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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 9, 2020

Mass Times

Saturday

5:00 pm

Sunday

10:00 am

Monday - Wednesday & Friday

8:15 am

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday (Drive-up Confession)

1:30 - 3:30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of the Month

12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Rosary Devotion

Monday - Wednesday & Friday

7:55 am

Weekly Readings

Saturday-Sunday:

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a • Rom 9:1-5 • Mt 14:22-33

Monday:

2 Cor 9:6-10 • Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday:

Ez 2:8-3:4 • Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday:

Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22 • Mt 18:15-20

Thursday:

Ez 12:1-12 • Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday:

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 • Mt 19:3-12

Saturday-Sunday:

Is 56:1, 6-7 • Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 • Mt 15:21-28

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 8/8 • 5:00 pm - Mary Lee

Sunday, 8/9 • 10:00 am - OLP Parishioners

Monday, 8/10 • 8:15 am - Mary Lee

Tuesday, 8/11 • 8:15 am - Richard Johnson

Wednesday, 8/12 • 8:15 am - Trudy Struckman †

Friday, 8/14 • 8:15 am - Howard & Vera Strabala †



Reflections on the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith in the Lord

Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Matthew 14:31

Adults: When have you doubted the loving care of God for you as the apostles did in the boat?

Kids: How do you know that Jesus is with you at all times?

From Father Ellis

Parish News: First look at survey results

In the last couple of weeks, we've begun looking at the results of the Disciple Maker Index survey that we took back in February. Even in a medium-sized urban parish like ours, the amount of raw data generated by such a survey can be overwhelming. To make it more manageable, the publisher of the survey encourages parishes to focus on a few of their strengths and a few of their areas for growth. They also call attention to some key responses, which, in their research, have the most impact on people's connection to their parish. I'd like to begin sharing our results with you by looking a bit at those key responses. I'll continue to share and comment on other points from the results in future bulletins, and perhaps through other means as well.

Like many surveys, the million-dollar question is "Would you recommend [x] to a friend?" In the case of parishes, several factors make their members more likely to recommend/invite a friend. Many of those also seem to contribute the most to help them grow in their faith. They include the pastor, the quality of Sunday Mass, the quality of the preaching, how welcoming the community is, and how easy it is to find information. Interestingly, the strongest one of those for us was the ease of finding information. Many more parishioners agreed than were neutral or disagreed in that category, and our responses were a little above the average parish. Less of a surprise was that the sense of welcome was a strong point for our community. Significantly more people agreed than disagreed, although our responses were similar to or even a little below the average in that case.

Musings: Assumption of Mary

This coming Saturday (August 15), the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. Normally, this

solemnity is also a Holy Day of Obligation; however, when it falls on a Saturday or Monday, the obligation to attend Mass is lifted for that year. If I'm being honest, I never look forward to explaining when and why Holy Days of Obligation sometimes apply and sometimes don't. Not only is it confusing, but it also makes it seem like we're focused on the bare minimum that is required of us. In the United States, there are only five Holy Days that don't usually fall on a Sunday; it seems to me that it would be easier to remember them if the obligation was always in place, every year.

Regardless, however, we can still choose to see them as celebrations of the most important mysteries of our Faith. They help us to remember and meditate on these significant events. It may help to think of them like the key dates in our families. We know the importance of marking birthdays, wedding anniversaries, and even the days when our loved ones passed away. While there may be some sense of obligation to observe them, we don't normally think of them that way. We see them as reminders of how much we value our family and friends and the impact they have on us. Holy Days of Obligation work much the same way; after all, the Church is our spiritual family whose members include those with us on earth as well as the saints in Heaven.

Getting back to the Assumption, it reminds us of the significance of Mary in the life of all disciples of Jesus. She was so united with her Son in this life that He would not allow her to be separated from Him after her time on earth was over. He took her—body and soul—into Heaven. This is what the Lord Jesus wants to do for each of us; from her place in Heaven, Mary can help us attain it by her prayers and example.



Community Outreach

St. Vincent de Paul Supply Drive

This June, OLP held a collection for food, personal hygiene items, clothing, and bedding for the needs of residents in the Lake Street area affected by the recent vandalizing, looting, and destruction of homes and businesses in Minneapolis.

When we brought our 3 carloads of items to the St. Vincent de Paul warehouse Serena, the woman that

accepted the items, expressed her thanks and said that everything they are receiving is going out to needy families as soon as it comes in.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society's thrift store in Minneapolis on 12th Avenue, north of Lake Street, was one of the buildings damaged in the violence that engulfed parts of Lake Street in June.

