



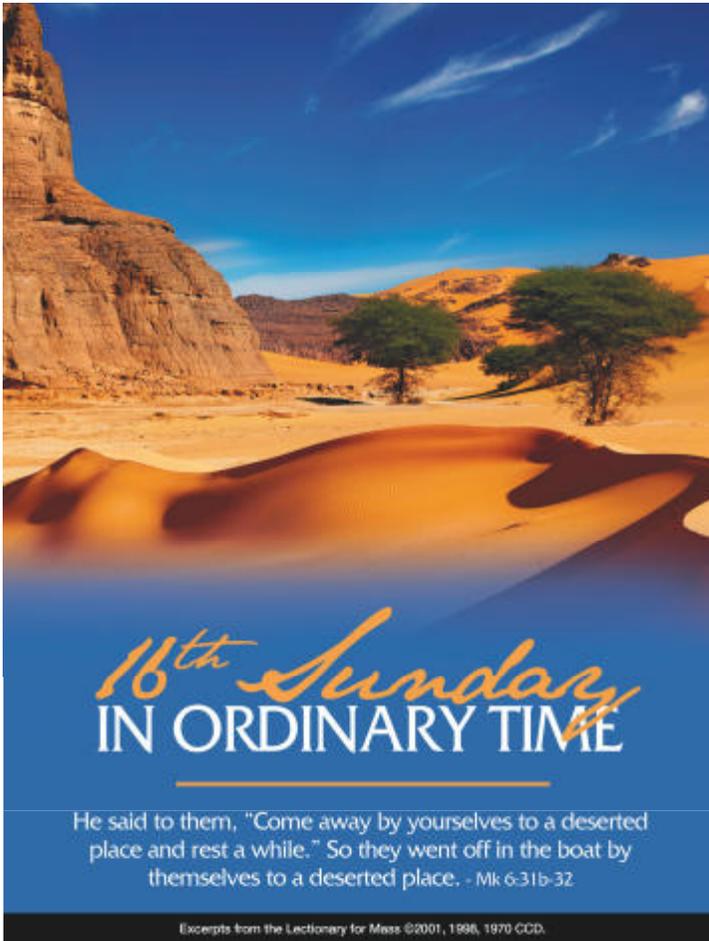
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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | July 18, 2021



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

July 17 through July 25

Sat., July 17	4:00p SM	† Jack Rothermel
	6:00p SR	† Bessie Whalen
Sun., July 18	8:30a SR	† Lemere Family & Gene Rader Family
	11:00a SM	† Harry Boehm
(Misa en español)	1:00p SM	Parishioners of SM & SR
Mon., July 19	———— No Mass ————	
Tue., July 20	Mass Cancelled	
Wed., July 21	8:00a SM	† Bernele Schultz
Thu., July 22	8:00a SR	† Loretta St. John
Fri., July 23	9:00a SM	† Richard Gosnell
Sat., July 24	4:00p SM	Edward Campbell
	6:00p SR	Parishioners of SM & SR
Sun., July 25	8:30a SR	† Roland Weaver
	11:00a SM	† Roger Haas
(Misa en español)	1:00p SM	Priest Intention

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday	7:00-9:00p	SR
Saturday	10:00a-12:00p	SM

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION & ADORATION

Tuesday	5:00-9:00p	SM
Thursday	5:00-9:00p	SR

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thurs	9a-noon or by apt	SM
Sunday	noon-3p	SM
Tues/Thurs	9a-noon or by apt	SR

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Reflections from Jon Jones, Director of Pastoral Ministry



Without a doubt, my favorite passage of Sacred Scripture is the first chapter of Ephesians. Many times in my life I have turned to this chapter specifically for hope, for peace, for guidance, and for consolation. The breadth and profound view St. Paul offers here is overwhelming. For example, when he writes “Blessed be the God and Fa-

ther of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places”, how can I possibly understand that this is true, that I already have received every spiritual blessing? I have followed Christ for most of my life, and I have read a lot of books, taken many classes, listened to countless lectures, and shared my faith with many people. I will honestly tell you that I do not completely understand what St. Paul means.

I absolutely affirm Scripture to be true, but I have to admit that there are moments and verses like this when I have no idea how. Some people say that if they could just be convinced by proofs for God’s existence, or of the bible’s veracity, or have evidence that the supernatural exists, that they would believe. But, with passages like this, how can one “prove” it except by experiencing it? Our faith transcends the empirical, and it is these passages that remind me I have to grow into it, which means there are lots of things that I will never be able to comprehend fully. And, the more I listen along with the saints at Ephesus, the more thankful I am that this is so.

There is something painful about this experience, though. It is promises like this that, when confronted by my lack of understanding, leave me with only a greater desire for knowing it. Being confounded with my mouth agape at these words corresponds to how deeply I desire to know that I am truly “blessed with every spiritual blessing” right here, right now. I want to know the depth of what God has done for me. I want to know the greatness of what He has in store for me. More than anything in the world, this is the desire of my heart.

It has been a joy going back through this beloved letter as I have been preparing for our summer Bible study, “Maturing in Christ.” Going through this passage, 1.3-14, I have been surprised (once again) at how it has come alive before my very eyes.

