

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 4, 2021



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Baptism and Marriage

Please call the parish office to arrange a time to meet with the priest and to schedule. Allow 6 months preparation time for marriage.

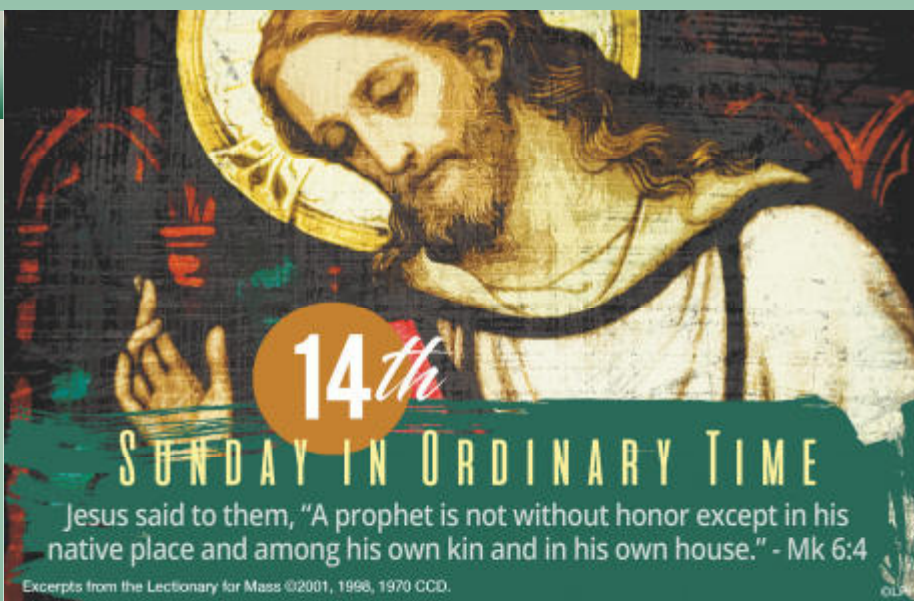
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Father Letona has resumed the Confession Schedule,
7.30 am St Paul before Friday morning Mass @ St Pauls
5.30pm St James Saturday evening

Another option is to call the Parish Office to schedule your confession with Father Letona.

Home visits & Sacrament of the Sick

Please call Father Letona at 608-562-3125 for information.



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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER LETONA

Greetings on the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

In our Gospel for this Sunday, Jesus is met with misgivings and rejection by his own townsmen and relatives. This stands in stark contrast to the great faith shown by Jairus, as he fell before the Lord and begged him to heal his little girl, and the faith of the woman with the hemorrhage.

The people of Nazareth heard Jesus preaching in the Synagogue. They thought they knew who he was, and now that he was preaching, "they took offense at him" (Mark 6:3). There are two lines in this Gospel that should give a pause for reflection: "they took offense at him," and "he was amazed at their lack of faith."

"Effective prayer requires faith and trust in God." (Didache Bible commentary). Because of their lack of faith Jesus was unable to perform miracles in Nazareth, his home town. But the problem wasn't in Jesus but in the hearts of the people of Nazareth. They, and we sometimes, may have prayed for some great sign or miracle from God, but never with any real investment or conviction on our end. Others might even expect a miracle in answer to their prayers, yet think that God should work according to their will, their own plan, and their timetable instead of His.

Jesus must have known that this is the reception he would have in his own town. Why then did he go back there at all? Because no one is beyond the mercy of God, he would not give up on one single soul, even if it costs him. We see that invested interest and love in its fullest on Good Friday.

Even in the first reading, Ezekiel didn't want to go to the "lost," those stubborn people who were obstinate of heart. Yet God drafted him so that even if they reject Ezekiel, and really God himself, they would know that God tried. In the second reading Paul also would face hardship for the sake Christ, yet no soul was a lost cause to Paul.

