

AUGUST 7, 2022

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



St. Mary –Torun

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Office Hours: Tuesdays; 5 to 7 p.m.

Mon., August 8 ~ Saint Dominic

Tues., August 9 ~ *Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross*

4:30pm Adoration & Confessions

5:30pm Mass: †Kathleen Johnson

Wed., August 10 ~ Saint Lawrence

Thurs., August 11 ~ Saint Clare

5:30pm Mass: †Kenneth Cisewski

Fri., August 12 ~ *Saint Jane Frances de Chantal*

Sat., August 13 ~ *Saints Pontian and Hippolytus*

Sun., August 14 ~ Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Confessions

8:30am Mass: †Ernest Zywicki



19th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them." - Lk 12:37



PARISH NEWS

2022-2023 Religious Education. St. Mary's is not able to offer religious education (CCD) classes for our students due to low enrollment. We encourage all families with children in grades 1-11 to find a program that best fits their needs. St. Mary will reimburse 1/2 of the program cost (up to \$50 per student.) Please be sure that your family completes a transfer form so that we know they are enrolled in a program and completing their religious education requirements. **Catholic School Families...** If you have a child in grade 2 or entering 9th grade (Confirmation Prep), please reach out so that we can help you complete all of the program requirement to receive Sacraments.

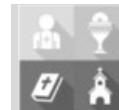
Any questions or concerns... please reach out to the office! We are happy to assist!

Tree Removal. Please note that 4 trees (3 white pines, and 1 red pine) will be removed from the East side of the church building. We are removing these trees to diminish the possibility of them falling on buildings.

Cemetery Committee Members Needed. Are you interested in helping to keep our Cemetery up-to-date? We are in need of a few individuals to be members of our Cemetery Committee. Tasks could include (*but are not limited to...*) marking lots for burials and headstones, formulating rules and regulations, and offering input regarding pricing. If interested, please contact the office.

October & November. We are blessed to have Fr. Thomas with us as our Pastor, but are also happy to hear he will get the chance to *finally* return home to India for a visit, his first since he arrived in the United States in 2019. During his absence, we will not be able to have some of our regularly scheduled weekday Mass offerings. We will be rescheduling intentions and mailing a letter to all affected to inform them of their new Mass date.

Financial Reports. We ask that all please be patient in receiving both the 21/22 Fiscal Year End Report as well as the 2022 Picnic Report. The Diocese is doing Fiscal Reporting a bit differently this year, and our picnic does not *officially* end until our October 9 Bingo event.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Next Weekend's Ministers:

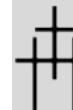
Altar Server: Volunteer

Lector: Tory

Eucharistic Minister: Penny

Usher: John, Jim P.

Money Counter: Cathy, April



PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Last Weekend's Offering:

Offertory: \$1,204.98

Vigil Lights: \$52

Building: \$345



WE PRAY...

For the health and healing of Karen Liebe & Karla Konkol

To have your request added, please contact the office at 715-344-2599 ext. 1# or email parish@toruncatholic.org.

School Supply Collection

DONATIONS ACCEPTED JULY 31 THROUGH AUGUST 14

Benefiting the Portage County Project Fresh Start Program.

SUGGESTED ITEMS TO DONATE:

- Backpacks**
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- Glue Bottles**
- Glue Sticks**
- Adult Scissors**
- Safety Scissors**
- Rulers**
- Index Cards**
- Earbuds/Headphones**



Place your donations in the collection tote in the entrance of the church.

ST. MARY-TORUN

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The central theme of today's readings is the necessity for trusting Faith in God's promises and vigilant preparedness among Christ's followers to meet their God as their Judge and Rewarder, at the time of their death.

The first reading cites the Faith-filled preparedness of the ancient Hebrew slaves in Egypt before their mass exodus to the Promised Land. Their trusting Faith in their God's promises gave them hope. In the Second Reading, taken from the last chapter of the letter to the Hebrews, the author defines Faith as "*the realization of what is hoped for, and evidence of things not seen*". He tries to bolster the Faith of the Jewish Christians by appealing to the example of their ancestors, starting with Abraham, and reviewing the things they accomplished by Faith. In the Gospel, Jesus challenges his disciples to trust the Father's promise to give them eternal happiness in His kingdom. But they are to be always prepared, because the Son of Man will come at an unexpected hour, either at the moment of their death or at the end of the world, whichever comes first. Using the master-thief parable, Jesus warns us to be on our guard so that the thief (the devil), may not steal our treasure of Divine grace or our relationship with God by his temptations. Using the master-servant parable, Jesus reminds us always to do the will of God by obeying Jesus' commandment of love and offering humble and sacrificial service to others.

Since nobody is sure about the time and circumstances of his or her death, we must be ever prepared to face Jesus our Lord and Savior as our Judge at the moment of our death to give an account of our lives. He wants to see that we have kept our personal relationship with him by growing in holiness. Such a growth is assisted by daily talking to him and listening to him in Bible reading; by asking for the guidance of the Holy Spirit every day; by recharging our spiritual batteries through offering our lives on the altar and getting spiritual nourishment in Holy Communion during the Holy Mass; by getting reconciled with God every day, asking for His pardon and forgiveness with a repentant heart, and seeking His forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation for serious sins; and by obeying Jesus' commandment of love by serving all the people around us, sacrificially sharing our blessings with them, seeing the face of Jesus in everyone.

Please keep me and all our MSFS fathers in USA, who are taking part in the retreat in Lake Dallas, Texas from August 8 – 12, in your prayers.

In Christ,
Fr. Thomas



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Seminarian of the week. May we be mindful that we are always connected to the universal Church. Let us pray for our priests for tomorrow, our seminarians.



This week we pray for Deacon John Zweber who will be spending the summer preparing to return to his studies in the fall.

May God bless all of the seminarians discerning their vocation to the priesthood for the Diocese of La Crosse.



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Living Joy! Chris Stefanick, an internationally-known speaker and author, will speak for the Witnesses For Christ Virtual Conference on Wednesday, August 24 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Every person is born looking for joy, but joy isn't a luxury. It's a necessity and every heart is power by it. Chris will share the path to living joy, the joy that only Jesus Christ can give. Cost is \$10 per person and those who register will receive Chris's new book, "Living Joy" for free. To register or for more information, visit www.diolc.org/witness-joy.

Pacelli Catholic Schools—There is still time to enroll! Pacelli Catholic Schools offer a top-tier education where students celebrate their Catholic faith as an integral part of their daily school experience. To register, or for more information, contact the central office at 715-341-2445 or visit www.pacellicatholicschools.com.

All campuses of Pacelli Catholic Schools will host an Open House on Wednesday, August 10 from 4-6 p.m., stop by and learn more!

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS:

Aug. 13-14 August Fest, St. Therese, Rothschild. Saturday events held 4-11:30 p.m. and Sunday begins with 10 a.m. Mass with events until 5 p.m. More information: www.sttheresecc.org

Aug. 20 Picnic, St. Maximilian Kolbe. Events begin at 9 a.m. and conclude with Mass at 4 p.m. More information: www.stmaxkolbe.org

Aug. 21 Picnic, Sacred Heart, Polonia. Mass at 10 a.m. with events throughout the day until 7 p.m.. More information: www.sacredheartpolonia.com

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