

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021



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Lottery Update

This week's winning ticket is

Martie Rheume

of St. Nicholas Parish

(1st Drawing for 2021-2022)

Parish Choir

Sunday, September 12

8:30 am Mass

Anointing of the Sick

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 KarlaSmithBehavioralHealth.org so they can ensure there is enough material for each session.

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.**

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, (Sept. 11) at 4:30 pm	Sunday, (Sept. 12) at 8:30 am	Sunday, (Sept. 12) at 10:30 am
Altar Servers: Brett Hattan, Alex Hattan	Altar Servers: Jillian Umali, Ellen Davis	Altar Servers: Beatrice McCoy, Julia Nugent
Cantor: Karen Kaus	Cantor: Dan Roberts	Cantor: Scott Bridgeman
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Gary Mueller (EM Host 1), Deborah Alford, Denny Alford, Rose Mulqueeny, John Laverdure (GEM)	Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Gary Mueller (EM Host 1), Mark Daggitt, Carla Daggitt, Fred Newman, Jill Pietrusinski (GEM)	Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Gary Mueller (EM Host 1), Anna Craddick, Al Lambaria, Sally Vocke, Stephanie Watkins (GEM)
Greeters: Jan & David Todd	Greeters: Linda Gass, Janet Hadley	Greeters: Theresa Bridgeman, Crystal McCarthy
Guardian Angels: Regina Broeckling, Butch Haerter	Guardian Angels: TBD, Larry Myron	Guardian Angels: Darren Fults, Christopher Pollard
Lectors: Christopher Heilig, Leslie Heilig	Lectors: Tim Toennies, Patrick Toennies	Lectors: TBD, Holly Schlachter
Presenter of Gifts: Jennifer & Wes Holzinger	Presenter of Gifts: Karen & Dave Pfeifer	Presenter of Gifts: Ryan & Treacy Brown
Ushers: Brian Burns, Dennis Mulqueeny, Pat Prindable	Ushers: John Coers, Harlan Gerrish, Charlie Smith	Ushers: Kip Adkins, Brian Finck, Gerry Riley

NO MEN'S GATHERING in September

There will be no Men's Gathering for the month of September due to observance of the Labor Day holiday. Please mark your calendars for our October meeting on Monday, October 4 at 6:30 pm.

Confirmation Parent Meeting

Confirmation parent meeting will be held Sunday, September 12 for **BOTH PSR and ST. CLARE SCHOOL PARENTS** from 9:00-10:00 am in St. Clare School's cafeteria. Please make every effort to attend this meeting.



Catechumenate "RCIA"

Do you know of a family member or neighbor living within our parish boundaries that is inquisitive about the Catholic Faith? If so, please call Barb if you have any questions about the Catechumenate program at 632-1137.

The Children's Choir (2nd-8th grade) HAS STARTED Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30 pm

All rehearsals are in the main church (enter through the door behind the organ.) If you have any questions, please contact Karen at 632-1007 or music@stnicholasofallon.org. Hope to See You!

National Family Planning Day

Please join Bishop McGovern, Father Nick Fleming and medical professionals on Sunday, September 12 at St. Clare Church in O'Fallon to discover the beauty of Natural Family Planning. NFP Day is a day to celebrate with food, fellowship and fun! The day begins following the 10:30 am Mass and concludes at 4 pm. Lunch is provided and families are welcome! Childcare will be provided. Please RSVP with number attending and ages of children to emily.joost@gmail.com.

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 5, 2021

Isaiah 35:4-7a. Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10. James 2:1-5. Mark 7:31-37.

Be Opened! Jesus heals a deaf and mute man today who immediately speaks plainly. Before the Baptism of adults and after that for babies and children, the Church imitates Jesus with the Ephphetha Rite [EF-fah-tah]. In opening the ears and mouth, we pray for the grace to hear the word of God and to profess it every day.

- To what right behavior do I turn a deaf ear, a closed mouth?
- What needs opening so I may hear the word of God?
- What needs opening so I may speak truth?



**PARISH OFFICE
CLOSED
MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 6
FOR LABOR DAY**



The Anointing of the Sick Sunday, September 12 at 8:30 am Mass

The opening instruction in this rite of the church, **Anointing of the Sick** reveals how the early church saw this sacrament. "Are there any who are sick among you? Let them send for the priests of the Church, and let the priest pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick persons, and the Lord will raise them up; and if they have committed any sins, they will be forgiven them." In the early church this sacrament was just what it says, an anointing of the sick for health.

