



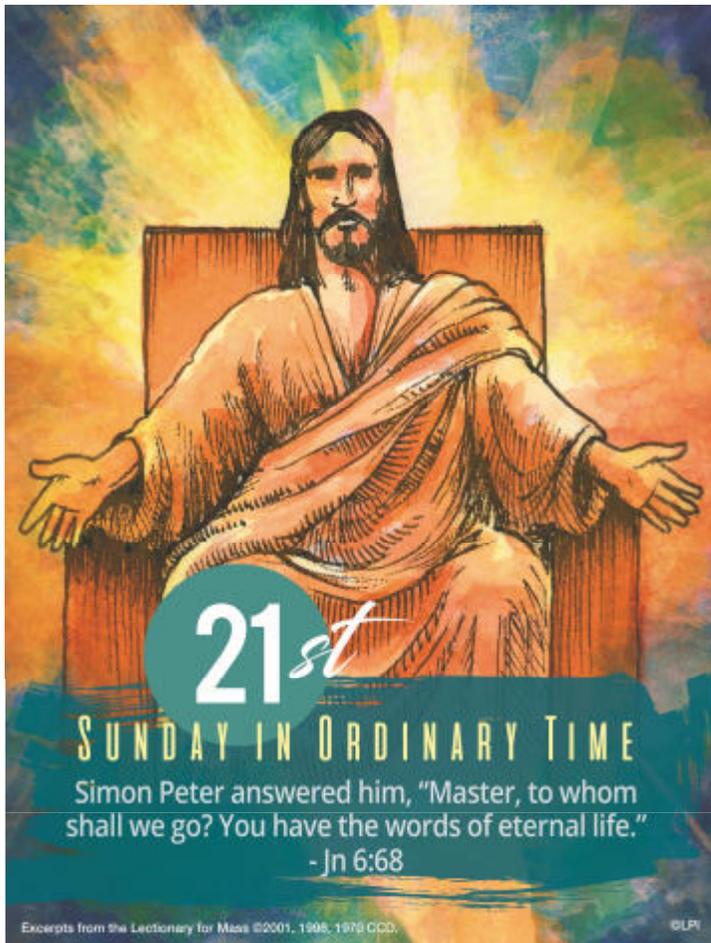
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<b>August 21 through August 29</b>			
Sat., August 21	4:00p	SM	To Restore All Things in Christ
	6:00p	SR	Parishioners of SM & SR
Sun., August 22	8:30a	SR	† Darlene Klobucar
	11:00a	SM	† Doreen Bauer
(Misa en español)	1:00p	SM	Priest Intention - Fr. Bob Pedretti
Mon., August 23	No Mass		
Tue., August 24	8:00a	SR	† Owen Lewis
Wed., August 25	8:00a	SM	† Corrine Willkam
Thu., August 26	8:00a	SR	† Dorothy Scheuermann
Fri., August 27	9:00a	SM	† Stella Wogernese
Sat., August 28	4:00p	SM	Priest Intention
	6:00p	SR	† Clayton Hansen
Sun., August 29	8:30a	SR	Priest Intention
	11:00a	SM	Carter, Mason & Alex Frederick
(Misa en español)	1:00p	SM	Priest Intention

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

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

**EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION & ADORATION**

Tuesday	5:00p-9:00p	SM
Thursday	5:00p-10:00p	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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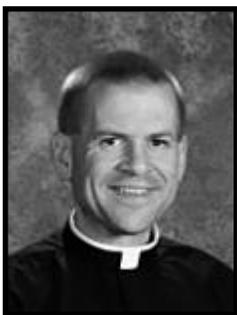
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## Reflections from Fr. Sakowski

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### Latin Lessons and Evangelization

Today I invite you to learn some lessons in evangelization by reflecting with me on three Latin verbs: *docere*, *ducere*, and *trahere*.

I was participating recently in a pastoral ministry workshop in which the presenter drew a distinction between *docere* and *ducere* (dough-CHAIR-eh and DOO-chair-eh). *Docere* means “to teach” and *ducere* “to lead.” The presenter invited us to examine ourselves and the methods we have used in ministering to others. Have we tried to operate from a posture of *docere* (teaching) without actually leading others? Have we given eager advice, or “talked at” the person we are ministering to, seeing ourselves as having right answers, readymade? Have we measured success or failure on whether or not we convince the other person how to do it our way?

Any outstanding teacher knows that this method of teaching will not work – except for a few who follow out of fear. Fear may be the beginning of wisdom; it may motivate us to start a journey. But it never keeps us going when the going gets rough. Only desire can do that – the desire that leads to Love. Perfect Love casts out all fear.

Teaching without leading is the way of the scribes and Pharisees – for whom Jesus saved up his strongest and sternest warnings. There is little or no vulnerability in that way of cultivating disciples, and therefore little or no Love, little or no joy.