It has just reopened.

The money from the sale of items at their thrift store helps support their mission of assisting many local

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households struggling with poverty.

If you have items to donate, check their website for hours and directions: www.svdpmpls.org.

While you are there you can explore the store and what it has to offer.

Faith Formation

Wednesday Night Faith Formation

We are excited to be able to welcome children in preschool through 5th grade back to our Deepening Our Faith Program and our 6th through 8th graders back to EDGE this autumn!

Social distancing and other safety measures will be in place for the youth joining us this year.

For more information about registration, ways that we are keeping everyone safe and healthy, and what this year will look like, visit our website olpmn.org/dof (for Deepening Our Faith) or olpmn.org/edge (for EDGE) or contact Anne Marie or Michaela.

What Is a Catechist?

Simply put, a catechist is someone who teaches the essentials of Christian faith and morals, but a catechist is more than that.

A catechist believes in, understands, lives, and communicates the Gospel.

“On the lips of the catechist the first proclamation must ring out over and over: ‘Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you.’...it is the principal proclamation, the one which we must hear again and again in different ways, the one which we must announce one way or another throughout the process of catechesis, at every level and moment” (164, Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* (*The Joy of the Gospel*) emphasis added).

We are seeking catechists and catechist helpers for our public school children’s Wednesday evening faith formation (DOF—Deepening Our Faith).

Experience is not necessary.

Training will be provided.

Please contact Anne Marie for more information.

God Is in the Silence

A Reflection from Deacon John



“Be still,” I was told over and over, “We need good pictures for the doctors, so don’t move, be still.”

So, I didn’t move during the bone scan, the CAT scan, MRI, or CT guided bone biopsy, all in one

week as the doctors tried to determine where the cancer was and wasn’t in my body.

All during that week I was wondering where God was in all of the poking, prodding, dyes, and needles.

He was certainly present in the doctors, nurses, and technicians who were all very kind to me, but it wasn’t until the week was over that I finally completed the verse: “Be still and know that I am God.” (Psalm 46:10).

God was with me in the silence of the waiting.

Waiting to take the test, waiting for the test results, waiting to hear what was next.

It is in the silence of the deepest recesses of our heart that we encounter the heart of God, which is love, who loves us, who loved us first.

He speaks to us in our silence.

I strongly encourage you to look for some silence in your life to hear what God may be saying to you.

Get up early before everyone else or go for a walk at dusk.

If you can’t seem to find any silence in your life to talk with Him, make that your prayer.

God will help you find the time.

P.S.: The surgery went well and I’ll be fine.

Church Improvements

Family Room Re-vamp!

Our church Family Room is ready for a re-vamp!

We are ready to think about ways we can make this space better for families.

Please contact epike@olpmn.org if you are willing to help with the next phase of brainstorming!

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Food Shelf Collection

On the third Sunday of every month, Our Lady of Peace collects non-perishable food items before and after all Masses for delivery to the Minnehaha Food Shelf.

Please place donations in the bin near Door #2.

Bulletins to the Homebound

If you or someone you know is homebound and would like to receive a bulletin in the mail please contact the parish office at parishadmin@olpmn.org or 612-824-3455.

Stewardship

Giving for June

		YTD	YTD	Previous
		Giving	Budget	YTD
Sunday &				
Electronic Giving	36,609	459,244	500,000	483,581
Plate Offering	<u>1,137</u>	<u>16,965</u>	<u>22,000</u>	<u>22,449</u>
TOTALS	37,746	476,209	522,000	506,300

This Week at OLP

Sunday, August 9 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass - C

Monday, August 10 - St. Lawrence

7:55 am Rosary - C

8:15 am Mass - C

Tuesday, August 11 - St. Clare

7:55 am Rosary - C

8:15 am Mass - C

Wednesday, August 12 - St. Jane Frances de Chantal

7:55 am Rosary - C

8:15 am Mass - C

Thursday, August 13 - Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus

Friday, August 14 - St. Maximilian Kolbe

7:55 am Rosary - C

8:15 am Mass - C

Saturday, August 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1:30 pm Drive-up Confession - O

5:00 pm Mass - C

Sunday, August 16 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass - C

11:30 am Baptism - C

C - Church • CR - Childcare Room • G - Gym
LR - Leo Room • O - Outside • OC - Off Campus
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