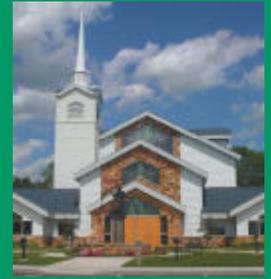




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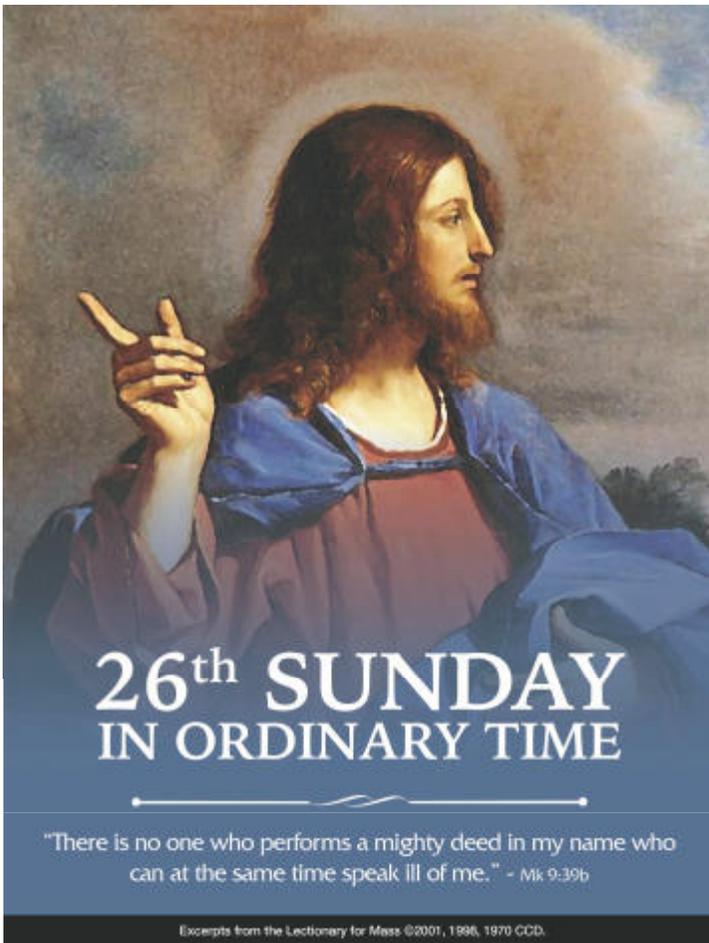


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**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | September 26, 2021**



## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

September 25 through October 3			
Sat., Sept. 25	4:00p	SM	Priest Intention
	6:00p	SR	† Al Howe
Sun., Sept 26	8:30a	SR	Priest Intention
	11:00a	SM	† Pauline Meyer
<i>(Misa en español)</i>	1:00p	SM	Priest Intention
Mon., Sept. 27	No Mass		
Tue., Sept. 28	8:00a	SR	† Joyce & Mac Fish
Wed., Sept. 29	5:30p	SM	† Doreen Bauer
Thu., Sept. 30	8:00a	SR	Thereasa Wood
Fri., Oct. 1	2:30p	SM	† Lorraine Mousel
Sat., Oct. 2	9:00a	SM	† Corrine Willkam
	4:00p	SM	† Paul C. & Clara Bauer
	6:00p	SR	† Henry & Ada Webster
Sun., Oct. 3	8:30a	SR	† Etta Birtzer
	11:00a	SM	† Joseph Pozarski
<i>(Misa en español)</i>	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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**Fr. Derek Sakowski**  
 On Sabbatical

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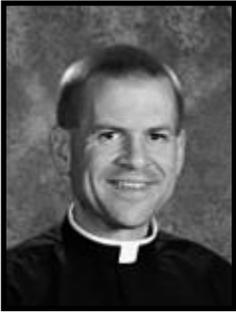
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## Sabbatical Reflections from Fr. Sakowski

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### Always Ready for a Party

Authentic hospitality is one of the greatest human experiences. There is the literal hospitality of receiving and hosting a guest with a sense of delight and dignity and belonging. More importantly, there is the day-to-day openness to the experience of receiving and being received, the surprising

delight that can arise in encounters that cause us to feel more human and more Christian. You just never know when a small foretaste of the heavenly wedding feast might unexpectedly open up!

