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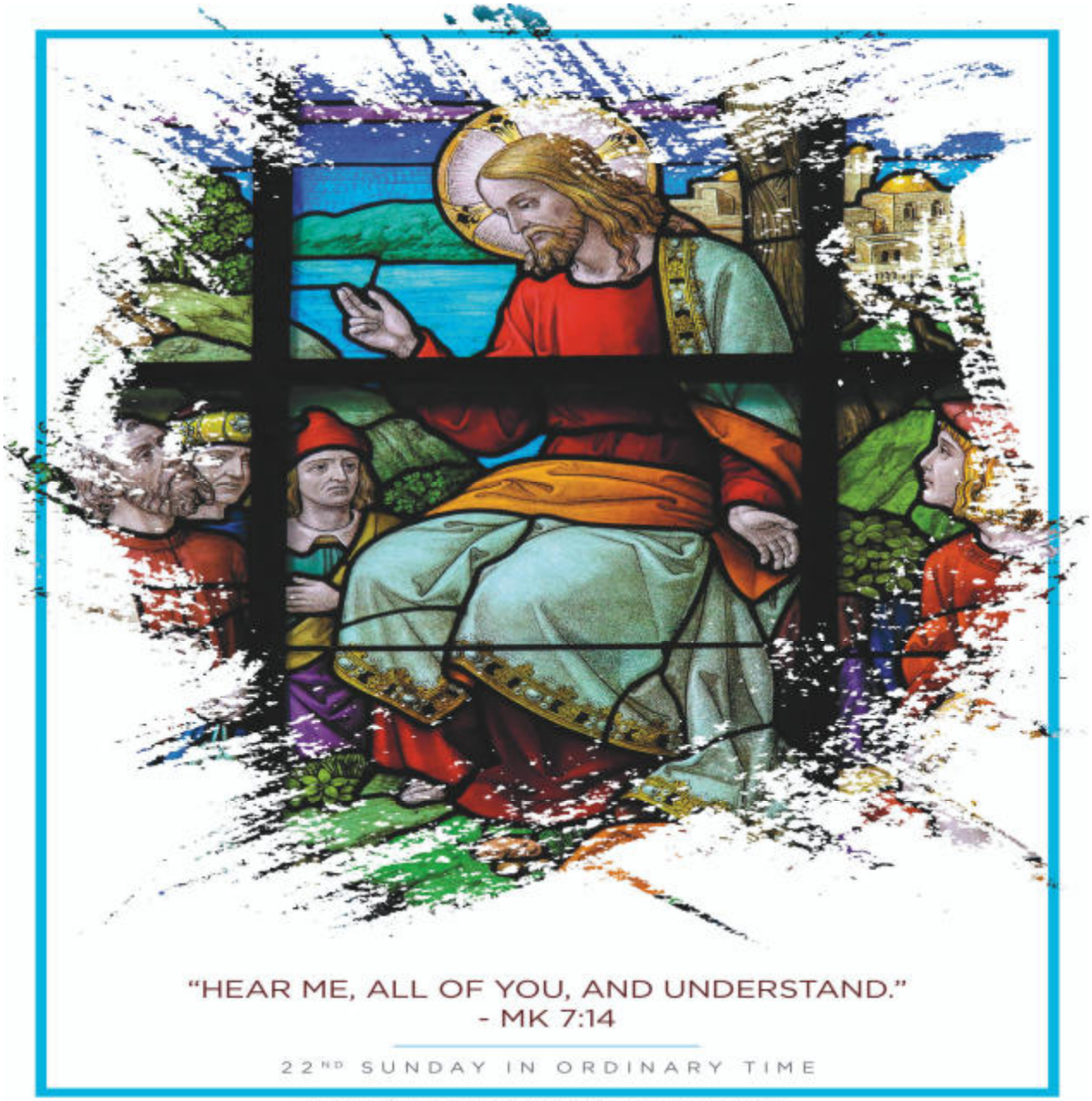

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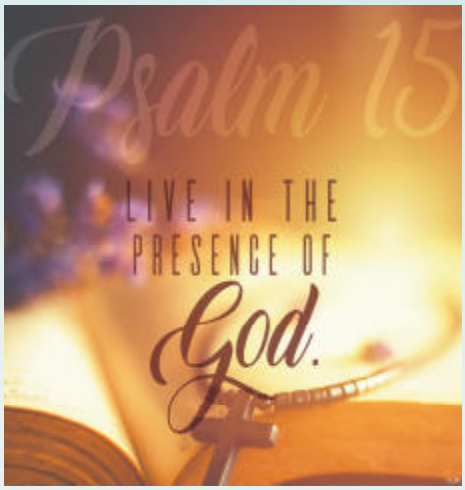

