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SEPTEMBER 12, 2021
24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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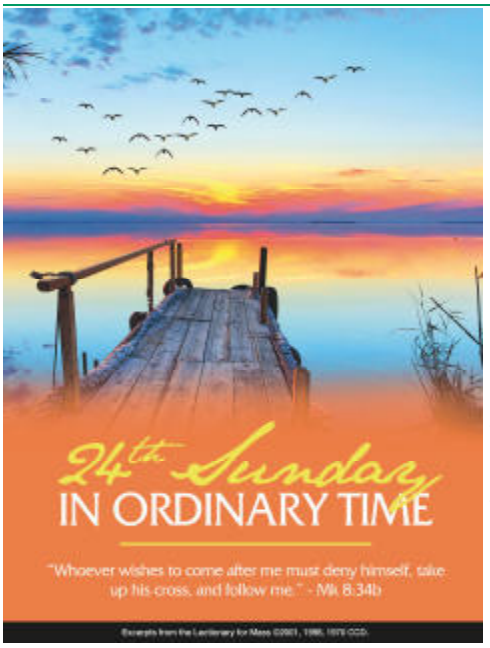

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Parents of children and youth of Grades K—11 … the PRE 2021-2022 program begins today, Sunday, September 12 at 9:00—10:10 AM. Grade 12 begins on Wednesday, September 15 at 7:00 PM at the home of Freddy & Janet Wilson (90 State Route 339S, Fancy Farm). Return registration forms to the Parish Office ASAP.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

*The Knights of Columbus will host a blood drive on Sunday, September 12 from 9:00 AM—1:00 PM at the St. Jerome Parish Hall (former KC Hall).

*The Knights of Columbus / Fancy Farm 3-man golf scramble at the Silos Golf Course will be held on Sunday, September 19. Cost is $50 per player. Any business or individual that would like to sponsor a hole would greatly be appreciated with cost of $100. **Deadline to sign up is September 12.** Contact Jamie Hayden 270-705-4936 or Jordan Puckett 270-519-7442.

ST. JOHN FISH FRY/ RAFFLE

They are not having a picnic but are having a DRIVE-THRU Fish Fry at the St. John's Knights of Columbus on Friday, September 17 from 4:00—7:00 PM. They are selling raffle chances. The raffle drawing will take place on **Saturday night, September 18** at St. John Church.

GRAVES COUNTY VETERANS OF FOREIGN WAR (VFW) POST AND AUXILIARY YARD SALE/VENDOR/CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, September 25 from 8:00 AM—2:00 PM in the St. Jerome Parish Hall (former KC Hall). 10x10 booth spaces are available to rent for $25. Proceeds go to our non-profit VFW organization to benefit and support veterans. Contact Loretta Leeper at 270-705-3417 to reserve a spot. Spaces go to first requests until they are all filled.

GROWING IN OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

What are you as an adult presently doing to nourish your faith? How can I grow in my Catholic faith? What can I do to keep understanding my faith? Occasionally, someone will say, "I wish I had more faith". Often, it is not a matter of having more faith, but becoming more aware of the faith you already have.

As a way to respond to these questions and encourage lifelong formation of adults in our parish, a monthly resource, **Catholic Update** will be made available to every family through the parish bulletin. In the past, programs during the Advent and Lenten season, small group opportunities and a variety of Bible studies have been offered. The response to these adult sessions has been a small percentage of our adults have engaged. It is our hope that providing a resource that explores Church teaching and traditions that you can read and discuss at your convenience and in your own home with other adults or family members with whom you engage regularly, may spark new enthusiasm for deepening and enlivening your Catholic faith. Like anything that makes an impact this will require intentional commitment and discipline. Please take the time to engage and invest in this opportunity for lifelong faith formation! Adults learn best by sharing with other adults so be creative in finding ways to do this! Stir into flame the gift of faith by nurturing yourself and others in our community and beyond!

Welcome Visitors … We are delighted to have you visit with us here at St. Jerome Catholic Church. We hope your visit with us has been a happy and faith-filled experience.

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them. ©LPi

FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE EVENTS

*September 12: Following the 10:30 AM Mass, grandparents and grandchildren are invited to join the Family Life Committee in front of Sts. Martha & Mary Hall (cafeteria) for a photo booth, snack and a craft to take home.

*September 19: If you are age 21 or over, join the Family Life Committee from 2:00—5:00 PM on the Picnic Grounds under the political pavilion for Wine Time and music by Jace Hill. Bring a bottle of wine to share, please.

*St. Jerome Talent Show. More information will be coming soon.

*Are you interested in a short volleyball league this fall? The details are still being worked on but want to get an idea of how many might be interested. Contact Peyton Hutson at 845-475-7085 if you want to register as a team or individual.

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2021

An environmentally sustainable lifestyle: We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

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Parish Registration
If you have just moved into our community or have changed your address, please call the parish office to update your information.

Rite of Christian Initiation (R.C.I.A.)
For adults, youth, and children (over age 6) who have a desire to learn more about the Catholic faith. Weekly sessions are held for adults. You may contact the parish office or Sister Martha Keller.

