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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020**

## 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

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## Forgiving from Your Heart

Do you come to God for forgiveness, while your heart holds resentment for another? Do you look to have all your debts forgiven, yet imprison others with your demands against what you feel they owe you? Apart from grace, true forgiveness is impossible. This freely given gift from God allows us to experience true mercy.

*"Mercy is deeper and richer than forgiveness. It touches on the transcendent mystery of pure love...Forgiveness is in response to an apology, and there is no measure to it. It must be abundant and from the heart. Forgiveness is a great gift, but there is more. Mercy goes even further than forgiveness because it is unsolicited and undeserved. It is pure grace and gift.*

*Some things are actually unforgivable but are embraced by mercy. Sometimes, mercy is required because the people to be forgiven never asked for it, would not appreciate it, and actually do not deserve it...However, this is not about rights or justice in human terms. It is about mercy." (McAlear, Richard. OMI, Forgiveness: Experiencing God's Mercy, p. 9)*



Unmerited, undeserved, sheer grace — how beautiful the gift of God's mercy! Let us begin by exploring more in-depth the idea of a gift. When we receive a present, it is typically considered unearned. Even if someone is offering it to us for some personal accomplishment achieved by our merits, such as a promotion or graduation, it is still the giver's generosity and prerogative to extend the gift. Giving originates from one's charity or obligation and comes in many forms, such as money, a purchased good, time, or even a skill.

Giving is only one side of the equation; the other side of giving is receiving. For a gift to be useful, the recipient must first accept it, and then it must be opened. Gifts need to be utilized in their full designed capacity to reap maximum benefits. In the case of mercy, God freely and abundantly offers it to us, but if we do not accept nor if we do not open our hearts to it, the blessings available remain untapped. Sadly, we miss out on the whole intended purpose of healing and drawing us closer to Him, as well as strengthening us for the challenges of this life. The Good News of the Gospel is the proclamation that God has forgiven us, freely and without reservation. "To receive His mercy, we must admit our faults." (CCC 1847)

God has offered us mercy, but we still need to accept this incredible gift. As we learn in the *Parable of the Unforgiving Servant*, because God is merciful and has forgiven our debt of sin, which we could never pay, we must, in turn, be merciful toward others. Only through God's grace can we forgive one another and do so from the heart. Forgiveness, because it requires dying to ourselves — our pride, our desire to be right, our thirst for revenge — is impossible apart from grace. As Alexander Pope penned, "To err is human, to forgive divine."

Most people have faced situations where they struggle to let go of bitterness, anger, or resentment. Feeling if they forgive this person, then there are no consequences; they let this person "off the hook." However, God reminds us in the Scriptures, "Beloved, do not look for revenge but leave room for the wrath; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.'" (Romans 12:19) Knowing this should stir a Christian heart to pray all the more for the offender, that they be blessed and shown mercy, so to be

spared this wrath. A perfect and powerful example of loving our neighbor as ourselves.

The *Parable of the Unforgiving Servant* reminds us how imperfect we are, how indebted to God for His outpouring of mercy each person truly is. Recognizing the breadth of all God has forgiven us, the true extent of His love and mercy showered upon us — how could we possibly hold another accountable? God is a just God. Desiring this justice for ourselves, coming before Him as grace beggars, seeking the ability to forgive others from our hearts.

This warning reiterated by Jesus in his words to St. Faustina, "Tell souls not to place within their own hearts obstacles to My mercy, which so greatly wants to act within them. My mercy works in all those hearts which open their doors to it. Both the sinner and the righteous person have need of My mercy. Conversion, as well as perseverance, is a grace of My mercy." (The Diary of St. Faustina, 1577) *Allison Gingras*

### Congratulations to Fr. Benny

for being reelected for another three year term as the Superior of CFIC North American Delegation.

The CFIC North American Delegation is composed of nine communities with 33 priests dispersed in six Arch/dioceses in Canada, USA and Mexico.

Please continue to pray for Fr. Benny and his CFIC priests

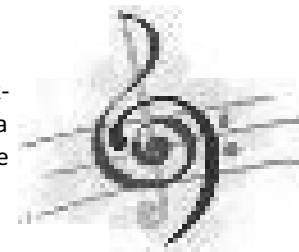
### The First Saturday healing Mass will resume in October

Healing Mass returns Saturday, October 3 at 9:00 am

Join us for Mass on the first Saturday of each month. Anointing is currently suspended while prayers of healing remain part of this Eucharistic celebration.

### Cantors Needed

We are in need of more cantors to volunteer for the 4PM and 9AM weekend Masses. If you have a desire and a love of singing to share with us, please stop by after Mass and talk with Jan Meulemans, our Music Director. Thank you and God Bless!



### Tuesday, October 6th-1-7pm

We hope to be allowed permission to offer this at our facilities this year. If you are interested in donating blood here at Blessed Sacrament, please call the Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 and sign up.

If you have any questions regarding donating blood or the time you prefer to donate, please call Carol in the parish office. Also remember, if you give a pint of blood you'll get a certificate to receive a free pint of Culver's Ice Cream!