Through the centuries this sacrament became more a sacrament of the dying than of the living. It became an anointing to prepare FOR DEATH and was called Extreme Unction. It was part of the prayer called the Last Rites. Many of us who are a little older remember how important these "last rites" were for those about to die.

Thankfully, the reform of Vatican II researched the documents of the early church and this sacrament was returned to its rightful place as the **Sacrament of the Sick**.

Next Sunday, September 12 at 8:30 am Mass we will have the opportunity to receive this sacrament **Anointing of the Sick**. If you are suffering in any way: mind, body or spirit, facing surgery or experiencing the challenges of growing older, come and receive this sacrament of healing for encouragement, strength, and comfort.

If you, or a neighbor/friend would like to be anointed, please let them know of this Mass. Sometimes offering a ride to church is a real needed gift.



September 8th - MOVIE NIGHT
I Can Only Imagine. Join us promptly at 7 pm for a movie and popcorn!

September 15th - NO YOUTH GROUP. Karla Smith Behavioral Health will have a presentation for guardians/parents about Raising Kids in the Digital Age.

September 22nd - Help us make Car Wash signs for the upcoming event.

September 25, Saturday we will be hosting a car wash at the KC Hall from 8-11 am to raise money for youth activities and retreats.

We hope you stop by!

**PSR STARTS NEXT SUNDAY,
 SEPTEMBER 12
 FOR STUDENTS IN 1st-8th GRADES AT
 ST. CLARE SCHOOL AT 9:00 AM**



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Saturday, 4:30 pm	September 4 John & Mary Morian 40th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday, 8:30 am 10:30 am	September 5 Angie Guithues For the Parish Baptism
Monday, 8:30 am	September 6 Francis Gross
Tuesday, 8:30 am	September 7 NO Mass
Wednesday, 8:30 am	September 8 Bill Killian
Thursday, 8:30 am	September 9 NO Mass
Friday, 8:30 am	September 10 Dennis Reno
Saturday, 3:00 pm 4:30 pm	September 11 Confession Sandy Taylor
Sunday, 8:30 am 10:30 am	September 12 Edna & Richard Hurlburt For the Parish

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Choosing Deafness

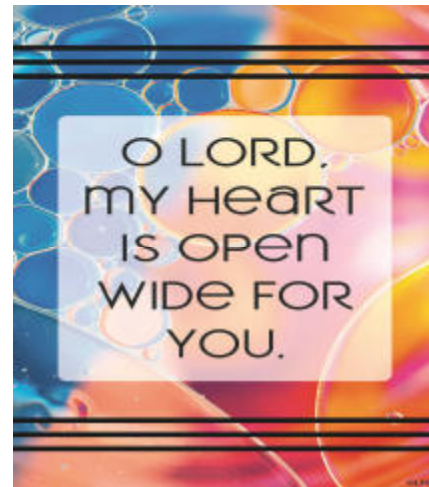
If you're a parent, you know that hearing evaluations are usually done at a child's annual physical exam starting around age four. The little person gets hoisted up onto the exam table, fitted with a pair of special headphones, and then they need raise their hand when they hear a sound.

I bet all of us parents who have sat through one of these tests with a preschooler — especially a particularly strong-willed one — have experienced a moment where we ask ourselves: I wonder if there's something wrong with her hearing. Is that why she doesn't listen to me? 'Come here, put on your shoes, pick up your toys, finish your carrots, don't touch that' — she isn't being naughty, she just can't hear it!

And then that moment, for those of us whose kids passed the hearing test with flying colors, comes crashing down into a realization that, yep, they can hear just find. They're just choosing deafness.

But how can we really get mad when we remember that we do the same thing to God day in and day out? I often wonder if God, sitting in His Heaven, tires of calling to us in the same way young parents tire of calling out unheeded directions to their small children. Help that person. Hear My voice. Open your heart. Give of yourself here. Talk to Me.

What is the call He wishes you to hear today? Can you hear it? Are you listening? *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*
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Readings for the week of September 5, 2021

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
 Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11
 Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19
 Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
 Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38
 Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42
 Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49
 Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

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to an
EPIC PARTY ON THE PARKING LOT!



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