Funerals
The funeral Mass replaces the regularly scheduled weekday Mass.

Sacraments
Contact the Parish Office for information about Baptism, Reconciliation, Communion, Confirmation, Matrimony.

The Diocese of Owensboro requires couples to make arrangements at least six months in advance of the desired date of Marriage. You must be 19 years of age or have graduated from 12th grade for at least one year.

Hospital Visits
Please call the Parish Office or have someone call for you if you are admitted to the hospital and would like a priest to visit. When you are admitted, please let the hospital know which parish you belong to.

Parish Religious Education (PRE)
Classes for Kindergarten—11th grade are held on Sundays from 9:00-10:10 am. 12th grade will meet September thru December on Wednesdays from 6:00—7:00 pm.

Stewardship

MAYFIELD-GRAVES COUNTY NEEDLINE AND FOOD PANTRY

Item needed this week is **canned vegetables.** Place donations in back of church and they will be picked up. Thanks to everyone for their donations.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Catechetical Sunday is an annual event in our parish that marks the beginning of religious education and formation for the new catechetical year. Each year, the Catholic Church in the United Sates designates the 3rd Sunday in September as Catechetical Sunday to celebrate and pray for the Church's mission to pass on the faith and highlight the importance of life-long formation in the faith. This year's theme is *"Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed."* The weekend of September 19, we will have a special blessing and prayers for our children and youth, catechists, and parents during the liturgy.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry is a powerful ministry of *Christ Caring for People through People.* Prayer is essential to our Stephen Ministry here at Saint Jerome Church. It helps keep this ministry grounded on the rock of Jesus Christ. It encourages our Stephen Ministers to remain focused on the process of caring, leaving the results up to God. Presently our Stephen Ministers are **Carol Elder, Janet Wilson, Joyce Hayden, Ed Elder, Mary Ann Thomas, Eva Bowlin, and David Thompson.** Please keep these caregivers and their care receivers in your prayers.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

MONTH EIGHT: "I like to listen to my Mommy's voice!" In the last two months the baby continues to gain weight. She is developing a layer of fat that will keep her warm after she is born. In the 9th month she will shift to a head-down position, preparing for birth. Her lungs are now fully developed and capable of making the transition to breathing air. After birth she will continue the human growth process for many years to come. She is about 18 inches in length. Your baby's mother appreciated the prayers you have said for her and her baby throughout the pregnancy. It has not been easy, but your prayers have given her the grace she needed to bring her baby to term.

Congratulations to **Kent Curtsinger** on your spiritually adopted baby girl, **Carol Emma.**

***September 12:** First PRE Class for grades Kindergarten through 11th.
***September 15:** First PRE Class for 12th Grade.
***November 19– 21:** Lazarus Retreat held at St. Jerome Church. More information coming soon.

Prayer Requests

Parishioners: Shelley Cook, Eugene & Vicky Willett, Denise Wilson, Robert "Butch" McClure, Gayle Vermillion, Dot Carrico, Norris & Elexie McNutt, Carol Fristoe, Dot Murphy, Philip Elder II, Joy Ann Toon, Steve Thompson, Liz Wilson, Code & Shirley Rowe, Terry Goatley, Vayda Bollenbecker and Family, David & Geralynn Carbine, Joey & Sue Elder, Scott Elder, Jerry Skinner, Jackie Langham, Elmer Elliott, Mark Elder, Will Dee Stahr, Dorothy Hobbs, Algene & Debbie Wilson, Pat Walsh, Allen Cissell, Susan Crenshaw, W. Dewey Hobbs, Pat Carrico, Wayne & Ruth Ann Higdon, Sara Elliott, David Thompson, Andrea Kemp, Joyce Wilson, Lydia Hobbs, Dorothy Elliott, Dennis Tharp, Jackie Ballard, Teresa (David) Hobbs, Joe Elliott, Larry & Delores Wilson, Clay Willett, Brenda Goatley, James & Dottie Wilson, Eugene Ellegood, Danny & Theresa Thompson, Helen Lockett, Angela Hayden.

Non-Parishioners: Rosie Robinson, Steve Rehrig, Michael, Joy & Jaxson Morgan, Al Cash, Joe Kunkle, Kyle Thomas, Kara Goodman, Bruce Lee, Ronnie Smith, Penny Nelson, Gordon Dickerson, Barbara Brown, Jaxon Short, Shannon Hayden, Mike Mortensen, Craig Stamper, Kristen Hobbs, David Seay, Jeff Cooper, Zoie Pyle, Sandy Donohoo, Frank Redden, Marilyn Miller, Kelly Walker, Ronnie Reed, Ruthie Ellegood, Charlie Crider, Mark Barnett, Robin Evans, C.W. Jackson, Graham Hosman, Nick Smith, Charles Hokanson, Karla Ray, Carolyn Ramsey, Bobby Galloway, Wayne Viniard, Johnny & Phyllis Walker, Ricky Walker, Daniel Hayden, Katie Harms, Ellen Mortensen, Cheryl Ayers, Dorothy & Robert Pierceall, Mary Brame, Kye Thomason, Owen Coombs, Florence Vessels, Cecilia Burnett, Eric Ritzie, Amanda Dunlap, Bobbie Edds, Elaine Hinkebein, Lisa P. Nelson, Robert Toon, Ray Willett, Ryan Ballard, Dustin Turska, Tina Elder Via, Peggy Adams, Tracey Hargrove, Stephanie H. Dunn, Cody Carrico, Belinda Rucker, Bobby Hobbs, Phillip & Karen Carr, Leon & Vicki Elder, Sue Farris, Betty Ballard, Mark Wilson (Liz's son), Seth Karlson, Michael Curtis Hobbs, Jeanette Hobbs Farrell.