St. Paul was truly a man with a heart after the heart of Jesus. Like the people of Nazareth we too often resist the prophetic word because of pride, presuppositions, and an obstinacy of heart, rooted in self pride, as our Psalm describes. But as St Paul teaches us today, this must give way to weakness and powerlessness before God. "For when I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Cor 12:10). In other words, let God be God in your life.

Reflection:

Do I take offense at Jesus?
Would he be amazed at my lack of faith?
Can I open my heart today to just a little more hope, a little more trust, and a little more faith in the Lord Jesus?

God bless you all,
Father Robert Letona

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

Today is our Independence Day. May we always remember, as Americans, that our Independence from tyranny, freedom, liberty, and rights come from God, and they must never be taken for granted. "America was founded on the promise of God-given rights. Chief among them was life and liberty, While America has imperfectly fulfilled that promise, we always move forward for the perfection of that promise."

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness..." (Declaration of Independence)

A word from John Adams, a founding father of the United States:
"Posterity! You will never know how much it cost the present generation to preserve your freedom! I hope you will make a good use of it."

Character Builds Families

The Medal of Saint Benedict

We do not know just when the first medal of St. Benedict was struck. At some point in history a series of capital letters was placed around the large figure of the cross on the reverse side of the medal. For a long time the meaning of these letters was unknown, but in 1647 a manuscript dating back to 1415 was found at the Abbey of Metten in Bavaria, giving an explanation of the letters. They are the initial letters of a Latin prayer of exorcism against Satan, as will be explained in coming weeks. The above features were finally incorporated in a newly designed medal struck in 1880 under the supervision of the monks of Montecassino, Italy, to mark the 1400th anniversary of the birth of St. Benedict. The design of this medal was produced at Saint Martin's Archabbey, Beuron, Germany, at the request of the prior of Montecassino, Very Rev. Boniface Krug OSB (1838-1909). Prior Boniface was a native of Baltimore and originally a monk of St. Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, until he was chosen to become prior and latter archabbot of Montecassino. Since that time, the Jubilee Medal of 1880 has proven to be more popular throughout the Christian world than any other medal ever struck to honor Saint Benedict. (saintbenedict.com)



Please remember our Military and their Families

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FOR THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS.....

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| Dave Lewis | Pat Wyss | Helen Wiora |
| Michael Haske | Leonard Blondeau | Ruth Frohmader |
| Troy Lewis | Fr Clayton Elmhurst | Bruce Quist |

For our Deceased

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| Clayton Hansen | Frank Machnik | Ellen Henthorne |
| Marcella Hirt | Wilda Paulson | Walt Weber |

Please call the office if you would like to add or remove a name.

Secretary's Corner

July 6th we celebrate Maria Goretti on formed.org watch: **St Maria Goretti: Fourteen Flowers of Pardon** Register for Formed.org select I am a member of Parish and enter 53950 (mjpcatholic) register your name and email address. Check your email for the link and enjoy.

12 Pearls of wisdom from St. Thomas More

This influential Catholic statesman continues to inspire. There are some saints whose lives are so commendable, while also being relatable, that you need to know everything about them.

One such saint is Thomas More — the 16th-century lawyer, writer, philosopher and statesman who refused to acknowledge that his king, Henry VIII, was head of the Church of England. As a result, he lost his head at the age of 57 for standing up to his boss.

More's life was exemplary. While he was a man of great power and influence, he was also a family man, an intellect, and most importantly, a servant of God. This was tested when Henry VIII tried to convince More that his marriage to Catherine of Aragon was void, due to her inability to produce a male heir.

While More studied the Bible and pored over Church teaching to try and find a way to agree with the king, he couldn't. **This would be the beginning of the end for him.** He was eventually sentenced to death for refusing to acquiesce to Henry's various demands — a courageous thing to do considering the king's penchant for sending those who dared to disagree with him to the chopping block!

