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Lottery Update
This week's winning ticket is
Rebecca Hopkins
Of St. Nicholas Parish

Altar Angels
For October 25
Lissa Breaux
Crystal McCarthy

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 continue on Wednesday nights, October 13 and November 17 in the Activity Center at St. Nicholas at 7:00 pm. Topics for the remaining two different sessions will be:

- **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.

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.**

Confirmation Walk to Benefit St. Vincent de Paul

Sunday, October 3 at 1:00 pm at Rock Springs Park all 7th & 8th grade students are expected to participate in the St. Vincent de Paul ***Walk for the Poor.*** The walk is to support the St. Vincent de Paul Drop-in Center. We ask that every candidate earn and donate minimum of $5.00, instead of soliciting people for donations. **A parent** will need to accompany their child for the walk, you may have a cluster of youth walk with one parent. If it should rain, the walk will be cancelled but the donations will still be collected.

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, (Sept. 25) at 4:30 pm
Altar Servers: TBD, Christopher Edwards
Cantor: Pat Goller
Eucharistic Ministers: **Deacon Gary Mueller (EM Host 1)**, Barb Furdek, Denny Furdek, Cynthia Slaydon, **Laura Rineberg (GEM)**
Greeters: John Knapik, Jack Rineberg
Guardian Angels: Butch Haerter, Tom Scolarici
Lectors: Steven Rineberg, John Rottschalk
Presenter of Gifts: Melissa Zimmermann, Megan Buck
Ushers: Brian Burns, David Loyet, Stan Slaydon

Sunday, (Sept. 26) at 8:30 am
Altar Servers: Ellen Davis, Clark Davis
Cantor: Darlene Johnson
Eucharistic Ministers: **Deacon Gary Mueller (EM Host 1),** DJ Johnson, Mark Richardson, Loretta Siekmann, **Amy Reilmann (GEM)**
Greeters: Karen & Terry Reeves
Guardian Angels: Jeff Davis, Keegan Welsch
Lectors: Yolandea Wood, Jennifer Evans
Presenter of Gifts: Paul & Debi Kozak
Ushers: Matt Ballance, john Coers, Jules Eversgerd

Sunday, (Sept. 26) at 10:30 am
Altar Servers: Sam McCollum, Clint Hertzler
Cantor: Natalie Hale
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Gary Mueller (EM Host 1), Pat Cummins, Bonnie Levin, Mike Novy, **Crystal McCarthy (GEM)**
Greeters: TBD, Tanya Scherschel
Guardian Angels: TBD, Danny Flores
Lectors: Mike McCarthy, Julie Novy
Presenter of Gifts: Joyce & Roger Richter
Ushers: Kip Adkins, William Wheeler, Keith Wilhelm

Marian Hour of Prayer

Each month the Marian Hour of Prayer is held on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. On Monday, September 20 we will again meet to pray the rosary, read from scripture and reflect on Mary.

Job Opening St. Clare School

Extended Care Program

St. Clare Catholic School in O'Fallon is seeking part-time employees for our Extended Care Program for the 2021-2022 school year. Extended Care Employees are responsible for providing an appropriately safe, caring and enriching environment for St. Clare students. Extended Care Program Employees prepare activities, assist with the needs of students, and support learning by creating an atmosphere where students can complete homework. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age. Available days and times are:

Opportunity 1 - Monday-Friday 6:15-8:00 am
Opportunity 2 - Monday—Friday 3:00-6:00 pm

Please send a cover letter, resume, and references to Mrs. Monica Ybarra at monica.ybarra@saintclareschool.org

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 19, 2021

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20. Psalm 54:3-4, 5, 6-8. James 3:16–4:31. Mark 9:30-37. **"I'm Better Than You**." Our lives are filled with all manner of put down, one upmanship, top dog behavior. When the disciples were caught in a similar conversation by Jesus, their response was silence. Perhaps, from embarrassment, even shame – especially after his teaching. He says to them and to us, be last not first, be of service, be open to receive.

- Who needs to be first at something this week rather than me?
- Whom can I serve because they need some help?
- Whom will I receive with joy as I would a child or grandchild?

