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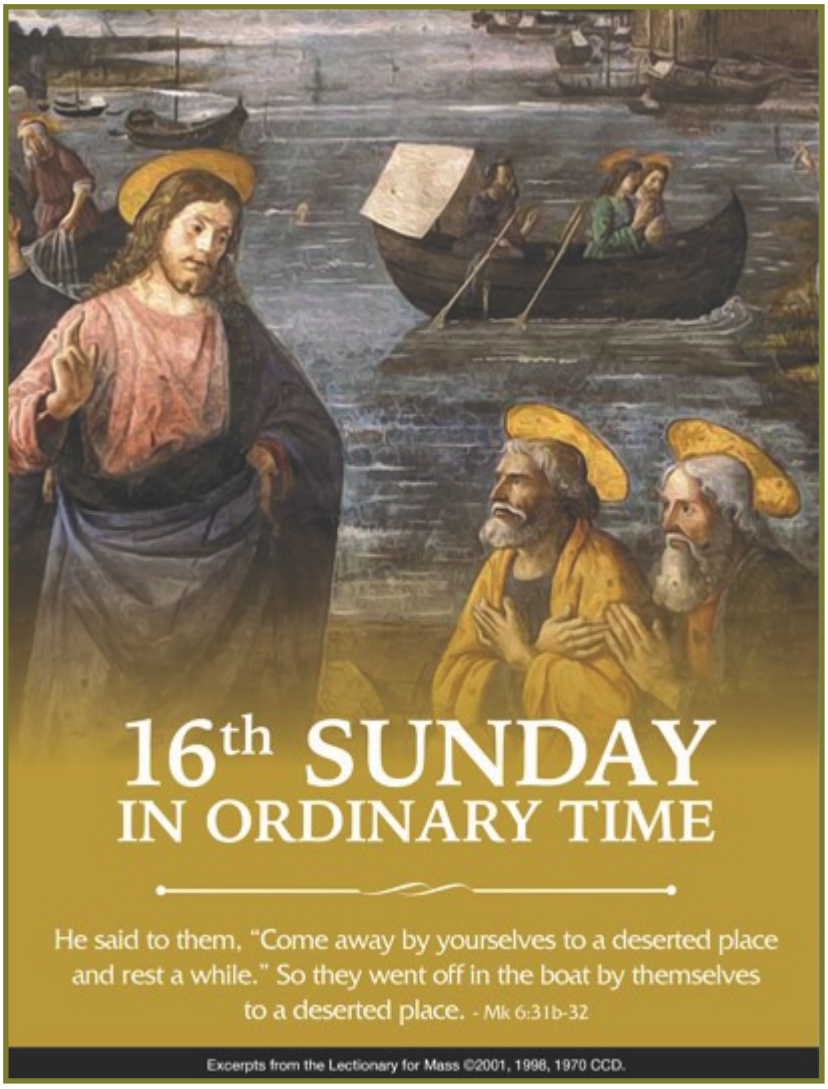

Weekend Liturgies

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 am

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Donut Sunday ..... Sharron Hoffman
Community Meal ..... Jack Nicklay
Parish Nurse ..... Mary Fran Koch

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time—Sunday, July 18th, 2021

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

I myself will gather the remnant of my flock
from all the lands to which I have driven them
and bring them back to their meadow;
there they shall increase and multiply. (Jer 23:3)

PSALM:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

SECOND READING:

In Christ Jesus you who once were far off
have become near by the blood of Christ. (Eph 2:13)

GOSPEL:

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd,
his heart was moved with pity for them,
for they were like sheep without a shepherd;
and he began to teach them many things. (Mk 6:34)

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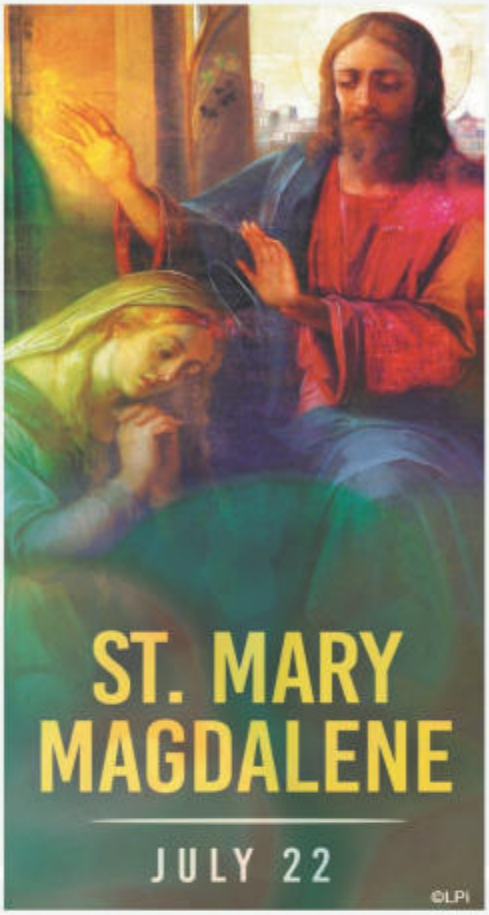
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 18, 2021

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 Makhlūf, Priest; BVM
Next Sunday:	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



REFLECT

FIRST READING

The prophet Jeremiah spoke of God's negative reaction to "the shepherds" (false rulers) who neglected and mislead his "sheep" (the people of Israel and Judah). What characteristics make for an ideal leader?

