



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 11, 2021



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. - Mk 6:7, 13

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RESTORED SACRAMENTAL SCHEDULE HAS BEGUN!

WEEKEND MASSES:

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 10

8:00am: Deceased Parishioners of
Immaculate Conception Parish
5:00pm: Ray Geraci
Gaspere DeLuca
Donna Leonardi

Sunday, July 11

8:00am: Margaret Vena
10:30am: Parishioners of Immaculate
Conception Parish

Monday, July 12

8:00am: Margaret Vena
Garret Collopy

Tuesday, July 13

8:00am: John De Rose
Lauren Welke

Wednesday, July 14

8:00am: Philip Swiezy

Thursday, July 15

8:00am: Louis Santi

Friday, July 16

8:00am: Antoinette Marra

Saturday, July 17

8:00am: Lauren Welke
5:00pm: Amy Baldwin
Bernice Witten
Ann Larias

Sunday, July 18

8:00am: Parishioners of Immaculate
Conception Parish
10:30am: Gaspere DeLuca
Otto Cortesi
Mary Anne Harrison



REST IN PEACE

Thomas Bacci, husband of Mary Bacci
Memorial Mass at Immaculate Conception
July 16, 2021 10am

May the faithful departed rest in peace.

PRAYER SHAWLS

A Prayer Shawl is a shawl that has been crocheted or knitted in different patterns. It is around 24" by 62" with some being narrower or longer. They can be requested for, or by, anyone experiencing a medical or physical need. They can be blessed and come with a prayer to help comfort and ease any suffering. There is no cost, however, donations can be made to purchase more yarn to continue this ministry.



If you would like a Prayer Shawl, arrangements can be made for delivery or pickup. Please contact Mary Roberts at 847-445-7483.

Father Mike's Homiletter – July 11, 2021 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture: Amos 7:12-15; Psalm 85:9-14; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13

As I write this, work is still continuing in the effort to rescue and recover the victims of the Surfside, Florida disaster. Let us keep those who suffered in this tragedy, the victims and their families, in our prayers. We should also pray for the many first-responders who have worked so tirelessly to save any who may be alive, and bring closure to the families of those who are not.

Terrible events tend to focus our thoughts on the important things in our lives. This week's readings call our attention to the need to learn how to discern what is essential and important, and what is secondary. Amos is being thrown out of Bethel by the priest Amaziah because he has prophesied in ways which displeased the king. Amaziah is trying to characterize Amos as a hack for prophetic hire – but Amos responds with spirit – I was a shepherd and cared for trees until I was called by the Lord to prophesy to the people of Israel. Amos is all about the basics – this is what I was told to do – I'm not into the politics of the situation. Amaziah appears to be more about the king's unwillingness to hear bad news than God's displeasure with the people Amaziah should be leading to holiness. In the Ephesians reading, St. Paul enumerates spiritual gifts we have been given as God's chosen people – adoption as children of God, redemption by Christ's death on the cross, knowledge of God's plan of salvation, status as God's chosen, and the presence of the Holy Spirit to guide us into eternal life. Though Paul's language is somewhat complex, fundamentally, it is a rich inventory of God's blessings, all of them significant. In fact, it is an inventory of the essentials of salvation.

In our Gospel, Jesus sends the twelve apostles on mission, in pairs, to various villages in Galilee to teach and preach, to heal and expel demons. Jesus instructs them to travel light: no packed lunch, no extra clothes, no accessories. In other words, only the essentials – themselves, their faith in Jesus and their knowledge of what Jesus has taught. Jesus is showing His confidence in what they have learned. He tells them accept what hospitality is offered, and if none, move on. Don't try to force people to listen. Jesus is reducing the mission itself to the basics. And it seems to work – the Apostles went off and preached repentance, and they were able to drive out many demons and cure many people. Their efforts, really God's efforts, returned people to functionality, able to worship God and care for their families. They got their lives back, and one wonders how they responded to that.