I appreciated the presenter’s point, and then my mind was transported into the reflections of Augustine, whom I spent hundreds of hours with during my doctoral research in Rome. Augustine offers us a third Latin verb to consider: *trahere* [TRAH-hair-eh] – “to attract” or “to draw.” He quotes Jesus:

**“No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him”** (John 6:44).

Augustine is answering the objections of the Pelagians, who like the scribes and Pharisees overemphasized human responsibility and discipline – to the point of concluding quite wrongly that we humans take the first step in our salvation, that God helps those who help themselves. Augustine quite strongly condemns the notion, insisting with Paul the Apostle that we radically depend upon Jesus as our savior. From the very first moment of the gift to its tender growth and development to its final flourishing and persevering, all is God’s gift; all credit goes to him.

But – the Pelagians object – how does that leave space for real human freedom? Do we not become mere puppets of God? Augustine explains: God the Father draws us, attracts us, entices us, allures us – in a way that leaves us totally free to respond (or not). He sows the seeds of desire in our hearts and aids our growth – if we are willing. We are invited to become receptive

soil, weeded of the obstacles that hinder us, capable of receiving and growing and bearing fruit.

Augustine uses the verb *trahere* to describe God’s agency in this process – not at all “dragging” or “pulling” like a stubborn pet, but in the sense of attracting, motivating, and enticing. Not all “leading” is virtuous – Augustine rejects any sense of *ducere* that violates the dignity and freedom of the subjects. God does not coerce; he does not make us do things! He is a loving Father who places holy desires in our hearts and deeply desires us to become fully ourselves. He honors our dignity and freedom – even when we choose to dishonor him.

I wrote last month about religiosity as a counterfeit version of religion. Too many of us (myself included) have resorted to pressuring, shaming, fear-mongering, or manipulating to try to convince others to follow the right path. God the Father does not operate in that way.

Each of us can consider what this means for evangelization – for inviting others to follow Jesus as disciples. If we look at him in the Gospels, we see an example of the best meaning of all three verbs: *docere*, *ducere*, and *trahere*. Because Jesus is truly connected to God his Father, abiding vulnerably in love, he teaches as one with authority, and not as the scribes and Pharisees. He leads without coercing or manipulating. He allows his followers to stumble, to make mistakes, and to misunderstand. He speaks deeply into the deep desires of the human heart – noticing the needs there, listening attentively, attuning, and affirming. He encourages and comforts, awakens and allures. Many follow him, discovering within themselves a profound hunger and thirst they had not realized was there – a longing that God himself had placed there.

Teaching and leading and attracting in this way can feel unsettling! We feel quite powerless and vulnerable when we do it – as we honor the freedom of the listener and open ourselves to the possibility of rejection. We open our minds and hearts to notice what God is doing – willing to be surprised if he takes us in a new and unfamiliar direction; respecting the God-given uniqueness of the person in front of us and that his or her path might be quite different from our own.

Augustine learned these lessons precisely because of his amazing conversion. He finally and deeply allowed God to captivate his heart, to go into his places of shame, and to transform him. He learned that desire is so much more powerful than fear or manipulation or control. He came to experience the love of God the Father, and was mightily effective in attracting others to it.

What about you and me? Will we allow our own hearts to surrender vulnerably to God the Father’s way of attracting human beings to the heart of his Son? Will we allow our churches to become places in which God easily attracts his sons and daughters, and they feel safe and confident coming alive in our presence? God, good Father that he is, will not force us to change our behaviors – but the invitation is there!

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*Thank you!*

## A Note from Fr. Sakowski

### **DAILY MASSES AT ST. MARY'S THIS FALL**

Dear Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. Raymond's,

St. Mary's typically has daily Masses on Wednesdays and Fridays. With the start of the new school year, and with my time away on sabbatical, please note the following changes for the months of September, October, and November:

#### Wednesdays

Wednesday Masses at St. Mary's will be at 5:30pm starting on September 1. This time will allow Fr. Peter to cover the Mass after a full day at Regis. We are also hoping that more parishioners will be able to attend, including our Faith Formation and Confirmation teams. The length of this Wednesday Mass should normally be about 30 minutes.

Following my return, it is very possible we will continue with this evening Mass time on Wednesday. There are multiple area parishes that have a morning Mass on Wednesdays, and we would love to see many more of our people able to participate at a time that works for their schedules. Stay posted for more details, and for the months of Sept/Oct/Nov please make a note of the change of time.

#### Friday School Masses

For the first few months of the school year, the Friday Mass time will also be changed to 2:30pm. The other five Eau Claire pastors will be coming in as guest celebrants for these Masses (except on those Fridays when there are no classes - on those days Mass will be canceled).

After I return, the school Mass on Fridays will return to its previous time of 9am - a time that works much more favorably for the teachers and students, particularly with end-of-school bus pickup.