Yet, the devout Christian and prolific writer was more than ready to lose his earthly life rather than his integrity, famously proclaiming that **he was dying "in the faith and for the faith of the Catholic Church, the king's good servant and God's first."**

It's difficult to emphasize just how much of an influence this saint from Tudor Britain had during and after his life on others. His immense intellect, humanist outlook, virtue, and faith gave him great wisdom, a wisdom that seems just as timely today as it was more than 500 years ago.

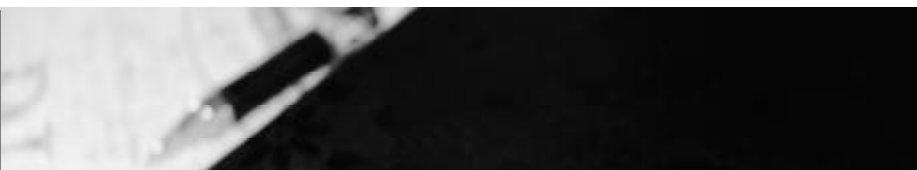
So for a little inspiration and guidance in your life, take a look at these precious pearls of wisdom from a man who dared to disobey the king to be faithful to Christ and the Church. (aleteia.org)

Family Builder Idea:

Is sibling rivalry causing too much disruption in your house? Here is 5 tips to help ease into a smoother summer. Continued

4. Express faith in their ability to work out a mutually agreeable solution. You want to build confidence in themselves and each other as a problem solvers, and start off their discussion on the right foot. Try saying something positive and with confidence, "I know that you two are not getting along right now, but I am sure you will come to a solution that feels fair to both of you."

5. Leave the room. This is the craziest and hardest part for some parents. We are talking great leaps of faith. But letting them work it out without you there is the key to success. Intervene only if one child is being abused by the other, either physically or verbally.



Attend in person 6pm Sat. St. James, Camp Douglas 8am St Michael's Indian Creek 10am St Paul's New Lisbon	Weekday Mass @ St. Paul's Thur—Fri 8.30 am No Mass Tue July 6 or Wed July 7
14th Sunday of Ordinary Time with Father Letona 10:00 am Readings Ez 2: 2-5 2 Cor 12: 7-10	On the Web <ul style="list-style-type: none">• YOUTUBE Father Letona, Masses from last year• Like our parish page on Facebook Saint James, Saint Paul & Saint Michael Parishes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• www.mjpcatholic.com• In person for private prayer Sunday 11am-7pm Monday—Saturday 9am—7pm
Ps 123: 1-4 Mk 6:1-6a	

St. James Schedule July 10

Lector

Maggie Jilek

We are looking for volunteers for usher, read and money count... PLEASE CALL Kris @ 608-562-3135

St. Michael's Schedule July 11

Lector

Rachel Tambornino

Offertory

Scott & Jolene Branch

Money Counter

Maggie Jilek

Ushers

Tom Tiber/Steve Belcher

Money Counters

John Ollendick/Wenzel Felber

St. Paul's Schedule July 11

Lector

Jim Nicksic

Money Counter

Mary Peterson/Karla Quist

(If you can't fill your roll please notify the office two weeks before hand)

Ushers

Tom Heindl

FORMATION IN FAITH:

Saint of the Day July 11th Saint Benedict

Benedict was born into a distinguished family in central Italy, studied at Rome, and early in life was drawn to monasticism. At first he became a hermit, leaving a depressing world—pagan armies on the march, the Church torn by schism, people suffering from war, morality at a low ebb. He soon realized that he could not live a hidden life in a small town any better than in a large city, so he withdrew to a cave high in the mountains for three years. Some monks chose Benedict as their leader for a while, but found his strictness not to their taste. Still the shift from hermit to community life had begun for him. He had an idea of gathering various families of monks into one "Grand Monastery" to give them the benefit of unity, fraternity, and permanent worship in one house. Finally he began to build what was to become one of the most famous monasteries in the world—Monte Cassino, commanding three narrow valleys running toward the mountains north of Naples.