As you know, I'm in the midst of a 3-month sabbatical, and gratefully receiving the hospitality of Benedictine monks. 1,500 years ago, St. Benedict wrote his *Rule*, including the following instructions: "All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ."

Some of my happiest memories of childhood are moments of hospitality. In one of my workshops, I was asked to reflect on experiences of wholeness in my story – when I most deeply felt a sense of delight, belonging, and justice. My memories turned to my grandparents' home, their joy and excitement at seeing me every time I arrived, the warm embrace, the twinkle in their eyes, the offering of food or drink or toys they knew that I enjoyed, the total sense of belonging and safety. Or I thought of Christmas gatherings with extended family – the laughter, the acceptance of everyone present, and the material and emotional abundance, the ache for the moment to last forever.

During college seminary, I met a few friends from the South, and came to appreciate their constant readiness to show hospitality. It felt dignified and important to me, and became something I've valued over the years. Planned gatherings are fun enough, but the best moments have been the unexpected parties. I've learned to ensure that I have a few things on hand to be up for the occasion. As I sometimes quip, I like my living space to be ready to go "From Zero to Party in 10 Minutes."

Truthfully, though, I am still very much learning the height and breadth and depth of human hospitality. There are various versions of it, not all of them equally great. There have been times where my hospitality was more about projecting an image or feeling the pressure to perform, rather than simply "being with" the guests. There have been times where it was more about subtly grasping at my own unmet needs than about serving those I was hosting. And there is my frequent tendency to get disengaged, to check out of the present moment or withdraw emotionally into my own space of isolation – and then my connection with others is diminished or lost.

Speaking more universally, when it comes to hospitality of the heart, being open and receptive to unexpected "Jesus moments" with others, I cannot truthfully say that my heart

is always ready. It's one thing to think ahead and have a few items stocked up in the pantry. It is so much more challenging to live wholeheartedly in the present moment.

Throughout his life, Jesus was a human being who knew how to experience hospitality – how to receive it and how to give it. God though he was, Jesus began his human existence in humility, depending vulnerably on the tender care of his mother and foster father, taking in the delight and awe of so many guests at his birth: the shepherds, the magi, and the angels. He spent thirty of his thirty-three years learning how to receive. Even in his public ministry, he still allowed himself to be vulnerable and receive. I think of the woman with the alabaster jar in Luke 7 – weeping, kissing his feet, and anointing them with costly perfume. Jesus does not squirm or resist. I think of Jesus' apparently frequent visits to Bethany, cultivating a deep friendship with Lazarus, Mary, and Martha – including a willing reception of their hospitality. He even goes there during Holy Week, shortly after his entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. And of course, there is the constant sense of belonging and receiving from his heavenly Father, as Jesus regularly withdraws – not in isolation or disengagement – but into tender and deep relationship.

From that sense of joy and belonging and abundance, Jesus showed hospitality so beautifully. One of the strongest "accusations" against him was that he welcomed sinners and dined with them! Jesus attuned to people's hearts, noticing the desire and the movement of the Holy Spirit there (or the hardness of heart and resistance!). When there was movement, he stopped and lingered and invited them into relationship. They felt seen by him. They felt understood by him. They felt welcomed and delighted in by him. They were loved as they were, and they also realized that he was committed to their well-being and wasn't going to fudge or fake things in the relationship. I think here of the woman at the well, the woman caught in adultery, Zacchaeus, Matthew, and Peter.