Thanks from Mark Etling

As my full-time ministry at St. Nicholas comes to an end, I want to thank you all for your hospitality and support over the past three years. I joined the St. Nicholas staff at an important moment in my journey of faith. Your compassion and concern eased my burden, and restored my spirit. It has been an honor and a privilege to pray and work with you. I am especially grateful to Fr. Bill for giving me the opportunity to work here, and to the parish staff for all their help and patience with me. I hope to be back to see you in the future. God's blessings to you all. Mark Etling

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING AT ST. NICHOLAS

There will be a training for anyone in 5th grade through high school who would like to be an Altar Server on Sunday, September 12th following the 10:30 Mass. Anyone who has been a server but would like a refresher course is also encouraged to attend. Please let us know if you plan to come by emailing Karen Scherrer at music@stnicholasofallon.org.

From Anxiety to HOPE

Real Issues. Real Answers

Real Talk about Mental Health for Today's Parents

As a leader in Mental Health, in partnership with St. Nicholas, Karla Smith Behavioral Health is offering a FREE speaker series on three critical issues facing today's adolescent and teen in order to help parents, grandparents, teachers, youth leaders and caregivers understand the issues that may affect a person's mental health. The sessions will take place on Wednesday nights, September 15, October 13 and November 17 in the Activity Center at St. Nicholas at 7:00 pm. Topics for the three different sessions will be:

- **SCREENAGERS Growing Up in the Digital Age, (Sept 15)**
- **ANXIETY 101 (Oct. 13)**
- **WHO IS THEM? WHAT AM I Exploring Gender and Sexuality (Nov. 17)**

Please take 30 seconds to register online at FREE Registration online at KarlaSmithBehavorialHealth.org so they can ensure there is enough material for each session.

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, (Sept. 4) at 4:30 pm

Altar Servers: John Kampwerth, Clint Hertzler
Cantor: Pat Goller
Eucharistic Ministers:
Deacon Gary Mueller (EM Host 1), Dick Kosco, Dolores Kosco, Carol Papenberg, **Diane Di Tucci (GEM)**
Greeters: Bill & Kris Green
Guardian Angels: Butch Haerter, Tom Scolarici
Lectors: Christopher Pollard, Nancy Kohrig
Presenter of Gifts: Jeremy, Ruth & Lily Kampwerth
Ushers: Darren Fults, John Knapik, David Loyet

Sunday, (Sept. 5) at 8:30 am

Altar Servers: Campbell Plassman, Clark Davis
Cantor: Glenn Mackey
Eucharistic Ministers:
Deacon Gary Mueller (EM Host 1), Brian Finck, Barb Furdek, Yolandea Wood, **Lynda Fahrner (GEM)**
Greeters: Hank Bellina, Sharon Gage
Guardian Angels: Matt Plassman, Fred Devore
Lectors: Jennifer Finck, Arlene Pelak
Presenter of Gifts: Jackie & Matt Harris
Ushers: Matt Ballance, John Coers, Jules Eversgerd

Sunday, (Sept. 5) at 10:30 am

Altar Servers: Josie Hopkins, Jack Hettenhausen
Cantor: Caroline Hopkins
Eucharistic Ministers:
Deacon Gary Mueller (EM Host 1), Lee Niehaus, Ken Thouvenot, Paula Weidner, **Mary Winger (GEM)**
Greeters: JoAnne Costantinou, Rebecca Hopkins
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Lectors: Denise Scagliarini, Julie Novy
Presenter of Gifts: TBD,TBD
Ushers: Kip Adkins, Joe Hopkins, William Wheeler

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

The Acts of the Apostles is a fast-paced imaginative story about early Christianity. It depicts the fulfillment of Jesus' command in the Gospel of Luke that his message of repentance and forgiveness should be proclaimed "to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem". Acts tells the story of the fateful decision by the Apostles to proclaim the Good News of Jesus to both Jews and Gentiles. **The series will be Wednesdays, September 22, September 29 and October 6. Times of the presentation will be at 9:30 am and 7:00 pm in the Spirituality Center. Presenter will be Mark Etling.**

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 29, 2021

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8. Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5. James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27. Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

Call to Holiness. Sometimes law and custom can be so onerous, so heavy that we can lose focus on right behavior. That is part of the conversation today as we return to the Gospel of Mark. Observing traditions is good and right. But avoiding oppressing thoughts, words, and deeds is better. In the Second Reading, Saint James says: "Be doers of the word and not hearers only." In short, be holy.

- What unholy words and deeds can I avoid?
- What holy words and deeds shall I do this week?
- Whom can I invite to holy behavior with me?

