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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.

**21st SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." - Jn 6:68

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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER LETONA

This Sunday's Mass readings concludes a four-week meditation on the Eucharist.

The Twelve Apostles in today's Gospel are asked to make a choice—either to believe and accept the New Covenant He offers in His Body and Blood, or return to their former ways of life.

Their choice is prefigured by the decision Joshua asks the Twelve Tribes to make in today's First Reading.

Joshua gathers them at Shechem—where God first appeared to their father Abraham, promising to make his descendants a great nation in a new land (see Genesis 12:1–9). And he issues a blunt challenge—either renew their covenant with God or serve the alien gods of the surrounding nations.

We too are being asked today to decide whom we will serve. For four weeks we have been presented in the liturgy with the mystery of the Eucharist—a daily miracle far greater than those performed by God in bringing the Israelites out of the land of Egypt.

He has promised us a new homeland and eternal life, offering us bread from heaven to strengthen us on our journey. He has told us that unless we eat His Flesh and drink His Blood we will have no life in us.

It is a hard saying, as many murmur in today's Gospel. Yet He has given us the words of eternal life.

"Our Lord now marched practically alone. There would be only 120 awaiting His Spirit on Pentecost. He had lost all three types: He saw the masses abandon, the elite walk away, and Judas prepare to betray Him. So He turned to the one whom He had associated so intimately with Himself, the man whose name He had changed, from Simon to Peter or Rock, and said to him:

Would you, too, go away? Simon Peter answered Him, Lord, to whom should we go? Thy words are the words of eternal life; We have learned to believe And are assured that Thou art the Christ, The Son of God.

John 6:67–69" (Fulton Sheen)

We must believe, as Peter says today, that He is the Holy One of God, who handed himself over for us, who gave His flesh for the life of the world.

As we hear in today's Epistle, Jesus did this that we might be sanctified, made holy, through the water and word of Baptism by which we enter into His new covenant. Through the Eucharist, He nourishes and cherishes us, making us His own flesh and blood, as husband and wife become one flesh.

Let us renew our covenant today, approaching the altar with confidence that, as we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord will redeem the lives of His servants.

God bless you all,
Father Letona

Character Builds Families

Over the past few weeks we learned about the St Benedict medal and how powerful it can be.

Did you know that you can ask any Saint in heaven or on earth (another 'saint' in the body of Christ is a Christian) to pray for us or an intention that we have.

"If prayers from certain Catholics here on earth seem to have special power because of their great faith or holiness, how much more powerful and effective are the prayers of those who are fully united to God in heaven!" (Catholic & Christian)

All Christian prayers, whether the prayer of the saints in heaven or of Mary, the mother of the Lord, or of us saints here on earth, is directed to the Father through Jesus Christ, who is the "one mediator between God and Men" (1Tm 2:5) (Catholic & Christian)
Let's this week ask our saints to pray for us.



Please remember our Military and their Families

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

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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

This week we celebrate a Bishop and Docotr of the Church, St Augustine and his mother St Monic who prayed for her son's conversion for 20+ years. In honor of St Augustine and St Monica watch Episode 3 of the Search "Why a God?"
Formed.org

St. Dominic Encountered tormented souls continued from last week

So great was Dominic's charity that his successor in the leadership of the Order, Jordan of Saxony, described him saying, "His heart was filled with an admirable and almost incredible desire for the salvation of all people." Dominic, who famously spent an entire night speaking with an innkeeper to reconcile the man to the Church, wanted nothing more than for the world to know the Gospel of Jesus.

A new way of religious life

After his personal holiness, the greatest thing Dominic offered the Church was a new form of religious life. Determined to meet the needs of his day, Dominic began his Order of Preachers to combat the errors drawing people away from faith. His learned disciples were trained to preach Saving Truth. They would be dedicated to study. Fearlessly they would travel from place to place, imitating the Lord and his apostles. But their life was not only words. It was not mere performative witness. These men were to embrace poverty; to live in community; to chant the Divine Office; to spread devotion to Our Lady ... the entire way of life was something new in an age that knew only monks and parish priests.

His forma vitae, his way of life, offers us untold hope today. After all, our world is not so different from Dominic's. In an age that contests what is true, what is just, what is beautiful ... **Dominic's way proposes a path of encounter; a path of salvation.**

Dominic was a true light for the Church. The current Master of the Order, Gerard Timoner III, OP, writes, Saint Dominic is lumen ecclesiae because his entire life was oriented towards Christ, lumen gentium. As light, Dominic is like the moon rather than the sun. Jesus is the only true light of the world, and just like all of us who are baptized in Christ, Dominic merely reflects the light of Christ.

Recognizing that his role was to reflect the light, Saint Dominic was said to speak only to God or of God. May we, like Dominic, propose the light of Truth to bring peace to the darkest hearts.

(aleteia.org)

Family Builder Idea:

As we are coming back in to the school season we find pockets of time that we didn't have it before.

Let's spend some of that time with your child. Play a new card game. Find a fun science project to learn together with. Or enjoy a hike in the State park.

We will have less time to spend together as school activities will take over. So let's spend it now!

