

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 18, 2021



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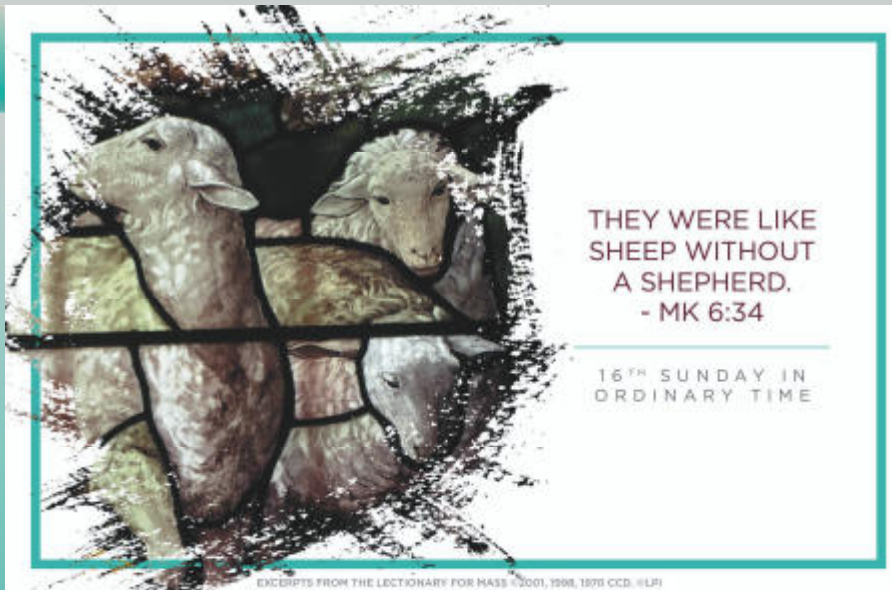
Please call the parish office to arrange a time to meet with the priest and to schedule. Allow 6 months preparation time for marriage.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

7.30 am St Paul before Friday morning Mass @ St Pauls
5.30pm St James Saturday evening
Or call Parish Office to schedule your confession

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 16th Sunday in Ordinary time!

Continuing from last weeks Gospel, the Twelve Apostles return from going out two by two. That is, they're returning from their mission to go out into the surrounding villages to preach, to heal, to teach, and to cast out demons.

Today's readings now reflect on the authority and mission of the Church. Jeremiah says in the First Reading that Israel's leaders, through godlessness and fanciful teachings, had misled and scattered God's people. The people who were in positions of power and authority, and who were supposed to be spiritual leaders were corrupt. Their hearts had wandered far from God, so they were not able to lead. There is an old expression in the Church: "you cannot give what you do not have."

So, through Jeremiah, God calls out these leaders, and pronounces his grievances against them in some rather harsh words. But then, in the midst of announcing judgement, God promises to send a shepherd to gather the lost sheep.

This shepherd will not be like the corrupt leaders. Instead, this good shepherd will seek out the lost sheep and bring them back to God.

In the second reading, St. Paul writes to the Ephesians about the power of Jesus which reconciles the lost by his very Blood.

Dr. Scott Hahn writes: "The crowd gathering on the green grass (see Mark 6:39) in today's Gospel is the start of the remnant that Jeremiah promised would be brought back to the meadow of Israel. The people seem to sense that Jesus is the Lord, the good shepherd (see John 10:11), the king they've been waiting for (see Hosea 3:1-5).

Jesus is moved to pity, seeing them as sheep without a shepherd. This phrase was used by Moses to describe Israel's need for a shepherd to succeed him (see Numbers 27:17). And as Moses appointed Joshua, Jesus appointed the Twelve to continue shepherding His people on earth. Jesus had said there were other sheep who did not belong to Israel's fold, but who would hear His voice and be joined to the one flock of the one shepherd (see John 10:16). In God's plan, the Church is to seek out first the lost sheep of the house of Israel, and then to bring all nations into the fold.

As we sing in today's Psalm, through the Church, the Lord, our good shepherd, still leads people to the verdant pastures of the kingdom, to the restful waters of baptism; He still anoints with the oil of confirmation, and spreads the Eucharistic table before all people, filling their cups to overflowing."

God bless you all, Father Robert Letona

Projects:

St Michael project is progressing very well, thank you to all donors and volunteers.

St. James in Camp Douglas, the old crumbling steps and sidewalk to the rectory has been remove and the new steps and sidewalk is complete.

St. Paul, the parking lot has been repaired and resealed with two coats. Work on the sidewalks immediately around the church building will begin soon.

