

St. Patrick Catholic Community

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Mission Statement: "Joyfully serving God and our neighbor with open hearts and helping hands."

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Mass Times:

Tuesday—Friday: 8:00am

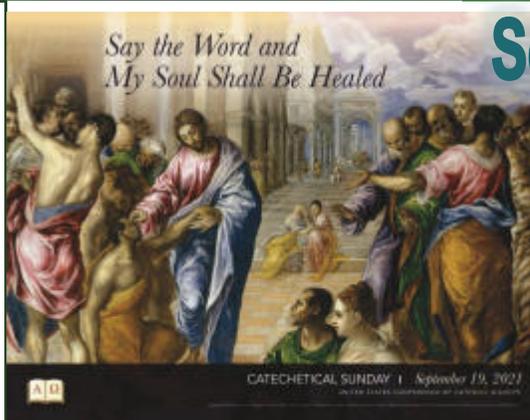
Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30am

Reconciliation: Sunday 9:45-

10:15am, except Holidays

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday by appointment only.



September 19, 2021

Catechetical Sunday

"Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed"

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in

handing on the faith and being a

witness to the Gospel. Those who have step forward to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry.

Prayer for Catechists

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church. Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you. Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son. We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Image: Christ Healing the Blind, El Greco, ca.1570 The Metropolitan Museum of Art.

This image by the famed artist, El Greco (Domenikos Theotokopoulos), illustrates the Gospel account of Christ healing a blind man by anointing his eyes.

The past year has highlighted the urgent need for healing—physical, spiritual, emotional—in ourselves and in our world. As our world struggles to heal, complete healing is not possible without Jesus as the Divine Physician. When our souls heal, all heals, despite our suffering. The words we pray at Mass, "Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed", have the power to remind us of, to open our eyes to, the healing that Jesus offers us in the Eucharist which is essential, eternal, and ever open to us. We humbly ask him to say the word, and with that prayer, we have faith that, with the fantastic and improbable prospect of Jesus entering under our roof, our souls shall be healed.

PRAYER LIFE

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 21, 2021
8:00am All parishioners

Wednesday, September 22, 2021
8:00am All parishioners

Thursday, September 23, 2021
8:00am All parishioners

Friday, September 24, 2021
8:00am All parishioners

Sunday, September 26, 2021
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30am Dan Doverspike
10:30am Joe & Val Roemer

8:30 Sunday Mass is livestreamed at
www.facebook.com/stpatricksmenasha

Mass Intentions are available
Tuesday-Friday and Sundays!!

The Sanctuary Candle burns weekly and are available.

To schedule a Mass Intention or a Sanctuary Candle, please call the Parish Office at 725-8381. Cost: \$10 each.

Readings for this week

Monday (Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, and Paul Chöng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs): Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday (St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist): Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday (St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest): Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1-4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday (BVM): Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday (26th Sunday in Ordinary Time): Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



From the desk of Fr. Jude Egbuna

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If you could recall what happened in last Sunday's gospel when Jesus announced to his apostles concerning his impending suffering and death, which would lead to his resurrection. The reaction to that was that Peter the apostle tried to prevent Jesus from accepting such fate. However, Jesus rebuked Peter by telling him

that it was the will of his father to subject himself to such fate. Today, we see Jesus announcing again his passion and death in the clearest terms, but Mark the evangelist concludes that announcement by telling us that the apostles "did not understand what Jesus said and were afraid to ask him". In other words, the apostles did not understand or did not want to understand because they were afraid of having to renounce their dream of becoming great beneficiaries in Jesus' earthly kingdom, so to speak. Regardless, Jesus was determined to follow the path traced out for him by his Father, and meanwhile, the apostles were reluctant to renounce their own worldly ambition of greatness. However, the gospel tells us that Jesus dedicated the last months of his preaching to change the mind of his apostles; to bring them to think according to God's plan, to convince them that the world had to be saved through suffering (Mark 9:13). Unfortunately or fortunately, it took time for the apostles to learn that hard lesson which goes contrary to their ideas of a glorious Messiah.

The truth of the matter was that the apostles were motivated by selfish ambition which stirred up unhealthy rivalry among them as to which of them was the greatest. This kind of ambition is condemned by Jesus in the gospels, and by James in the second reading of today. St. James says that such ambition is the main cause of dissension among Christians, and it can result in all kinds of ugly behavior. And unless it is checked, it plays a colossal havoc in the life of the Christian community. This is because the ambitious person stops at nothing until everyone falls to his or her feet, at all cost.