I have always cherished hospitality, intuitively sensing how central it is in the human experience. I have not always appreciated the invitation to vulnerability that is there, the call to give others access to my well-guarded heart, the call to be present and engaged, to be open to unexpected surprises, to notice what God is doing in the hearts of others, to appreciate their uniqueness and to accompany them step by step in becoming who they are (versus who I want them to be!). To the extent that I abide and stay open to hospitality, I truly get to "taste and see the goodness of the Lord" – even now amidst this sojourn through a valley of tears. Such moments never last, but they are truly good – a promise and foretaste of the Day in which the joyful feasting we experience together will never end, but only become ever more delightful and more real.

Read more at Father's Blog: [www.abideinlove.com](http://www.abideinlove.com)

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**Thank you!**

## St. Mary's Elizabeth Ministry Kickoff Event



**What is the Elizabeth Ministry:** The Elizabeth Ministry is women helping women and their families during joys, trials, and sorrows. Our mission is to cherish children, encourage families and build community.

**Elizabeth Ministry Kickoff Event:** Wednesday, October 13 - All Women, no matter your age or child status are invited - 5:30pm-7:30pm - Evening will include Mass, Adoration, Lectio Devina, snacks/coffee and child care and meal provided for the kiddos. Please RSVP to Carrie Jones at JonandCarrieJones@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

**Prayer of Elizabeth Ministry:** Creator God, I pledge to truly celebrate the gift of each child conceived and born, and fully mourn each miscarriage and infant or child death. I will be a strong witness to my belief in the dignity and worth of all life, by treasuring the gift of fertility, by assisting those suffering infertility, by encouraging those in the adoption process, and by supporting the families experiencing and infant or child crisis. I will be a strong and consistent voice for life in my home, my parish, my community, and the world.

To volunteer or find out more, feel free to reach out to St. Mary's new Elizabeth Ministry Coordinator, Elizabeth Johnson at ELJohnson2108@gmail.com .



## St. Mary & St. Raymond Parish News

### An Evening of Intercession: "Come, Holy Spirit!"

Our next Evening of Intercession will be Tuesday, Sept. 28 7:30pm-8:30pm at St. Raymond of Peñafort in the Church. Please RSVP to [JJones@SMSRCatholic.com](mailto:JJones@SMSRCatholic.com) if you plan to come.



**First Saturday Devotions:** October 2nd - Confession starting at 7:30am until Mass at 9am and again from 10am-noon. 8:10am Procession + Rosary. Celebration of Mass at 9am. Every First Sat. of the Month at St. Mary's.

### Pine Pavilion | Carson Park | Saturday, October 2, 2021

The Regis Booster Club invites all Rambler families, alumni, and friends to the 38th annual Picnic in the Park immediately following the Regis vs. Mondovi football game. Please join the homecoming celebration and enjoy a free picnic lunch featuring Ray's Place hot beef and ham sandwiches and beverages from Park Ridge Distributing.



**St. Raymond's PCCW News:** The Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) membership is made up of all women of the parish. The next meeting will be Thurs., Nov. 11th - 6pm. Those who receive paper envelopes for giving will have one envelope for annual PCCW dues. The suggested dues donation is \$10. Please note that Automatic Clearing House (ACH) deposits will not include PCCW dues. Please put your dues donation in an envelope marked PCCW dues if you do not receive an envelope.



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

### Job Opportunity - Pastoral Outreach Coordinator for St. Mary's & St. Raymond's:

This is a part-time position, usually 8-10 hours per week. Position Overview is to provide structure, resources, and vision necessary for activating parishioners as channels of God's love through hands-on, practical deeds of compassion to those in need or suffering. Interested candidates should send a résumé and cover letter describing interest and experience with Pastoral Outreach to Jon Jones, Director of Pastoral Ministry, at [JJones@SMSRCatholic.com](mailto:JJones@SMSRCatholic.com). Please include in the subject line "Pastoral Outreach".



The Eau Claire County Chapter of Wisconsin Right to Life is sponsoring the annual Life Chain on Sunday, October 3rd, from 2:00-3:30 pm. Life Chain is a peaceful witness and prayer vigil on behalf of unborn children whose lives are threatened by abortion. Get your pro-life sign at the Regis High School parking lot, and then stand with us along South Hastings Way as we pray for an end to abortion.