Attend in person

6 pm Sat. St James, Camp Douglas

8am St Michael's Indian Creek

10 am St Paul's New Lisbon

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time with

Father Letona 10:00 am

Readings

Jos 24: 1-2a, 15-17, 18b Ps 34: 2-3, 16-21

Eph 5:21 -32

Jn 6:60 -69

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 Aug 28

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 Aug 29

Lector

John Ollendick

Offertory

Suspended until further notice

Ushers

Kevin Quist/Wenzel Felber

Money Counters

Marge Shie/Kevin Quist

St. Paul's Schedule Aug 29

Lector

Janet Barrett

Ushers

Rick Barrett

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

Eucharist Minister

Tom Heindl

Money Counter

Mary Peterson/Karla Quist

FORMATION IN FAITH:

Saint of the Day for August 27

Saint Monica's Story

The circumstances of St. Monica's life could have made her a nagging wife, a bitter daughter-in-law, and a despairing parent, yet she did not give way to any of these temptations. Although she was a Christian, her parents gave her in marriage to a pagan, Patricius, who lived in her hometown of Tagaste in North Africa. Patricius had some redeeming features, but he had a violent temper and was licentious. Monica also had to bear with a cantankerous mother-in-law who lived in her home. Patricius criticized his wife because of her charity and piety, but always respected her. Monica's prayers and example finally won her husband and mother-in-law to Christianity. Her husband died in 371, one year after his baptism.

Monica had at least three children who survived infancy. The oldest, Augustine, is the most famous. At the time of his father's death, Augustine was 17 and a rhetoric student in Carthage. Monica was distressed to learn that her son had accepted the Manichean heresy—"all flesh is evil"—and was living an immoral life. For a while, she refused to let him eat or sleep in her house. Then one night she had a vision that assured her Augustine would return to the faith. From that time on, she stayed close to her son, praying and fasting for him. In fact she often stayed much closer than Augustine wanted.

When he was 29, Augustine decided to go to Rome to teach rhetoric. Monica was determined to go along. One night he told his mother that he was going to the dock to say goodbye to a friend. Instead he set sail for Rome. Monica was heartbroken when she learned of Augustine's trick, but she still followed him. She arrived in Rome only to find that he had left for Milan. Although travel was difficult, Monica pursued him to Milan.

In Milan, Augustine came under the influence of the bishop, St. Ambrose, who also became Monica's spiritual director. She accepted his advice in everything and had the humility to give up some practices that had become second nature to her. Monica became a leader of the devout women in Milan as she had been in Tagaste.

She continued her prayers for Augustine during his years of instruction. At Easter 387, St. Ambrose baptized Augustine and several of his friends. Soon after, his party left for Africa. Although no one else was aware of it, Monica knew her life was near the end. She told Augustine, "Son, nothing in this world now affords me delight. I do not know what there is now left for me to do or why I am still here, all my hopes in this world being now fulfilled." She became ill shortly after and suffered severely for nine days before her death.

Reflection

Today, with Google searches, online shopping, text messages, tweets, and instant credit, we have little patience for things that take time. Likewise, we want instant answers to our prayers. Monica is a model of patience. Her long years of prayer, coupled with a strong, well-disciplined character, finally led to the conversion of her hot-tempered husband, her cantankerous mother-in-law and her brilliant but wayward son, Augustine.

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 27 **St Monica** *Restless Heart: The Confessions of Augustine or The Search Episode 3 Why a God?*

Aug 28 **St Augustine**

Episode 6 of The Early Christians: A Light in the Darkness

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

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"

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"One of Kind" garden ornament

\$100 cash.

General Announcement

St Patrick's Summerfest August 20-22

11-8pm Mexican food stands

11-5 pm Bake Sale

Live Music 5-8pm

Hustlerfest Saturday August 28th

Join them in celebrating their 99th year!!

9 am Volleyball

11-3 BBQ Chicken Dinner

7 pm log sawing

And many more events in between!

www.hustlerfest.com

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ST. PAUL

Intentions for our Tri-Parish

Saturday Aug 21
@ St James 6pm
 For the People

Sunday Aug 22
 8 am @ St Michael's
 +Clayton Hanson by family
 10.00 am @ St Paul's
 +Ellen Henthorne by Jeanette & Dan Boehm

Monday Aug 23
NO MASS

Tuesday Aug 24
 Living & Deceased members of Connor & Quist families by Margie Quist

Wednesday Aug 25
 +Cathryn Connor by James & Sheila Marx

Thursday Aug 26
 +Jessica Binion Hall by Pamela Zolondek

Friday Aug 27
 Special Intention for Michael & Becca Weber by Denis Weber

Saturday Aug 28
@ St James 6pm
 + Walt Webber by the Knights of Columbus

Sunday Aug 29
 8 am @ St Michael's
 For the People
 10.00 am @ St Paul's
 +Grant & Leah Boyle by Patty Lewis

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St. James

Saturday, August 21
 For the People

Saturday, August 28
 +Walt Webber by the Knights of Cloumbus

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 Envelopes \$ 475.00 Xavier Mission \$ 70.00
Total \$ 888.40

St. Michael

Sunday August 22
 +Clayton Hanson by The Family

Sunday August 29
 For the People

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 Improvements \$ 0.00 **Total \$ 679.00**



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