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### MASS & PRAYER SCHEDULE

- SAT. Sept. 4** 8:15 AM Mass For the Living &  
Deceased Members of the Mallien &  
Jacques Families  
5:00 PM Mass For Deceased Members  
of the Adrian Romens Family
- SUN. Sept. 5** 8:00 AM Mass For the Parish  
10:00 AM Mass † Heather McCulley
- TUES. Sept. 7** 5:15 PM Mass † Joseph & Antonina  
Marino
- WED. Sept. 8** 8:15 AM Mass † Norman Godfrey
- THUR. Sept. 9** 8:15 AM Mass † Frank & Mary Weiss  
12:00-7:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration
- FRI. Sept. 10** 8:15 AM Mass For the conversion of  
Landon
- SAT. Sept. 11** 5:00 PM † Elizabeth Meier
- SUN. Sept. 12** 8:00 AM Mass For the Parish  
10:00 AM Mass For the Living &  
Deceased members of the Branaman  
Family

### HOLY ROSARY

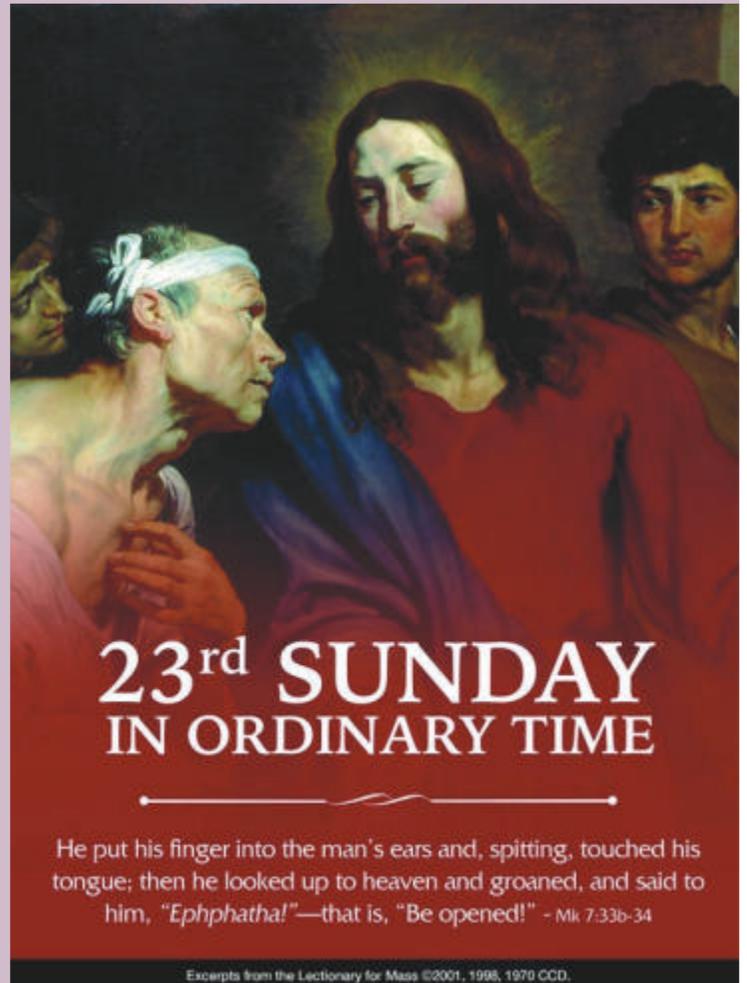
Please join us in praying the Holy Rosary half an  
hour before every Mass, weekends and weekdays.

### CONFESSION

- Saturdays** 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM
- Sundays.....**7:30 - 7:45 AM & 9:30 AM - 9:45 AM
- Appointment.....**Call Fr. Tim anytime

### MEMBERSHIP & SACRAMENTS

Please call the Parish Office to register as a member.



## 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his  
tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to  
him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:33b-34

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1996, 1970 CCD.

# SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

September 5, 2021

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are "supposed" to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus

reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, "be opened!" Be healed and allow your stories to change.




**NEED FOOD?**

Anyone in need of food is welcome to come to the parish for free groceries from 2:00 to 3:45 p.m. this Thursday.

Give Jesus a big smile each time your nothingness frightens you. Just keep the joy of Jesus as your strength—be happy and at peace, accept whatever He gives or takes with a big smile.



St. Teresa of Calcutta

**Stewardship Report**

Offertory Collection July 2021: \$31,356.76.  
 July 2021 EFTs: \$ 7,340.00.  
 July 2021 On-Line Giving: \$2,505.00.  
 Budget needed per week: \$9,577.00  
 Budget needed per month: \$41,500.00  
 Budget needed per year: \$498,00.00.

**Greeters Needed**

Our greeter signup has changed. Anyone wanting to greet before mass can find a greeter name tag in the table against the wall across from the Scrip table. Just put on a name tag and go to it!

It's fun greeting and you get to know many members of the parish. Catechism students, have the ushers sign a bulletin for the week when you are greeting and turn it in at your class.

It is especially important to welcome new members to our parish. Thank you.



**Yard sign return**

Thanks to everyone who picked up a Fall Fest Block Party sign and displayed it in their yard to help promote our event.

