

# 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Aug 8, 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

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 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time!

Sometimes we feel like Elijah in today's First Reading. We want to lie down and die, keenly aware of our failures—that we seem to be getting no better at doing what God wants of us.

We can be tempted to despair, as the prophet was on his forty-day journey in the desert. We can be tempted to “murmur” against God, as the Israelites did during their forty years in the desert (see Exodus 16:2, 7, 8; 1 Corinthians 10:10).

The Gospel today uses the same word, “murmur,” to describe the crowds, who reenact Israel’s hardheartedness in the desert.

Jesus tells them that prophecies are being fulfilled in Him, that they are being taught by God. But they can’t believe it. They can only see His flesh, that He is the “son” of Joseph and Mary.

Yet if we believe, if we seek Him in our distress, He will deliver us from our fears, as we sing in today’s Psalm.

At the altar in every Eucharist, the angel of the Lord, the Lord himself (see Exodus 3:1–2), touches us. He commands us to take and eat His Flesh given for the life of the world (see Matthew 26:26).

This taste of the heavenly gift (see Hebrews 6:4–5) comes to us with a renewed command—to get up and continue on the journey we began in Baptism to the mountain of God, the kingdom of heaven. He will give us the bread of life, the strength and grace we need—as He fed our spiritual ancestors in the wilderness and Elijah in the desert.

So let us stop grieving the Spirit of God, as Paul says in today’s Epistle, in another reference to Israel in the desert (see Isaiah 63:10).

Let us say to God as Elijah did, “Take my life.” Not in the sense of wanting to die but in giving ourselves as a sacrificial offering—loving Him as He has loved us, on the Cross and in the Eucharist.

This week we celebrate the feast day of **St. Maximilian Kolbe, a Conventual Franciscan** from Poland who was sentenced to death at Auschwitz Concentration Camp during World War II, for offering himself in place of a Jewish prisoner who had a family. He was sentenced to death by starvation. He was placed in a starvation chamber with other inmates. He led them in prayer and song. He was the last to survive. When the SS saw that he was still living, they executed him by lethal injection. Father Kolbe indeed gave himself, as Our Lord had done, as a sacrificial offering, so that others might live.

In our times, when abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, war, famine, and persecution are more and more accepted as “my right”, we need the witness of St. Maximilian to remind us of our own dignity and the dignity of EVERY human being, from conception to natural death.

**St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us.**

May the Lord enrich your lives with His presence, peace, and love. May He make us all witnesses to the Gospel of Life.

God bless you all,  
Father Robert Letona

## Character Builds Families

If character builds a family, character can bring it down.

“We hate others, and call it “Zeal”; we flatter others because of what they can do for us, and call it “Love”; we lie to them, and call it “Tact”.” (The wisdom of Fulton Sheen)

What are we really saying to others when they pass into our life? What words are we really working on sprinkling around us?

Love is mercy which is charity. Are we giving every time we can, every time we should, every time we must?

Are we sprinkling the mercy of God into others lives? Or are we lying and calling it tact, flattering people because they can give us something?

Let’s try for this week to bring someone up, flatter, compliment someone every day, just make sure they have nothing to give you but a smile in return.



## Our Men and Women in the Service

### Please remember our Military and their Families

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### For our Deceased

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|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Clayton Hansen | Frank Machnik | Ellen Henthorne |
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**Please call the office if you would like to add or remove a name.**

### Secretary's Corner

“There are not one hundred people in the United States who hate The Catholic Church, but there are millions who hate what they wrongly perceive the Catholic Church to be.” (The wisdom of Fulton Sheen) Are you learning what the Catholic Church really is? **Formed.org** watch week one of the **Search**

## The one thing we all should do before this summer ends

Fewer Americans have close friends than ever before, but here's one small thing we can do to make the world a little better.

Every now and then, you come across a statistic that stops you in your tracks and haunts you for days. That's what happened when I read about the drastic drop over the past few decades in the number of close friendships Americans have.