The doctors, nurses, essential workers, the homebound, those in the hospital, assisted living & nursing homes. Pray for our enemies.

Pray for all men and women serving in the armed forces, especially Nathaniel Brown, David Michael Clifton, Adam Curtsinger, Autumn Goatley, Logan Johnson, Jarred Lutz, Michael McGrath, Luke Nimmo, Josh & Sarah Thompson, Tanner Webster, Brittany Willett, and Thomas Wilson.

SAINT JEROME PRAYER LINE / EMAIL REQUEST

To submit a prayer request to those who are praying for the needs of others daily, please send your intention to SaintJeromePrayerRequests@gmail.com

4 **LIVING THE LITURGY**

Rest in the presence of God simply because God is God and you are you. This is all that is necessary. Out of this relationship will come inspiration, understanding, courage, constancy, truth, and virtues of all kind. We will find ourselves knowing the true meaning of things and developing a depth of insight that is not found following purely human venues. It is God who inspires and opens human hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, we understand all of our relationships with a richer appreciation and come to know who Jesus, who speaks of God's kingdom, really is. The trust that is fostered from resting with the Divine One allows us to see that God's ways are not our ways. There is something bigger going on in this picture of life. It is something mystical and magical that seeks to surprise us at every turn. It is not for us to cling to this world and its limitations. Our adventure is to dream bigger and brighter, realizing that it is even in suffering that the radiant light of the dawn will come. God's ways allow for our paths to be rocky, challenging, difficult, and even crippling at times. Purely human eyes cannot understand the 'why' of such experiences. The eyes and mind of God, however, reveal and detail a journey that ends in glorious resurrection joy. When we lose our axis and become too human in our thinking, Jesus rebukes us and gently reminds us how to see. ©LPi

Saint Joseph, we honor you as the head and protector of the Holy Family, spouse of Mary, and foster father of Jesus. Give you just and righteous heart to us as a guide for keeping our soul pure and free of sin. Help us to always be an example of purity to our family and friends, especially at home, at school, at work and at play. May your love and care for Jesus and Mary teach us how to live within our own family and may we find peace and healing through your prayers. In this year of Saint Joseph, we ask your intercession for this intention ... (mention your special intention.) Amen.

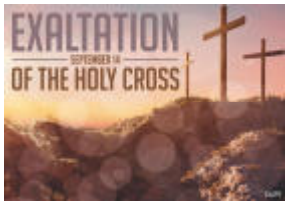
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12

Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day
Monday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Wednesday: Our Lady of Sorrows
Thursday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Friday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: BVM
Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday ©LPi

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 12, 2021
8:00 AM Mass [Our Parish Family]
9:00 AM PRE for K—11th grade
9:00 AM Knights of Columbus Blood Drive
10:30 AM Mass [Jerry Page (d)]
11:30 AM Family Life Committee Grandparent / grandchild event
5:30 PM Rosary at the Grotto

Monday, September 13, 2021
8:00 AM No Mass
6:00 PM RCIA



Tuesday, September 14, 2021
8:00 AM Mass [Belinda Toon (d)

Wednesday, September 15, 2021
8:00 AM Mass [Larry & Rose Glisson (d)]
9:00 AM Quilting
7:00 PM 12th grade PRE @ Freddy & Janet Wilson's

Thursday, September 16, 2021
8:00 AM Mass [Jim & Barbara O'Guinn (d)]

Friday, September 17, 2021
8:00 AM Mass [Lyndal & Nadine Hobbs (d)]
4:00 PM St. John Fish Fry

Saturday, September 18, 2021
3:30 PM Confession
5:00 PM Mass [Kim Cash (d)]

Sunday, September 19, 2021
8:00 AM Mass [Our Parish Family]
9:00 AM PRE for K—11th grade
10:30 AM Mass [Dorothy Parham (d)]
2:00 PM "Wine Time" at Picnic Grounds
5:30 PM Rosary at the Grotto

HOUR OF PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12

Sun: Rudy & Judy Elliott
Mon: Marian Fickey
Tues: Kathy Goatley
Wed: Vivian Goatley
Thurs: Karen Goff
Fri: Richard Hayden
Sat: Bill & Angela Higdon

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