Last year the school Masses had been closed to the public due to the need to distance our students 6 feet apart. This year the distancing requirement will be 3 feet, so our plan going into the school year will be for school Masses to be open to families and to the general public. Public seating will be either in the back of church or in the narthex. Obviously we need to be open to the possibility of plans changing depending on the public health situation as the fall progresses.

Come to Daily Mass!

I hope this change of daily Mass times - whether temporary or permanent - serves as an invitation for several of you to consider taking a moment out of your Wednesday and/or Friday to pray with our faith community and receive the Body of Christ. It is such a wonderful boost to the middle of your week, and deepens our love of our Lord.

Thank you to Fr. Peter and to the 7 other priests who will be filling in for Masses and Confessions during my absence this fall. Blessings to you all!

In the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Derek Sakowski

*Pastor*

#### **St. Mary's Stewardship: This Week**

Adults..... \$3,745.40

Holy Day..... \$350.00

Offertory (Plate)..... \$931.40

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Holy Day ..... \$578.00

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## St. Mary & St. Raymond Parish News



St. Raymond's Celebrating 19 years on August 25th since its dedication in 2002. You are invited to stay after Mass and Celebrate with an Ice Cream Sundae outside by the water fountain.



St. Raymond of Peñafort parish considered a haven of rural serenity was dedicated on August 25, 2002 by Bishop Raymond Burke of the Diocese of La Crosse. The church combines many tons of Wisconsin quartzite, abundant light and stained glass windows.

**St. Mary's Fall Fest Volunteers Needed:** 2 Coordinators (for Adult Night Out/Kids Night In); volunteers to sell raffle tickets; adults & high school/middle school age students to run games on Family Game Day. Contact Toni Buck at ToniBuck.88@gmail.com or sign-up in the Narthex or on-line at StMarys-Altoona.com. **Items needed:** All Sizes of Brand Name Plastic Bottles of Soda Pop (drop off in the narthex by Sept 10th for Family Game Day); crafts and homemade food items (drop off on Sept 24th for Country Store - Contact Carrie Jones 414-502-8452)



**Volunteers Needed:** Do you love working with live flowers and plants and would like to help decorate the Sacristy at St. Raymond's? Julie Graaskamp is looking for additional helpers to keep the Sacristy and Altar beautiful and reflecting the seasons of the Church. Julie will lead a group of volunteers who will water plants, arrange flowers and decorate at Easter and Christmas and throughout the year. Please contact Julie if you are interested at 715-878-4399 or [pieterg@centurytel.net](mailto:pieterg@centurytel.net). Thank you!



### **Job Opportunity - 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 Faith Formation to [JVanHemert@SMSRCatholic.com](mailto:JVanHemert@SMSRCatholic.com) (Subject Line: Faith Formation Coordinator).

**Help Wanted - Part Time Janitor Custodian:** We need your help. St. Mary parish is looking for a part time Janitor Custodian. This position will be Mon-Fri 12:30pm – 3:30 pm. There will be an occasional Saturday or Sunday to assist with post event cleanup such as weddings, funerals, etc. Main tasks are wipe down tables after lunch, cleaning of the church building meeting rooms and worship areas. If you are interested please call Bonnie Firkus 715-855-1294 Ext 146 and leave her a message or email her at [BFirkus@SMSRCatholic.com](mailto:BFirkus@SMSRCatholic.com). This position will start mid to late August.



All St. Raymond of Peñafort Parish Women who are interested in supporting a women's group are invited to attend and help plan what the future of the Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) should look like. The meeting will be in the Faith Formation Room on September 9th at 6pm.

### **A Note from Fr. Sakowski Regarding Email Updates:**

#### **Official parish emails**

It's taken us a lot of research, conversations, and preparations, but we are now switching over to official staff emails at our two parishes. The priests will be getting email accounts that end with "[@diolclergy.org](mailto:@diolclergy.org)" and our staff will have emails that end with "[@smsrcatholic.com](mailto:@smsrcatholic.com)"

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It will be really great to stop using personal email addresses for work, and we also hope it will cut down on the risk of our people getting scammed. As most of you know by now, they are frequent scam attempts that occur by creating fake email accounts pretending to be someone else and asking for a favor. This happens in every church across the country, as well as in many other organizations.

We ask you to pay attention to email addresses (not just the name that shows up in your Inbox) - both when you receive email and when you send it. Please help spread the word and get everyone in the habit of using these new email addresses and not sending to the previous ones. And please notice if the email address is NOT from our official domain. Finally, if anyone ever asks you for a favor - especially to buy something or send money, we encourage you to give a call to our real number or to one of our other staff so as not to become the victim of a scam.

A special thank you to Jon Jones for many hours of hard work researching and preparing for this transition, which will greatly help us be more consistent in our communication and everyday work. Please keep our staff and priests in your prayers!

In the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,  
Fr. Sakowski



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