Please return it and the wire stake to the Gathering Space for possible future use and recycling.  
 Clair Urbain

## The DIDACHE The Lord's teaching to the heathen by the Twelve Apostles

*Didache* (DOCTRINE OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES), a short treatise which was accounted by some of the Fathers as next to Holy [Scripture](#).



4. "Abstain from carnal" and bodily "lusts". "If any man smite you on the right cheek, turn to him the other cheek also," and you will be perfect. "If any man impress you to go with him one mile, go with him two. If any man take your coat, five him your shirt also. If any man will take from you what is yours, refuse it not," not even if you can.

## A Movie About Fatherhood

Everyone has a unique father story. Whether positive or painful, it's always personal and can deeply affect the core of our identity and direction of our lives. **Kendrick Brothers' SHOW ME THE FATHER** is the first documentary film from the creators of **WAR ROOM**, **OVERCOMER**, **FIREPROOF**, and **COURAGEOUS Legacy**.

Featuring a variety of amazing true stories, this captivating movie takes audiences of all ages on an inspiring and emotional cinematic journey. Providing a fresh perspective on the roles of fathers in today's society, **SHOW ME THE FATHER** invites you to think differently about how you view your earthly father, and how you personally relate to God. Opening in theaters September 10, 2021.

## MARCH FOR LIFE

Join pro-life Wisconsinites for the first-ever March for Life Wisconsin on **Saturday, October 2, 2021!** We will gather at noon at the Wisconsin State Capitol in Madison to hear from pro-life leaders. The March will follow and will conclude in prayer at 3:00 p.m. outside of Planned Parenthood. Buses from various Wisconsin cities are available for easy travel to and from Madison. For more information, visit: [ProLifeWI.org/marchforlife](http://ProLifeWI.org/marchforlife)



## Knights' News

"America, it is said, is suffering from intolerance — it is not. It is suffering from tolerance. Tolerance of right and wrong, truth and error, virtue and evil, Christ and chaos. Our country is not nearly so overrun with the bigoted as it is overrun with the broadminded."

— Fulton J. Sheen

Big thanks to Rob Thomas (Knight of Columbus member) for the new mailboxes relocated in front of the church/school. Looks great.



### Events:

**Second Harvest Sept. 9th**

**After mass socials Sept. 11 and 12**

**Brat sale Sept. 18 "at the curb"**

**Sept. 25th Knights' 2021 kick off dinner**

**Oct.- Life Savers for Life...pro-life and ultrasound collection**

**Coming soon: Pancake Breakfasts**

It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men as angels. -Saint Augustine  
K of C:

"On every front, the end of the pandemic is an invitation to action," the supreme knight said. "Charity is our highest calling, and it demands our renewed focus. Where there's pain, let us heal. Where there's grief, let us comfort. Where there's need, let us meet it, in new and creative ways."

"Our growth depends on empowering men to be the husbands and fathers that God wants us to be," he said. "It is harder than ever, and for that reason, we must push forward as never before. It will require creative courage."

The Knights' distinguished legacy of defending life. That legacy includes:

\*Playing a leading role in national and state [MARCHES FOR LIFE](#) since they began.

\*Marking the [60th anniversary](#) of the Knights of Columbus Silver Rose Program, which signifies the Order's commitment to building a culture of life.

\*Growing the Ultrasound Initiative that has placed more than 1,400 of these lifesaving machines in pregnancy resource centers.

\*Continuing [support](#) for legislation that protects the right to life of unborn children.



# St Joseph School

## News 'n Notes

St. Joseph Catholic School's 2021-22 school year is in full swing. Students and staff are learning, making connections, and filling their days with STEAM projects, collaboration, and faith. The hallways are filled with laughter, smiles, and the Holy Spirit. We are blessed to be back in school and continuing our faith-filled educational journey. St. Joseph Catholic School truly is "Where Faith and Knowledge Meet."

Blessings, Kari R. Homb, Principal



25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Coming in September

St. Joseph Parish will be dedicating itself to our patron saint during this Year of St. Joseph. More information to come.



### St. Francis of Assisi Fall Festival

St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Jefferson is holding its Fall Festival and Food Booths on Sunday, October 3 from 7:30 AM until 3:00 PM. Raffles, fun, and food will be available. Foods include American, German, Italian, Mexican, baked potatoes, and desserts. At 12:30, enjoy live music by *Tapestry*. The festival will be held at the school gym at 324 East North Street in Jefferson.

Live the Gospel 52 Sundays a year

5 Finger Prayer

We hear in today's Gospel of Jesus using his finger to heal the deaf man. Pape Francis created a 5-Finger prayer where each finger has a specific intention. Name the intention for that finger and then allow family members to share any intentions they may have in that area.



**THUMB**

Pray for those closest to you.

**INDEX FINGER**

Pray for those who heal, instruct, and teach you, that God may help them as they direct others.

**MIDDLE FINGER**

Pray for those in authority, like our government leaders, that God my guide them.

**RING FINGER**

Pray for the weak among us: the poor, the sick, the excluded, and those facing other difficulties.

**PINKIE FINGER**

Pray for yourself. It is easier to pray for your needs once you prayed for the other four areas.

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