Everyone Welcome!
St. Clare Parish 21st Annual Octoberfest
Saturday, September 25
St. Clare School Grounds at 3rd and Cherry from 4-11 pm.

Join us for food, live music, drinks in our largest biergarten ever! Festival foods all night. 5K Run at 4 p.m.; Kids' Fun Run follows. German Dinner outdoors with kids' meal option 5-8 p.m. Big Otto and Lil Otto raffles: chance to win $10,000. Online auction ends at 9 pm at www.stclarechurch.org/ofest Note: We are not able to offer games and inflatables this year due to COVID. The best time for families to enjoy dinner together is between 4 and 7 pm.

Flamingos Have Flown South For the Winter

The Youth Group would like to thank all of you for allowing us to flock your yards and add to your celebrations over the last few months. We appreciate the opportunity to serve you in this way.

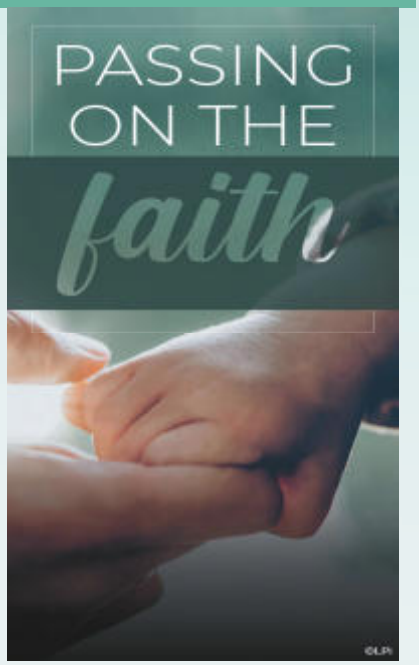
Knights of Columbus Bingo

Knights of Columbus on HWY 50 has Bingo on the First and Third Sundays of the Month. Games and refreshments starting at 6:30 pm. **This Sunday Sept. 19** is our second one of the month. Hope to see you!

TO ALL CATECHISTS

Thank you to ALL our Catechists who share their time and talents to help our children learn and grow in our Catholic Faith!

Thank you Very Much For



September 22 - High school Youth Group: Join us in making signs for our Car Wash fund-raiser

Saturday, September 25

THE CAR WASH at the KC Hall on Hwy 50 from 8-11 am. Get your car washed by St. Nicholas youth, helping us raise money for activities and retreats.

October Junior High Night - TBD

TITHE

Total tithe last weekend.....$35,180.85
Offering $26,788.85
Guatemala $220.00
Poor $936.00
St. Vincent de Paul.....$5,100.00
Retired Diocesan Priest $2,136.00

Thank you very much!

Haiti.....$10,103.00

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

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. – *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPi

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	**September 18**
4:30 pm	Maxine Tomasiewicz
	George & Frances Chalupnik
	60th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday,	**September 19**
8:30 am	Alex & Stephen Keck
10:30 am	For the Parish
Monday,	**September 20**
8:30 am	Bob Muckensturm
Tuesday,	**September 21**
8:30 am	NO Mass
Wednesday,	**September 22**
8:30 am	Members of the Altadonna Family
Thursday,	**September 23**
8:30 am	NO Mass
Friday,	**September 24**
8:30 am	**NO MASS**
	St. Nicholas Golf Outing
Saturday,	**September 25**
3:00 pm	Confession
4:30 pm	Dorothy Gerrick
Sunday,	**September 26**
8:30 am	Merle "Moe" Frech
10:30 am	For the Parish

TITHE

Total tithe weekend of September 5 ..... $30,602.00
Offering..... $28,601.00
Guatemala.....$360.00
Poor.....$760.00
St. Vincent de Paul.....$500.00
Retired Diocesan Priest.....$381.00

Thank you very much!

St. Nicholas TEEN's Hosting a CAR WASH

On Saturday, September 25, our Youth will be hosting a car wash at the KC Hall on HWY 50 from 8-11 am. The funds raised will help with youth activities and retreats.

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

Communion Fasting

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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