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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 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:

Jer 20:7-9 • Rom 12:1-2 • Mt 16:21-27

Monday:

1 Cor 2:1-5 • Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday:

1 Cor 2:10b-16 • Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday:

1 Cor 3:1-9 • Lk 4:38-44

Thursday:

1 Cor 3:18-23 • Lk 5:1-11

Friday:

1 Cor 4:1-5 • Lk 5:33-39

Saturday-Sunday:

Ez 33:7-9 • Rom 13:8-10 • Mt 18:15-20

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 8/29 • 5:00 pm - Jason Neumann

Sunday, 8/30 • 10:00 am - OLP Parishioners

Monday, 8/31 • 8:15 am - OLP Parishioners

Tuesday, 9/1 • 8:15 am - Craig & Ashley Moran

Wednesday, 9/2 • 8:15 am - Mary Margaret Hess †

Friday, 9/4 • 8:15 am - Darlene Johnson



Reflections on the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Come, Follow Me

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

Matthew 16:24

Adults: In what concrete ways do you take up your cross and follow Jesus?

Kids: When has it been difficult to be a follower of Jesus?

From Father Ellis

School Starts This Week!

On Monday, our students will be returning to school for the start of the 2020-2021 academic year. We are excited to welcome back our returning students and to meet our new students for the first time! At the same time, I think it's fair to say that there will be some anxiety and uncertainty—on the part of our students and families as well as our teachers—as we put into action all the adjustments and procedures required by the pandemic. So, while I always encourage you all to pray for our school, students, families, faculty, and staff at the start of school, this year it is all the more critical that we do so. Pray that everyone will stay healthy and safe, for patience and charity amid changes, and of course, that our students will learn and grow throughout the year. Here's one prayer you could use:

Father, we bring to You our concerns as our children and educators return to school. Help us as we strive to make all of the right decisions since we know we need Your love and power to help us overcome any difficulties. Please watch over everyone as times and routines are about to change once again. We know that we can do anything through You, so please help us ensure health and semi-normalcy in the coming months. We give our hearts to You, now and forever. Amen.

The Sacraments: Details Matter

During this past week, one of the Gospels for daily Mass had Jesus reprimanding the Pharisees for focusing on the fine details of the Law while ignoring the main point. Sometimes, this leads people to believe that Jesus isn't concerned with the fine details; however, in that very passage in St. Matthew's Gospel, He says, "...these [the fine details] you should have done, without neglecting the others." (Mt. 23:23).

Especially when it comes to the sacraments, the details can be crucial—even though we must not lose sight of their overall purpose. A good example is a recent

clarification from Rome, stating that it is not valid to say, "We baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (the correct phrasing is "I baptize you..."). It may seem like an insignificant tweak, but the change in meaning is massive. If the priest or deacon uses the royal "we," it refers to him, the parents, godparents, etc. as those who are conferring the baptism. The problem is that we don't believe that any of them confers the sacrament. Instead, the Church has always believed that whenever anyone baptizes, it is Christ Jesus Himself who baptizes (cf. Vatican II, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 7). The use of the pronoun "I" conveys that meaning; it respects the fact that Christ is speaking through the minister of the sacrament.



Why am I telling you all this? Well, I think that sometimes people get exasperated with their priests if they insist on doing certain things exactly "by the book." But the reason we do so is that we want people to receive the grace of the sacraments. Not using the right words—even if all that is changed is a small pronoun—means that the recipient doesn't actually receive baptism. It must be done again (correctly) for them to receive it and its graces. Since baptism is the gateway to the other sacraments, it is crucial to get it right. We were reminded of this fact when a priest in Michigan realized that when he was baptized, the words of baptism were modified. That meant he was never truly baptized, confirmed, or ordained. His diocese quickly conferred all those sacraments; still, the effects are far-reaching, as many of the sacraments *he* celebrated for *others* before this realization would also be invalid.

So the next time you hear of a priest being deliberate and careful about the details of the sacraments, know that chances are he's just trying to save everyone a lot of headaches later—and more importantly, to ensure that everyone does receive the great graces of the sacraments.

Archdiocesan Synod

Focus Areas Announced

Archbishop Hebda has discerned the initial set of focus areas for the Archdiocesan Synod.

These areas will set the parameters for discussions at the deanery and the parish levels.

The areas include forming parishes that are in the service of evangelization, forming missionary disciples who know Jesus's love and respond to his call, and forming youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young.

Church Improvements

Help Renovate the Family Room!

We recently removed the furniture from the Family Room and gave it a new carpet and a coat of paint.