Ephesians chapter 1 is among the classic passages that helped the early Church identify and articulate the revelation of God as the Holy Trinity. Already in the verse mentioned above, St. Paul makes overt references to each distinct person. He mentions the

“Father” and “our Lord Jesus Christ”. The word he uses for “spiritual”, *pneumatikos in the Greek, is referring to God’s Spirit. In fact, whenever St. Paul uses this word he is referring to the Holy Spirit, not some non-physical realm or our own spirit. If we keep reading, we actually see the work of the persons of the Trinity woven throughout the entire passage. Every single word in this passage describes something about one person of the Trinity or how we are now brought into this fellowship.*

Let’s take the Father as an example. Nearly every action word describes the Father. What kinds of things does the Father do according to this passage? Let’s take a look. The Father *blesses, chooses, destines in love, bestows his grace, makes known his will, lavishes, unites all things, appoints, and retains an inheritance. What a Father! God does all of this for me and for you! If we were to make a list of the perfect dad, would this not be it? One who blesses his children. One who chooses them every time rather than getting distracted and ignoring them. One who lavishes them with gifts. And, one who has a plan for their future and an incredible inheritance just waiting for them. Nowhere is there a hint of God being harsh, critical, or absent. With so many today having checkered relationships with their fathers, how transformational could it be for us to truly grow in our trust and identity as children of our Heavenly Father who desires to bless our socks off?*

God longs to give me the desires of my heart (Ps 37.4). As the one who formed my heart, I am learning to trust that he knows what I truly desire. I long to understand because I long to experience to the depths these beautiful truths proclaimed—to be blessed, to be chosen, to be affirmed, to be a beloved son. The more I walk with Christ, the closer I grow to him as his brother, because we now have the same Father. And, the more I learn to be a son alongside Jesus, abiding in our security as beloved by our Father, the better dad I become to my own children. This is the work of the Holy Spirit, and an experience of being “blessed with every spiritual blessing” right here, right now.

Job Opportunities

Marriage Prep & Wedding Coordinator: This is a part-time position, usually involving Sat. weddings and Fri. rehearsals, in addition to meeting with couples prior to the wedding.

St. Mary’s Faith Formation Coordinator: This is a part-time position, with average of 10 hours per week. Position overview is to coordinate, organize, and execute the administrative details of all parish faith formation programs.

Applicants can send résumé and cover letter expressing interest and experience in Marriage Ministry or Faith Formation to JacquelineEVanHemert@gmail.com. (Subject Line: Marriage Prep & Wedding Coordinator or Faith Formation Coordinator)

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Mass Cancellation

**There will be no daily Mass at St.
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Upcoming Events

Saints Around the World!



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Potluck & Storytime

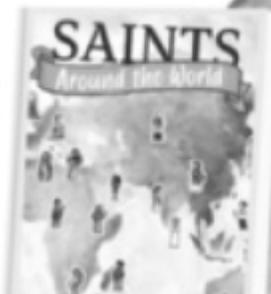
with author Meg Hunter-Kilmer

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 18, 2021

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc, 2, 3 4, 5 6 [1b]/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Ex 14:21—15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [cf. Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3 8/Ps 50:1b 2, 5 6, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/
Jn 6:1-15

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 18, 2021

Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

Wednesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St. Mary Magdalene

Friday: St. Bridget, Religious

Saturday: St. Sharbel Makhlof, Priest; BVM

Next Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Inspiration for the week

We only have so much psychological and spiritual energy. We easily get tired. Responding to life's demands and people's needs can really zap us of all of our energy. Anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and even apathy can run wild. We can find ourselves bitter and irritated by the fact that we have to do it all again. We need to rest, connect, and focus. Deserted places, free of unnecessary distractions and demands, are great places of refreshment and we all need them. Desiring to be alone for a bit and rest does not indicate selfishness. Rather, it radiates wisdom. God is the source of all we do and the satisfaction of every human heart. If we are going to use the gifts God gave us well, then we have to make sure our batteries are recharged and replenished. Jesus invites us to go to a desert place to rest and pray. Where is yours?



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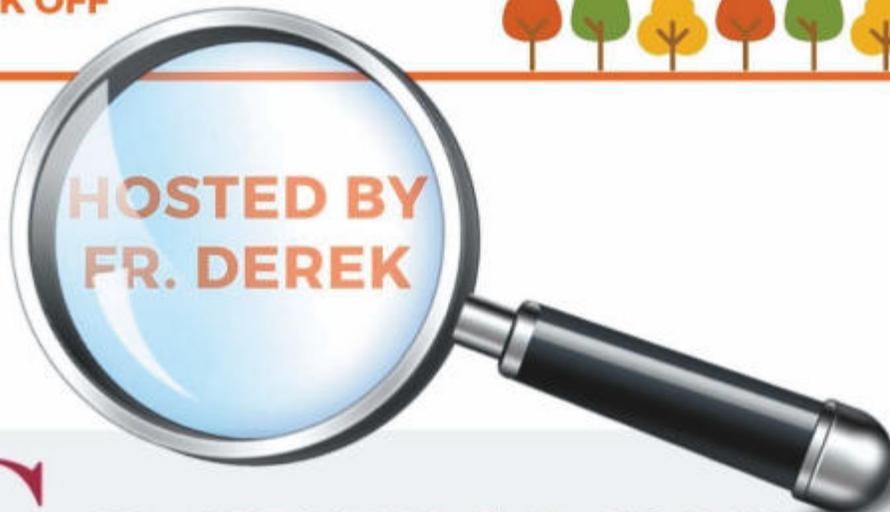


*I say to the
Lord, you
are my Lord,
you are my
only good.*

— PSALM 16:2 —

St. Mary's Fall Fest Kickoff

FALL FEST KICK OFF



Sunday, August 8th

Round 1 River Prairie: 2pm-3:15pm
(75 min to Track Clues @ River Prairie Park)

Round 2 About the Town: 4pm-6pm
(2 hrs to Track Clues Around Altoona)

The clues will be posted online @ 2pm & 4pm

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