In 1990, only 3% of Americans had no close friends. Today, that number has soared up to 12%:

Many Americans do not have a large number of close friends. Close to half (49 percent) of Americans report having three or fewer. More than one-third (36 percent) of Americans report having several close friends—between four and nine. Thirteen percent of Americans say they have 10 or more close friends, which is roughly the same proportion of the public that has no close friends (12 percent).

The number of close friendships Americans have appears to have declined considerably over the past several decades. In 1990, less than one-third (27 percent) said they had three or fewer close friends, while about as many (33 percent) reported having 10 or more close friends. There is something so concerning about such a decline in friendship. Community and social cooperation are absolutely essential to human survival, not to mention to psychological and emotional health. It's hard to think of anything more basic and beneficial to human society than friendship. On top of that, friendship has a spiritual impact too. Jesus himself described his relationship with his followers as a friendship. The Bible frequently mentions the importance of friendship, both with God and with other people. It's clear that friendship is necessary for Christian life and human flourishing. And it simply makes us happy. This research finding has to make us wonder what on earth is going on that so many people don't have any close friends. Even worse, why is this isolation growing so rapidly? It's easy to point a finger at a number of possible causes: increased geographic mobility; increased workplace and childcare demands; and the universal scapegoat, the internet, which makes it so easy for people to stay isolated at home instead of going out to engage with the world around them. Of course, the pandemic didn't help matters at all either. But to uncover the reasons for this societal shift, we have to think about our own role as well. Many of us may have contributed in small ways to the increasing social fragmentation and isolation of our world. Do we make the effort to reach out if we haven't heard from a friend in a while? Have we made plans to get together with friends lately, even though life is busy and it never seems like there's a perfect time? Are we striving to practice the virtue of hospitality?

Let's face this problem of social isolation head-on. Before the summer ends, make and keep this one resolution: Reach out to a friend (or several!) and make plans to get together face to face. Summer is the perfect time to plan a get-together, because it's easy to meet outdoors, which greatly reduces any risk of spreading germs. It's also a time of year when people tend to have more free time on their calendars, with young people being on summer vacation from school. It might seem a little intimidating to plan a get-together, but it helps to remember that most other people want to get invited and make friends too. This research shows that many people are in need of friends; why can't we be the ones to reach out and make that connection? It might take a little extra effort and pull us out of our comfort zones, but the enjoyable results will be worth the work. (aleteia.org)

### Family Builder Idea:

Teach your children this week the importance of friendship. Encourage them to invite their friends over for a picnic before school begins. Talk about different ways your child can continue to build friendships even though there might be disagreements.

Host a bike ride, or playtime at the park for a few hours.

Jesus my not have had a lot of friends, but He spent time with His close ones.

Remember that when teaching your children about what is important the best example is yours. Host a dinner or afternoon together with your friends and teach your children by example.

Attend in person

6 pm Sat. St James, Camp Douglas

8am St Michael's Indian Creek

10 am St Paul's New Lisbon

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time with

Father Letona 10:00 am

Readings

1 Kgs 19: 4-8

Ps 34: 2- 9

Eph 4:30 -5:2

Jn 6:41 -51

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

On the Web

- YOUTUBE Father Letona, Masses from last year
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Saint James, Saint Paul & Saint Michael Parishes
- [www.mjpcatholic.com](http://www.mjpcatholic.com)
- In person for private prayer  
Sunday 11am- 7pm  
Monday—Saturday 9am—7pm

### St James Schedule Aug 14

Lector

Money Counter

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

### St. Michael's Schedule Aug 15

Lector

Sherry Conant

Offertory

Suspended until further notice

Ushers

Rick Phillips/Bob Conant

Money Counters

Wenzel Felber/Peggy Tiber

### St. Paul's Schedule Aug 15

Lector

Janet Barrett

Ushers

Rick Barrett

Eucharist Minister

Tom Heindl

Money Counter

Lisa Vinz and volunteer

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

## FORMATION IN FAITH:

### Saint of the Day for August 9

#### Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross' Story

A brilliant philosopher who stopped believing in God when she was 14, Edith Stein was so captivated by reading the autobiography of Teresa of Avila that she began a spiritual journey that led to her baptism in 1922. Twelve years later she imitated Saint Teresa by becoming a Carmelite, taking the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