### How do I watch Mass live??

**Go to Facebook and type in Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. You can also subscribe on Facebook to get notifications when we go live! Please note you must have a Facebook account. If you don't have Facebook, watch it later on YouTube. Go to YouTube and type in Blessed Sacrament Church in St. Paul, MN**



**Pontifical Collection**

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in Catholic Churches to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. Christians there rely heavily on the help that comes to them from this worldwide collection. This year, since

measures to prevent the spread of the coronavirus prohibit gatherings in our churches, the traditional Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land has been postponed to THIS WEEKEND, September 12th and 13th.

**THE PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION IS APPLIED TO THESE PROGRAMS:**

**Faith, Memory & Culture – The Holy Places**—Holy Land Franciscans staff and maintain the holy places and shrines. This enables those who live in the Holy Land and those who visit to deepen their faith and their spiritual and cultural connection to salvation history.

**Social & Charitable Activities**—In order to assist Christians to remain in the Holy Land, including the poor and young couples, the Custody builds thousands of residential units. Additionally, they build senior care facilities. Medical assistance is provided for the needy.

**Educational & Scientific Activities**—The Franciscans operate and support schools open to all, regardless of religion or nationality. They provide scholarships for young men to answer the call to become Franciscan priests and brothers. Additionally, Franciscan archaeologists pursue ongoing research at the Holy Places.

**Pastoral Activities**—The Franciscans provide pastoral care in 29 parishes in the Holy Land offering worship, Christian formation, and necessary youth and family programs, especially in regions affected by war.

**Liturgical, Ecumenical and Communications Programs**—The Christian Media Center tells the story of the Holy Land through multimedia distributed throughout the world in more than seven languages. The friars organize liturgical celebrations for local Christians and pilgrims and share with other Christian communities in the Holy Land in ongoing ecumenical cooperation.

**FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR**

**Coming back to church**

Though the dispensation to attend Masses is still in effect, we know how desperately you may be missing the sacraments and we are leaving it up to you as to when to decide to come back to church. You are requested – not required -- to sign up on the church website only so that we know how many to expect at Mass. We are monitoring our attendance counts very closely to determine when we can begin offering a second Mass on Sunday mornings, so please come to Mass regardless if you signed up or not. Please use prudence when determining whether you should come to church (e.g. not having a condition that would put you in a high risk category; being exposed to someone testing positive for the virus; etc.) We definitely have the space in church, and we continue to follow the directions given to us by the authorities on taking precautions, as we know you are too. Masks are to be worn at all times and we ask that you not socialize before or after Mass. Come join us in the Eucharistic celebration. We can't wait to see you again! God bless

**BOOYA for sale**

The Father Finley Knights of Columbus council #4374 is hosting their annual BOOYA sale on Saturday morning, September 19<sup>th</sup> in the parking lot of **Transfiguration Catholic Church** from 7:00am-noon. The cost remains at \$7 per quart. If the event does not sell out on Saturday, the KC's are hoping to sell their BOOYA outside in our parking lot after the 9:00am Mass [here](#) on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Help spread the dirt**

We are looking for some able-bodied individuals to help Joe Peisert spread some top soil around the campus property. We also need help removing the bushes along Stillwater Avenue up against the building. Please let John Florin know if you are interested in helping. Feel free to bring a shovel and a wheelbarrow!

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- Connie Hill, Director ..... ext. 14

**MUSIC**

- Jan Meulemans, Director.....651-307-7865

**PRAYER LINE**

- Please call Carol McKenna.....612-594-1290

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**BAPTISM** - Participation in the Baptism preparation program is a prerequisite for Baptism. Schedule with the Parish Office.

**RECONCILIATION- Saturday 3:00-3:45pm**

**By appointment on other days**

**MATRIMONY**- Make arrangements with the pastor at least six months before the date.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** - Please call the parish office if you or a family member is going to be hospitalized. Also, if you are home-bound and wish to receive the Eucharist or a friendly visit, please call the parish office.

**LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS ARE AVAILABLE**- Please come to the Sacristy before Mass to arrange to receive one.

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- Blessed Sacrament Adoration, M-W-F 1-11pm & TH 6am-noon
- The Rosary is said just prior to all weekend Masses.

**Sunday, September 13**

*Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Sir 27:30-28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35*

† Albert & Joan Bierwerth

Parish Mass

**Monday, September 14**

*The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

*Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17*

**Tuesday, September 15**

*Our Lady of Sorrows*

*1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35*

† Joan Bierwerth

**Wednesday, September 16**

*Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*

*1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Lk 7:31-35*

† Scott and Mike Robertson

**Thursday, September 17**

*Saint Robert Bellamine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

*1 Cor 15:1--11/Lk 7:36-50*

† Rev. Francis Kittock

**Friday, September 18**

*Weekday*

*1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3*

† Baby Harold Peloquin

**Saturday, September 19**

*Weekday/Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr; BVM*

*1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15(Morning Readings)*

† Nicholas Chavez

**Sunday, September 20**

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-6a*

† Barbara Luna

Parish Mass

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## Church of the Blessed Sacrament

### SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

September 13— September 20

The celebration of public Masses has resumed  
for a limited number of participants!  
Please sign up online or call the parish office!