Parish School of Religion (PSR) and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd REGISTRATION

Please stop by the Parish Office or go on-line to sign up your child/children for our PSR or Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Programs.

The PSR Program is for students entering 1st grade through 8th grade. PSR Tuition is $75.00 per student. PSR starts Sunday, Sept 12 at 9:00 am at St. Clare School.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) has classes for children ages 3-12. Tuition is $100.00 per student. CGS starts during the week of October 3.

If anyone is making their First Communion or Confirmation, there is an additional $10.00 fee for BOTH programs.

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Lourdes Grotto "We Remember You" in-person Candlelight Vigil Wednesday, September 8, 7:30 pm

We honor those we have lost to suicide.
Free. Register online at snows.org/vigil or call 618-394-6281 to register.
Brought to you by the St. Clair County Suicide Prevention Alliance and the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows

Reflection for Our Children

GOSPEL

God smiles when you say kind words and do good things for others. Say please and thank you. Share your favorite candy bar. Open the door for someone. Sometimes you make mistakes. You might spit out an unkind word. You might hit someone. When you are in bed at night, tell God you are sorry. God will forgive you. Jesus died on the cross so that you can sleep on a pillow of forgiveness.

PRAYER

Lord, help me say good words to everyone I meet.

Bishop Michael McGovern Wedding Milestone Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating a special wedding anniversary this year? 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 and any and all years thereafter Bishop McGovern will be celebrating a special Mass on Sunday, October 10. If you are interested in attending the anniversary Mass, please call the office no later than Wednesday, September 8 at 632-1797.

Recorded Homilies

Often people have commented to Fr. Bill that they wish that they could hear a homily again or that they would love to send his message to a family. Homilies are available now on our Website and our Parish App. Homilies are also available on CDs in the sacristy and may be checked out on an honor system by listing your name and phone number on the sign out sheet.

September 1 - National Suicide Prevention Week is September 5-11, 2021. We will be doing a service project to show our support for those who have suffered from the results of suicide and to show our love for those that have thought of death by suicide for themselves. We hope you can join us!

JUNIOR HIGH NIGHT
for 7th and 8th Graders!

Join us for fun, fellowship, games and snacks in the St. Nicholas Gym on Monday, August 30 from 6:30-8:00 pm. Bring friends and meet other kids from your church and community. Why wait until high school for youth group teen night? Start connecting NOW! If you have any questions, contact Megan Edwards at meganedwards@stnicholasofallon.org.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	**August 28**
4:30 pm	Nelson Jenkins
Sunday,	**August 29**
8:30 am	For the Parish
10:30 am	Mark West
Monday,	**August 30**
8:30 am	Bev Orazem
Tuesday,	**August 31**
8:30 am	NO Mass
Wednesday,	**September 1**
8:30 am	Mary Kay Newman
Thursday,	**September 2**
8:30 am	NO Mass
Friday,	**September 3**
8:30 am	Frank Sandoval
Saturday,	**September 4**
3:00 pm	Confession
4:30 pm	Mary & John Morian 40th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday,	**September 5**
8:30 am	Angie Guithues
10:30 am	For the Parish

Sharing Your Faith

Question:
My friend has never heard of Christ and I want to share the Gospel with her but I'm afraid to. How do I share my faith?

Answer:
There are a lot of ways to bring up the topic of religion, without being judgmental or pushy. Begin by asking what her thoughts are about religion, or what her experience was growing up. Finding common ground is often easier than you think, because the questions and problems we have about God, the presence of evil, our purpose in life, and our relationship with God are universal concerns.

Why are you afraid? If you do not want to insult or offend someone, don't be pushy or judgmental. If you are uncertain about how to explain your own faith, do a little reading or practice with a friend. If you measure success only by this person converting, focus your attention more on beginning the conversation, not on bringing it to a perfect close! Faith is a journey of many acts of belief, many discussions about God, and many choices about how we practice what we preach. In some we will have great success; in others we will need forgiveness and perseverance. The most important thing to keep in mind is that the Holy Spirit is always at work and our most humble efforts can bear great fruit. Have faith in God because he has faith in you! ©LPi

TITHE

Total tithe last weekend	$21,896.63
Offering	$ 20,560.63
Guatemala	$450.00
Poor	$736.00
St. Vincent de Paul	$150.00

Thank you very much!

TITHE

Total tithe weekend of August 15	$19,142.00
Offering	$ 18,092.00
Guatemala	$315.00
Poor	$485.00
St. Vincent de Paul	$145.00
Retired Diocesan Priest	$100.00
Peter's Pence	$5.00

Thank you very much!

Readings for the week of August 29, 2021

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/ Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

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