Our modern lives have a tendency to be complicated – so much is broken into specialized areas, leaving us the task of coordinating multiple obligations, schedules and activities: commitments to family, health, jobs, children's activities, social engagements, home maintenance, community involvement, etc. All make demands on our time, and most will expand to take as much of our attention as it can squeeze out of us. There is a temptation to make everything equally important – after all, society expects us to keep all our commitments, and in many ways, it assumes the right to define what our commitments should be. The result: we can wind up spending the most time on the least important things. Prayer and worship can get pushed to the end of the list, or off the schedule entirely.

The Covid lockdown may have one benefit – over and over I have read that families have been spending more time with each other, and realizing how much it improved their relationships. Many have benefitted from streamed Masses. As we ease into a post-Covid world, it might be a good idea to sit down and review what we are – or used to be – doing, and give some thought to how important it really is. We can apply the post-Covid mantra “Build back better” to ourselves and our schedules. Which things do we really want to add back? The multiple sports teams and their events? Did take out meals really save that much time – or was cooking together more fun and almost as quick? Did we need to see every new movie right away in an IMAX theater, or would an at-home family movie night a few weeks later be more fun? Can we rejoin the worshipping community with new appreciation for gathering together and receiving the Eucharist? I encourage you to take a look at your schedules with an eye for the essentials, and consider what might better be buried with Covid. Learning to recognize the essentials is a skill that pays dividends in many areas – and our relationship with God may be the most important. Consider prayerfully how God will fit into your post-Covid schedule.

Peace! Father Mike

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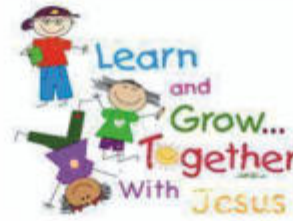
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Food for Thought...

Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.

-Howard Thurman
Theologian and Mystic
(1899-1981)



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PREP

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2021-2022 classes begin for students in Grades K-8 on 9/19/21 at 9 a.m.
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<https://www.icparish.org/Prep-Registration>

Any questions, please contact Barb via email PREPOffice@icparish.org

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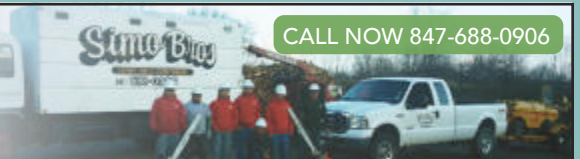
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School Supplies 2021

Every year, Catholic Charities supports low-income families in the Lake County area by collecting and distributing donated school supplies. **For children experiencing poverty, school supplies are a luxury that many may go without.** Each year, we strive to ensure that children will have a backpack with the basic school supplies to start the upcoming year. We desperately need donations of backpacks and school supplies to meet the needs of the families we serve.

Here is how you can help:

- Collect and donate **new** backpacks with **new** supplies
- Organize a school supplies drive in your community

General Supplies List for Primary Grades (K-5)

- Backpack
- 1 Box of Tissues
- 1 Package of #2 Pencils
- 1 Pencil Sharpener
- Glue Sticks
- 1 Spiral Notebook - Wide Ruled
- 1 Box of Crayons
- 1 Package of Index Cards – Wide Ruled
- 1 Pair of Scissors
- 3 Pocket Folders
- 1 Box of Markers - washable
- Erasers
- 1 Ruler - Not Bendable
- 1 Package of Wide-Ruled Loose Leaf Paper

General Supplies List for Middle Grades (6-8)

- Backpack
- 1 Pencil Sharpener
- 1 Package of #2 Pencils
- Blue or Black Pens
- 1 Box of Colored Pencils
- Glue Sticks
- 3 Spiral Notebooks
- Expo Markers
- Post-It Notes
- 1 Pair of Scissors
- 1 Ruler - Not Bendable
- 1 Protractor
- 5 Pocket Folders
- 1 Box of Markers
- Erasers
- 1 Package of Loose Leaf Paper
- 1 Package of Ruled Index Cards
- 1 Package of Highlighters

Each donation you make helps ensure that any family seeking help from Catholic Charities can start the school year successfully! All supplies should be delivered *by July 30th, 2021* to Catholic Charities, located at 671 S. Lewis Ave, Waukegan, Illinois between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

All questions pertaining to this project should be referred to the Project Coordinator:

Sue Fowler, 847-782-4126 or sfowler@catholiccharities.net. Thank you!