Character Builds Families

C. S. P. B.

Above the cup and the raven are the Latin words: **Crux s. patris Benedicti** (The Cross of our holy father Benedict). **On the margin of the medal, encircling the figure of Benedict**, are the Latin words: **Eius in obitu nostro praesentia muniamur!** (May we be strengthened by his presence in the hour of our death!). Benedictines have always regarded St. Benedict as a special patron of a happy death. He himself died in the chapel at Montecassino while standing with his arms raised up to heaven, supported by the brothers of the monastery, shortly after St. Benedict had received Holy Communion.

Monte Cassino

Below Benedict we read: **ex SM Casino MDCCCLXXX** (from holy Monte Cassino, 1880). This is the medal struck to commemorate the 1400th anniversary of the birth of Saint Benedict.

On the Back of the medal, the cross is dominant. On the arms of the cross are the initial letters of a rhythmic Latin prayer: **Crux sacra sit mihi lux! Nunquam draco sit mihi dux!** (May the holy cross be my light! May the dragon never be my guide!). **In the angles of the cross**, the letters **C S P B** stand for **Crux Sancti Patris Benedicti** (The cross of our holy father Benedict). (saintbenedict.com)



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

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Troy Lewis	Fr Clayton Elmhorst	Bruce Quist

For our Deceased

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

Feast of St Mary Magdalene July 22nd. Mary Magdalene was a witness to Jesus' Crucifixion and burial of Good Friday, staying when so many others had fled in fear. Just after sunrise on Easter Sunday, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb, carrying spices. As a reminder of Mary Magdalene serve a spicy meal and drink 7 up reminding us of the 7 demons from which she was delivered.

The Perfect Lesson Jesus Gives Teens about using Social Media

This 2,000-year-old message is just as powerful today -- especially for teens.

I recently stumbled across a meme that I thought would be good for youngsters when it comes to social media. It simply read: **"The greatest man who ever walked the earth only had 12 followers. Don't judge your impact by your numbers."**

It struck me as a powerful message for kids, who often think that the quantity of friends you have is more important than the quality. Even many adults feel insecure if their list of friends on social media doesn't climb up into the hundreds, even thousands.

But I also considered the quality of His 12 "friends." They didn't always have His back, and He faced rejection during their time together. Yet, Jesus didn't turn away from them. He believed in them and carried on doing God's work.

In fact Jesus, through his 12 apostles, demonstrated what it is to be a friend ... what we should expect from a friend, and most importantly, how we should treat them.

However, while this meme demonstrates a very powerful point, I was also encouraged to think about His broader network. Of course we commonly think of his 12 apostles, but He also had 72 hand-picked disciples that He sent out to villages and towns to spread His message. **He really was the original influencer. And that's something to share with your kids who love their social media!**

Yet it's also important to point out how Jesus gained his followers. Those 5,000 who gathered to listen to him near Bethsaida weren't impressed with fake images or crass language. They came to Him to hear his message of love. A fundamental and vital message that struck at the hearts of those who heard Him 2,000 years ago. And it's something we still need to hear today.

(And by the way, if Jesus had posted His message on Facebook He'd no doubt have garnered a huge number of likes and loves, but would not have been put off by the angry faces or even laughs.)

So when your kids are driving you crazy with their social media, telling you that "you know nothing" about modern communication, give them a friendly reminder that their Heavenly Father sent His Son all those years ago with a method that worked — it landed him millions of followers who continue to pass on His message today. (Aleteia.org)

Family Builder Idea:

Did you ever hear of a Patron Saint?

Did you know that many professions have Patron Saints. Like St. Nicholas is the Patron Saint of Pawnbrokers and small financial institutions. St Paul is the Patron Saint of Greece. Some saints can even be for multiply different professions or people.

Think about your name? What is it? Is it a saint name? How about your middle name? Each time we chose to name a child after a saint that saint is ready to help and aid the child for their life.

Help your children find their saints names and when they lived and what they did for a living.

The internet with many Catholic sites are very educational in this matter.