## Save the Date!

**Sept. 28** Evening of Intercession - St. Raymond's Parish 7:30pm-8:30pm

**Oct. 1** Friday Fish Fry - St. Olaf Parish Eau Claire, WI.

**Oct. 2** First Saturday Devotions - St. Mary's Altoona Mass at 9am

**Oct. 2** Regis Picnic in the Park - Pine Pavilion Carson Park - following the Regis vs. Mondovi football game.

**Oct. 2 & 3** KOC Lifesaver Drive - St. Raymond's Parish after weekend Masses.

**Oct. 3** Annual Life Chain - Regis High School 2-3:30PM

**Oct. 10** Marriage Blessings - Sign up available in the narthex/gathering space. KOC Social Sunday at St. Mary's from noon-1pm.

**Oct. 13** Elizabeth Ministry Kickoff - St. Mary's 5:30pm-7:30pm

**Oct. 16** La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Sharesop - Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman in La Crosse, WI.

**Oct. 18** Gospel of Life White Mass and Banquet with Bishop Callahan - Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman in La Crosse, WI 6pm Mass.

**Oct. 19** 8am Daily Mass at St. Raymond's Cancelled due to retreat.

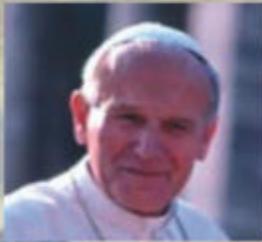
**Oct. 23** Men of the Cross Conference - Holy Cross Diocesan Center La Crosse, WI 8:30am

**Oct. 26** 8am Daily Mass at St. Raymond's Cancelled due to retreat.

**Nov. 9** SM & SR Pastoral Council Meeting

**Nov. 11** PCCW Meeting - St. Raymond's Parish 6pm

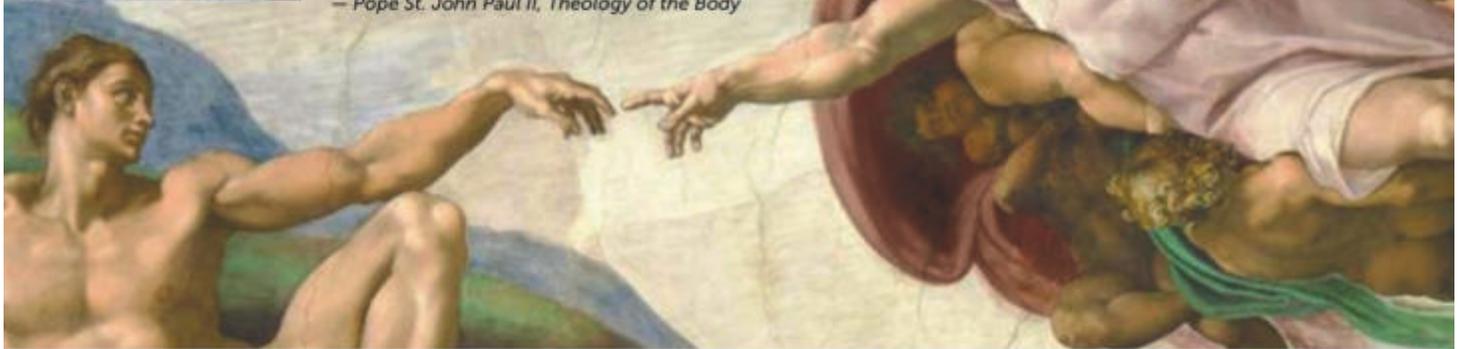
**Nov. 18** KOC Blood Drive - St. Raymond's Noon-6pm.



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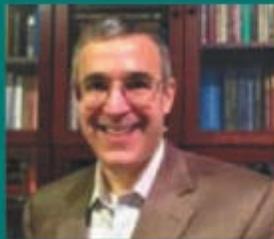
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