It is not ambition itself that is condemned, but false ambition. False ambition involves a desire to always rule others, to lord it over others, to see yourself as better than others in everything. Such attitude creates conflict and division, and it is quite damaging to the unity of the community. Jesus did not abolish ambition. Rather, he redefined it. For the ambition to rule others, he substituted that with the ambition to serve others, to think highly of others than ourselves (Philippians 2:3). Jesus did not tell the apostles not to seek greatness in his kingdom. He just showed them where true greatness was to be found. It is not to be found in being the master of others, but in being the servants of others, especially the weaker members of the community. In other words, the best and purest kind of service is that which is rendered selflessly to the 'little ones' i.e. the most insignificant persons, the most vulnerable in the community. The word 'selflessly' means that in order to render service that is pleasing to Almighty God, one has to be completely self-effacing. Jesus left us an example of that with his own life, and St. Paul describes this servant hood of Jesus very vividly in his letter to the Philippians, Chapter 2:5-11. He spoke of Jesus as having emptied his Godhead and humbly subjected himself to obeying his Heavenly father to the point of sacrificing himself on the cross to save mankind. Such is the spirit which Jesus wants all Christians to have. It is this spirit of Jesus in every Christian that leads them to the service of others and to peace in the community.

Fr. Jude

LITURGICAL LIFE

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

The View from the Back of the Line

Have you known that person? The one who leaves every person they encounter feeling a little more blessed for having met them? They're the friend you can count on when nothing is going well. They're the one who's always "doing" for others. They're never gossiping or sniping or complaining.

We wonder how they do it, how they have it in them. We're a little envious, even if we don't let ourselves acknowledge it.

That, folks, is what the view is like from the front of the line, gazing at those suckers in the way back and wondering why they're smiling so much.

We've all been at the front of a line and felt no shame about it. We show up early, we put in the time and the

legwork, and we "earn" whatever it is we came for — sports tickets, the latest Apple product, whatever.

That's how it works here on Earth, where the fastest win the race, the fittest survive and the first shall be first, always.

It's exactly why stewardship is such a tall order. Stewardship calls us to play by the rules of another kingdom — one where the richest have the least amount in their bank accounts and the happiest don't seem to have anything to show for it, at least materially.

If you have a person in your life who always seems happy "doing" for others, it's because by a boatload of God's grace, they play by the rules of the other place.

Watch and take notes — and don't be afraid to join them at the back of the line.

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; Psalms 54:3-8; James 3:16—4:3; Mark 9:30-37

First Reading: The Wisdom writer reveals the mentality of the wicked, characterized by revenge and treachery. How best should people of faith respond to such behavior?

Second Reading: James offers insight into the human condition as it relates to how often our ambitions and passions can lead us astray. How do you keep yourself grounded in holy intentions?

Gospel Reading: We hear today how the disciples were afraid to ask Jesus questions and reluctant to share with him some of their tensions. Why do you sometimes hold back from opening up to the Lord? ©LPi



St. Patrick's Pipe Organ Repair Fundraiser:
The Clipper City Chordsmen Spaghetti Dinner & Show
 October 9th
 5:30pm: Dinner
 6:30pm: Show
 St. Patrick's Geenen Hall, Menasha

Come and enjoy community, good food, and great barbershop music!
 Cost is \$30 each.
 Reservations & payment will be taken after Sunday

Masses, call 725-8381, or stop in at the Parish Office.
 All proceeds will go toward helping us repair St. Pat's pipe organ.

St. Patrick's Fish Fry Menu

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October 1, 2021

Included with dinner:

Rye bread	Choice of Potato:
Coleslaw	French Fries
Dessert	Potato Salad

Tartar Sauce/Shrimp Sauce/Melted Butter depending on fish choice

PICK UP ONLY! 4pm-7pm

TO ORDER, CALL 920-725-5544

Orders can be placed beginning 12pm Friday of each Fish Fry.

***When you arrive to pick up your order, pull into a numbered parking spot on the East side of the parking lot and stay in your vehicle. Someone will be there to greet you, and we will bring your dinner to you!

Sign up for the Clipper City Chordsmen fundraiser on October 9

Next Fish Fry is November 5

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