Attend in person

6 pm Sat. St James, Camp Douglas

8am St Michael's Indian Creek

10 am St Paul's New Lisbon

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time with Father Letona

10:00 am

Readings

Jer 23: 1-6

Ps 23: 1-6

Eph 2: 13-18

Mk 6: 30-34

Weekday Mass @ St. Paul's
Tue—Fri 8.30 am

On the Web

- YOUTUBE Father Letona, Masses from last year
 - Like our parish page on Facebook
 - Saint James, Saint Paul & Saint Michael Parishes
 - www.mjpcatholic.com
 - In person for private prayer
- Sunday 11am-7pm
Monday—Saturday 9am—7pm

St James Schedule July 24

Lector

Loretta Connor

Money Counter

Ruth Schroeder

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

St. Michael's Schedule July 25

Lector

Tom Tiber

Offertory

Kristin Dulinsky Family

Ushers

Kevin Kriigel/John Ollendick

Money Counters

Penni Zabinski/Lisa Powell

St. Paul's Schedule July 25

Lector

Jim Nicksic

Money Counter

Donna Wyss and volunteer

(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 for July 23

Saint Bridget of Sweden's Story

From age 7 on, Bridget had visions of Christ crucified. Her visions formed the basis for her activity—always with the emphasis on charity rather than spiritual favors.

She lived her married life in the court of the Swedish king Magnus II. Mother of eight children—the second eldest was Saint Catherine of Sweden—Bridget lived the strict life of a penitent after her husband's death.

Bridget constantly strove to exert her good influence over Magnus; while never fully reforming, he did give her land and buildings to found a monastery for men and women. This group eventually expanded into an Order known as the Bridgetines.

In 1350, a year of jubilee, Bridget braved a plague-stricken Europe to make a pilgrimage to Rome. Although she never returned to Sweden, her years in Rome were far from happy, being hounded by debts and by opposition to her work against Church abuses.

A final pilgrimage to the Holy Land, marred by shipwreck and the death of her son, Charles, eventually led to her death in 1373.

In 1999, **Bridget, Saint Catherine of Siena and Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**, were named co-patronesses of Europe.

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 13 Saint Teresa of the Andes

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

July 25 Saint James *The Way of Saint James (documentary)*

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**, 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.

Fundraiser

St James will be having a fundraising event! Help us by purchasing your raffle ticket after Mass on Saturday evenings or contact your friendly PCCW member for your ticket. **\$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00**

Items to be raffled off include: New Powersmart Snow Blower w200 cc Engine, A "Painting" by Mary Singleton, A Jim Shore "Santa", Full size Handmade Quilt, "One of Kind" garden ornament, \$100 cash.

General Announcement

Our Mass Intentions for the year are filled, Please if you have a Mass intention be aware that it will not be placed on the calendar until January 2022, Thank you so much.

Father Letona will be gone from July 18th evening through July 31. Please if you are in sacramental assistance contact:

St Patrick's in Mauston

or

Queen of the Apostles in Tomah

Our visiting priest Fr Wawan of the St. Francis Xavier Missionaries will be preaching the Mission Appeal next Sunday as part of the annual Missionary Cooperation Plan. Being exclusively a foreign mission society, the Xaverian Fathers and Brothers depend greatly on proceeds from this collection. They carry out their service in Bangladesh, Brazil, Burundi, Cameroon, Chad, Columbia, the Democratic Republic of Congo and France to name a few.



ST. PAUL

Intentions for our Tri-Parish

Saturday, July 17

@ St James 6pm

Don & Phyllis Timmel by Joe & Kris Madejczyk

Sunday July 18

8 am @ St Michael's

For the People

10.00 am @ St Paul's

+James Georgeson by Great Grandson Morgan James

Monday July 19

NO MASS

Tuesday, July 20 NO MASS

Special Intention for Brian De Guire (Birthday) by Jean & Loren Arends

Wednesday, July 21 NO MASS

Special Intention for Pat Wyss by Tom & Donna Wyss

Thursday, July 22 NO MASS

Friday, July 23 NO MASS

+Andy Suehs by Suehs family

Saturday, July 24 (Visiting Priest)

@ St James 6pm

Harold Wallace by The Strohmeiers

Sunday July 25 (visiting Priest)

8 am @ St Michael's

Ellen Henthorne by Mike and Juanita Arttus

10.00 am @ St Paul's

For the People

STEWARDSHIP CORNER –July 11, 2021

Offertory \$ 235.00

Envelopes \$ 505.02

Total \$ 740.02

St. James

Saturday, July 17

Don & Phyllis Timmel by Joe & Kris Madejczyk

Saturday, July 24

Harold Wallace by The Strohmeiers

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - July 3, 2021

Offertory \$ 194.00 Cemetery/improvements \$ 0.00

Envelopes \$ 420.00

Total \$ 614.00

St. Michael

Sunday July 18

For the people

Sunday July 25

Ellen Henthorne by Mike and Juanita Arttus

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - July 11, 2021

Offertory \$ 71.00

Envelopes \$ 745.00

Cemetery \$ 0.00

Improvements \$ 200.00

Total \$ 1016.00



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