Born into a prominent Jewish family in Breslau, Germany—now Wroclaw, Poland—Edith abandoned Judaism in her teens. As a student at the University of Göttingen, she became fascinated by phenomenology—an approach to philosophy. Excelling as a protégé of Edmund Husserl, one of the leading phenomenologists, Edith earned a doctorate in philosophy in 1916. She continued as a university teacher until 1922, when she moved to a Dominican school in Speyer; her appointment as lecturer at the Educational Institute of Munich ended under pressure from the Nazis.

After living for four years in the Cologne Carmel, Sister Teresa Benedicta moved to the Carmelite monastery in Echt, Netherlands, in 1938. The Nazis occupied that country in 1940. In retaliation for being denounced by the Dutch bishops, the Nazis arrested all Dutch Jews who had become Christians. Teresa Benedicta and her sister Rosa, also a Catholic, died in a gas chamber in Auschwitz on August 9, 1942.

Pope John Paul II beatified Teresa Benedicta of the Cross in 1987 and canonized her 12 years later.

#### Reflection

The writings of Edith Stein fill 17 volumes, many of which have been translated into English. A woman of integrity, she followed the truth wherever it led her. After becoming a Catholic, Edith continued to honor her mother's Jewish faith. Sister Josephine Koepfel, O.C.D., translator of several of Edith's books, sums up this saint with the phrase, "Learn to live at God's hands."

(<https://www.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.

Aug 9 **St Edith Stein** *Edith Stein: The Seventh Chamber*

Aug 11 **St. Clare** *Clare and Francis*

## 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 at St Paul's Church, 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.

**For those who wish to give to the Missions from last Sunday, please just mark your envelope "Mission" and we will make sure it get to the right office. Thank you!**

## ST. PAUL

### Intentions for our Tri-Parish

**Saturday Aug 7 First Saturday Mass @ St Paul's 8.30 am  
@ St James 6pm**

Ellen Henthorne by Peggy & Vern Lindley

**Sunday Aug 8**

8 am @ St Michael's

For the People

10.00 am @ St Paul's

+Gib Saylor by Jason & Adrienne Baumgart

**Monday Aug 9**

**NO MASS**

**Tuesday Aug 10**

+John Grzenia by Jean Grzenia

**Wednesday Aug 11**

+Clara Letona by Margie Lowe

**Thursday Aug 12**

+Ellen Tiber by Jeff & Michele Neitzel

**Friday Aug 13**

+Gary Thompson by Jim & Sheila Marx

**Saturday Aug 14**

**@ St James 6pm**

+ Mike Connor, Kaye Hemmersbach and Casey Mueller by Joan Connor

**Sunday Aug 15**

8 am @ St Michael's

+Dick Schuh by Theresa Schuh

10.00 am @ St Paul's

For the People

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER –Aug 1, 2021

Offertory	\$ 60.00	Envelopes	\$ 1055.02
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1130.02</b>	Xavier Mission	\$ 15.00

## St. James

**Saturday, August 7**

Ellen Henthorne by Peggy & Vern Lindley

**Saturday, August 14**

+ Mike Connor, Kaye Hemmersbach and Casey Mueller by Joan Connor

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER - July 31, 2021

Offertory	\$ 176.00	Cemetery/improvements	\$ 60.00
Envelopes	\$ 280.00	Xavier Mission	\$ 465.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 981.00</b>		

## St. Michael

**Sunday August 8**

For the People

**Sunday August 15**

+Dick Schuh by Theresa Schuh

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Aug 1, 2021

Offertory	\$ 73.00	Envelopes	\$ 595.00
Xavier Mission	\$ 425.00		
Improvements	\$ 55.00	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1148.00</b>



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