#### Other Schedule Information:

- Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 PM or call for an appointment.
- Livestream Mass on Facebook—**Tuesday-Friday at Noon, Saturday at 4:00 PM and on Sunday at 9:00 am** or watch later on our You Tube channel link via our website.

## FINANCE

### Gifts of Treasure

September 5/6 2020

Sunday Envelopes & Plate:	\$ 4,861.01
Additional Operations:	\$ 70.00
<b>Total :</b>	<b>\$ 4,931.01</b>

### Kentucky Tree News

Due to COVID-19 it has been decided to modify this year's Kentucky Christmas Tree gift giving program to Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church in Stanton, Kentucky. Father Benny has approved a second collection be taken for this worthwhile cause. The collection will then be sent to Kentucky to help those families from the parish of Our Lady of the Mountains where Sister Mary Jane will then distribute the funds.



Please Save the Date for our Annual Pet Blessing  
on the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi,  
Sunday, October 4th at Noon

**Blessed Sacrament's Prayer Line is available via phone or email.**  
You need only request a prayer using ONE of the following Options.

For either **Option**, please know that you do not need to leave a name or a full name. Messages can be left with out a name or details. We are here to pray for whatever needs you or a loved one has. Members of the Prayer Line will keep your request in their prayers for 18 days (9 days of petition and 9 days of thanksgiving).

**For the Phone Option:** There are parishioners praying daily for people who are ill or in need. It is through our prayers that God is able to work His wonders. To make a prayer request contact the Prayer line directly. Call the church office:  
651-738-0677 Monday - Friday from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM or call:  
Carol McKenna at 612-594-1290. **PLEASE NOTE NEW NUMBER!!**

**For the Email Option:** The purpose of the Prayer Line Email is to provide 24/7 availability to submit prayer requests and to participate in this ministry by praying for all requests sent our way. All requests are handled in a sensitive and confidential manner.

Prayer is a gift of the Holy Spirit. **You are invited** to join this ministry to pray for the various requests received. Prayer requests are communicated to members of this ministry as requests are received. You may join this ministry by sending an email to Carol McKenna, (rheanita@gmail.com) or leaving a message on her voicemail in the parish office.

## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Upcoming September Classes

Sun., Sept. 13 – Confirmation – for one hour after Mass

Sun., Sept. 13 – Family Formation – for one hour after Mass

Tues., Sept. 15 – CGS – 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Wed., Sept. 16 – CGS and Family Formation – 6:15 pm to 7:45 pm

Sunday Sept 27 – Confirmation – for one hour after Mass

Sunday Sept 27 – Family Formation – for one hour after Mass

(Approximate Sunday class time is 9:45 am to 10:45 am)

**We are happy to accommodate schedules and sacramental prep needs for each and every family. Call or email Connie at [cahill@blessedsacramentsp.org](mailto:cahill@blessedsacramentsp.org)**



### What is Family Formation?

Family Formation is parents and kids learning and living the faith together with the support of parish catechists and at-home materials. It is families of all ages coming together for prayer, study, and discussion. It is what every family needs during these times of uncertainty and unrest.

### ¿Qué es la Formación Familiar?

La Formación Familiar es que los padres y los niños aprenden y viven la fe junto con el apoyo de los catequistas parroquiales y los materiales en el hogar. Son familias de todas las edades que se unen para orar, estudiar y discutir. Es lo que toda familia necesita durante estos tiempos de incertidumbre y malestar.

### Minimizing Risk

For in-person classes, we will follow CDC and MDH recommendations for minimizing risk including: Frequent hand-washing, newly-installed hand sanitizing pumps in classrooms, social distancing, limiting occupancy, limiting movement throughout the building, regular sanitizing of rooms and commonly-touched surfaces, face coverings (for ages six and up) per the Archbishop and Executive Order 20-81, and documented wellness screenings upon entering the building.

### RCIA

Are you or someone you know looking to engage in the full sacramental life of the church? RCIA is an adult formation program that teaches the joy and the fullness of our Catholic faith. Candidates are "brought into the church" at the Easter Vigil Mass. For more info, contact the Connie.



¿Estás buscando participar en la vida sacramental completa de la iglesia? RCIA es un programa de formación de adultos que enseña la alegría y la plenitud de nuestra fe católica. Los candidatos son "traídos a la iglesia" en la Misa de Vigilia Pascual. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con la oficina de la iglesia.



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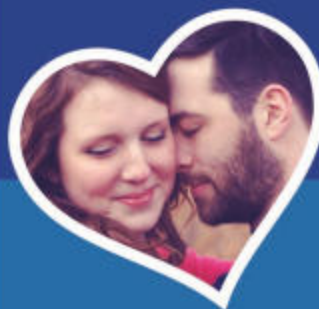
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