, Don Schreier, Jim Meckstroth, Patty Behan, Avery Brueggen, Katie Wallace, Those serving in the Military and Folks in Nursing Homes. If requesting prayer for someone else, please ask permission first in order to respect their privacy.

Reflections on the Gospel

September 19, 2021 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.





Additional Teachers, support people and substitutes are needed and are welcomed to join us at the September meeting. We NEED your help.

Religious Education classes start September 22nd

You can contact Denise Oman in the office@ 608-463-7120 her cell 262-719-8735

Or by email bottomroadfarm1@gmail.com

ST. JOSEPH PCCW

Meeting—Tuesday September 21st, 11:30 a.m. at Pony Express.

The View from the Back of the Line

Have you known that person? The one who leaves every person they encounter feeling a little more blessed for having met them? They're the friend you can count on when nothing is going well. They're the one who's always "doing" for others. They're never gossiping or sniping or complaining. We wonder how they do it, how they have it in them. We're a little envious, even if we don't let ourselves acknowledge it. That, folks, is what the view is like from the front of the line, gazing at those suckers in the way back and wondering why they're smiling so much. We've all been at the front of a line and felt no shame about it. We show up early, we put in the time and the legwork, and we "earn" whatever it is we came for — sports tickets, the latest Apple product, whatever. That's how it works here on Earth, where the fastest win the race, the fittest survive and the first shall be first, always. It's exactly why stewardship is such a tall order. Stewardship calls us to play by the rules of another kingdom — one where the richest have the least amount in their bank accounts and the happiest don't seem to have anything to show for it, at least materially. If you have a person in your life who always seems happy "doing" for others, it's because by a boatload of God's grace, they play by the rules of the other place.

Watch and take notes — and don't be afraid to join them at the back of the line.

Question: Do we need to fast for one hour before Mass, or one hour before communion?

Answer: The practice of fasting before receiving the Eucharist is a centuries-old act of devotion that was once very different than it is today. In the 1917 Code of Canon Law, for example, anyone who wanted to receive the Eucharist had to fast from midnight until the time of communion (even water and medications were forbidden). Over the following decades, the rules for the eucharistic fast were relaxed, first by Pope Pius XII and, later, by Pope Saint Paul VI. The current Code of Canon Law (1983) states very clearly: "A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before holy communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine" (Canon 919, §1). And, in the case of those who are ill and the elderly, the rules are even more accommodating, "The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour" (Canon 919, §3). So, if we strictly follow the "letter of the law," the fast is calculated from the time of Holy Communion and not the start of Mass. However, when we remember why we fast — it is a reminder of the deeper hungers of the spirit that our physical thirst or hunger symbolize — we see that the issue is much bigger than simply fulfilling what is called for by Church Law and tradition. Joining fasting to our prayers and reflection before Mass is an opportunity to really center ourselves and to prepare our minds, hearts, and bodies to welcome the One we receive in the Eucharist.



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