The Rule that gradually developed prescribed a life of liturgical prayer, study, manual labor, and living together in community under a common abbot. Benedictine asceticism is known for its moderation, and Benedictine charity has always shown concern for the people in the surrounding countryside. In the course of the Middle Ages, all monasticism in the West was gradually brought under the Rule of St. Benedict.

Today the Benedictine family is represented by two branches: the Benedictine Federation encompassing the men and women of the Order of St. Benedict; and the Cistercians, men and women of the Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance. (franciscanmedia.org)

Announcements for Tri-Parish

Learn of the Love that God is

On FORMED.ORG watch these movies to learn about the different saints of our time and how they overcame adversity.

July 6th we celebrate Saint Maria Goretti

July 11 Saint Benedict FORMED Now! Feast of St. Benedict

July 13 Saint Teresa of the Andes

St Teresa of the Andes: The Story of the First Chilean Saint

St. Michael's

Parish Board and Finance Committee meeting on Thursday evening July 8 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Michael's.

St Paul's

St. Paul's Cemetery

A burial plot if **for sale**

The plot is located front left corner as you enter the cemetery second row 9th plot.

For more information please call Bob Koca @ 715-498-4547

St James

St. James is looking for a housekeeper.

This is for one day per week for about 2-3 hours. They can contact Kris Madejczyk stjames@mwt.net if anyone is interested.

Rummage Sale

August Thursday 19 thru Saturday 21st

You can drop off items after **Mass on May 1st**, and **all Saturdays after Mass**, Sue Librettie will be at the church the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month from 2:30 until about 4 pm to collect items as well.

We will accept small furniture items. Please be generous in your donations as this will be our only fundraising event this year. Thank you.

We cannot accept: TV, electronics, microwaves, clothing, cassette tapes, 8 track tapes, work out equipment.

General Announcement

Can you please plan on picking up your bulletin at Mass each Sunday. The bulletin folding team has been wonderful these past many months (over a year) and we do appreciate them, but as we are now returning to Mass the bulletin is available for your collection.

Also, we can mail out a handful to those who are homebound in our parishes. Please contact Jean 608-562-3125 for arrangements.



ST. PAUL

Intentions for our Tri-Parish

Saturday, July 3 First Saturday Mass @ St Paul's 8.30am

@ St James 6pm

Clayton Hanson by Norbert & Ruth Siess

Sunday July 4

8 am @ St Michael's

Richard Schuh by Dan Betthouser

10.00 am @ St Paul's

For the People

Monday July 5

NO MASS

Tuesday, July 6 NO MASS (all intentions will be kept)

+ Andy Suehs by Terri Seuhs

Wednesday, July 7 NO MASS

Living & Deceased Members of Bunker & Wyss Families by Pat Wyss

Thursday, July 8

Living & Deceased Members of Connor & Quist Families by Marge Quist

Friday, July 9

+Gus & Katie Connor by James & Sheila Marx

Saturday, July 10

@ St James 6pm

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Sunday July 11

8 am @ St Michael's

Joanne Thede by Friends

10.00 am @ St Paul's

Special Intention George & Mary Tormoen (63rd Anniversary)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER —June 27, 2021

Offertory \$ 54.42

Envelopes \$ 960.00

Total \$ 1014.42

St. James

Saturday, July 3

Clayton Hanson by Norbert & Ruth Siess

Saturday, July 10

For the People

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - June 27, 2021

Offertory \$ 232.00

Cemetery/improvements

\$ 0.00

Envelopes \$ 255.00

Total

\$ 487.00

St. Michael

Sunday July 4

Richard Schuh by Dan Betthouser

Sunday July 11

Joanne Thede by Friends

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - June 27, 2021

Offertory \$ 47.00

Envelopes \$ 410.00

Cemetery \$ 0.00

Improvements \$ 400.00

Total

\$ 857.00



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