Now we are ready to put furniture back in place but we want your input on how to make the Family Room better for our families with young children.

Visit olpmn.org and give us your feedback in a short survey.

It will only take about two minutes to complete!

Thank you for your input!

Faith Formation

Wednesday Night Faith Formation

Registration is now underway for our Wednesday evening faith formation programs Deepening Our Faith (Pre-K through 5th grade) and EDGE (6th through 8th grade) which begins September 30th.

The health & safety of our youth, volunteers, and staff are our top priorities as we return to campus this fall.

Safety protocols are in place to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and help keep our campus open for DOF and EDGE.

However, plans are in place to switch to distance/homeschool options as need be.

Distance/homeschooling registration options are also available for children whose parents are not ready to send them to in-person classes at this time.

For more information on our safety protocols please visit olpmn.org/faith.

New Movie about the Apparitions of the Blessed Mother in Fatima

A new movie about the visionaries and the events that unfolded in the small town of Fatima, Portugal in the early 20th Century recently opened in theaters is available for on-demand streaming.

For more information, go to fatimathemovie.com.

The movie has not yet received a rating, but may not be suitable for young children as it deals with serious subject matter.

Outreach

Rosary Makers

Our Lady of Peace Rosary Makers sent 1350 Rosaries to various charities.

"The Nicaraguan Catholic Church, our priests, and our parishioners would like to extend our gratitude to your Rosary Makers for the donation of beautiful rosaries. These rosaries will help us to spread the love that our Most Holy Mother Mary has for this world."

Meals on Wheels Needs Drivers

You can help guarantee that meals are delivered to those in need.

Our Lady of Peace parishioners drive for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels approximately every 8 weeks and our next opportunity is the week of September 14th.

The time commitment is typically one hour on any day you choose.

Please contact the parish office to volunteer to drive, or to be added to the pool of potential drivers for future deliveries.

In addition to daily safe food handling practices, Meals on Wheels has employed several proactive measures to protect everyone involved in the preparation and delivery of meals and limit the spread of illness.

Sharing and Caring Hands

Most church volunteer groups continue to be suspended at Sharing and Caring Hands during the COVID-19 pandemic.

A couple OLP community members have joined a group to help out on Saturday mornings.

If you would like to be part of this group, or if you would like to know more about the Sharing and Caring Hands ministry, contact Paul Campion at 612-861-0064.

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The Pope

Covering the Biblical evidence for the authority of the Pope, the doctrine of Purgatory, devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Saints, the Sacrament of Confession, the Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist, and more, the remarkable set is an essential resource for answering the various objections that Protestants makes to the Catholic Faith.

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First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration will be on **Friday, September 4th** in St. Kevin's Chapel from 12 - 6 pm.

Sign up at olpmn.org/adoration or on the board outside the sanctuary near the elevator.

Free Subscriptions to The Catholic Spirit

If you would like to receive a complimentary subscription to the archdiocesan newspaper, The Catholic Spirit, delivered to your home please contact the parish office or visit olpmn.org/spirit

Stewardship

Giving for July

		YTD Giving	YTD Budget	Previous YTD
Sunday &				
Electronic Giving	28,041	28,041	39,000	32,428
Plate Offering	<u>520</u>	<u>520</u>	<u>1,580</u>	<u>922</u>
TOTALS	28,561	28,561	40,580	33,350

This Week at OLP

Sunday, August 30 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass (with Back to School Blessing) - C

Monday, August 31

7:55 am Rosary - C

8:00 am First Day of School - SC

8:15 am Mass - C

Tuesday, September 1

7:55 am Rosary - C

8:15 am Mass - C

6:00 pm School Advisory Council - PH

Wednesday, September 2

7:55 am Rosary - C

8:15 am Mass - C

Thursday, September 3 - St. Gregory the Great

Friday, September 4

7:55 am Rosary - C

8:15 am Mass - C

12:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - C

Saturday, September 5

1:30 pm Drive-up Confession - O

5:00 pm Mass - C

Sunday, September 6 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Mass - C

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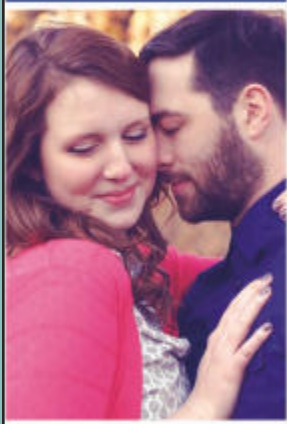



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