SECOND READING

Paul taught the Ephesians that through his cross and resurrection, Jesus established unity and peace for all believers. When have you experienced harmony in your faith community?

GOSPEL READING

Jesus encouraged the apostles to retreat and rest after their successful missionary work, but the crowds made that difficult. What gets in your way from resting and retreating?

Passing On The Faith - part 1

In my few years as a priest, many a parent has mentioned to me about the loss of faith of one of their own children. The heartbreak of these parents is palpable. Yet I am ALWAYS encouraging to help them recognize that 1. Never underestimate the power of the Holy Spirit working in their child's life, and 2. There is still time; continue to be hopeful, joyful, and prayerful. 3. You are not alone.

I want to dedicate two bulletin articles (this one and next week) to a fascinating article in First Things (May, 2021) entitled, "Keeping the Faith" by Christian Smith, a sociologist, who while spending two decades studying the religious and spiritual lives of American adolescents turned towards understanding how American religious parents hand on religion to their children. While next week I'll offer more, for this week here are a couple snippets of his findings: "The good news is that, among all possible influences, parents exert far and away the greatest influence on their children's religious outcomes. Stated differently, the bad news is that nearly all human responsibility for the religious trajectories of children's lives fall on their parents' shoulders. The empirical evidence is clear. In almost every case, no other institution or program comes close to shaping youth religiously as their parents do—not religious congregations, youth groups, faith-based schools, missions and service trips, summer camps, Sunday school, youth ministers, or anything else. Those influences can reinforce the influence of their parents, but almost never do they surpass or override it. What makes every other influence pale into virtual insignificance is the importance (or not) of the religious beliefs and practices of American parents *in their ordinary lives*—not only on holy days but every day, throughout the weeks and years.

American youth who have grown up to be religiously committed almost always had parents who were very religiously committed. Successfully passing on the faith is by no means guaranteed. Outcomes vary widely. Children choose their own lives. But setting aside exceptional cases, what *is* nearly guaranteed is that American parents who are not especially committed, attentive, and intentional in passing on their faith will produce children who are less religious than they are, if they are religious at all. That knowledge may trouble some parents, but it can also empower." Next week I'll continue with what parents can do to increase the chances of children retaining and practicing some version of their parent's religion.

Watch for part 2 in next weeks bulletin.

God is good, *Fr. Mark Joppa*

Deaths

For those who have died ~ we pray

Loren Hagness
Bob Lanik

May they rest in you Lord

Welcome

Newly Baptized

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism

Jace Allen Wesley

And marked as Christ's own forever.

SAVE THE DATE
December 5th
St. Rita's Heritage Fair

Caretakers of God's Creation

VBS

Last week, 22 children participated in a fun week learning how they can be Earth Care Takers. Thank you to the following people who helped make this week possible: Mary Franz, Jackie Harris, Mayah Gorder, Margaret Macoskey, Sophia Szukics, Eileen Massarotti, Linsdey Phelan, Mary Phelan, Patrick Phelan, Theresa Tweet, Bridget Suess, Amanda Duffing, Calista Mauer, Tiernan Suess. God bless to all of them for their generosity!

THANK YOU Knights of Columbus for hosting Saturday night's Welcome Back Picnic and helping out at Belgian Waffle Sunday, to all the volunteers and staff for their generous donation of time and talent both days and especially to all the parishioners who came back and participated in mass and our meals. It was such a gift to see everyone and catch up with old friends. Our weekend was a HUGE success!

Word of God - Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday, July 18	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 (1)	Ephesians 2:13-18	Mark 6:30-34

Mon., July 19	Tues., July 20	Wed., June 21	Thurs., July 22 Feast of Mary Magdalene	Fri., July 23	Sat., July 24
Exodus 14:5-18	Exodus 14:21-15:1	Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15	Song of Songs 3:1-4b	Exodus 20:1-17	Exodus 24:3-8
Matthew 12:38-42	Matthew 12:46-50	Matthew 13:1-9	John 20:1-2, 11-18	Matthew 13:18-23	Matthew 13:24-30

Sunday, July 25	2 Kings 4:42-44	Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18	Ephesians 4:1-6	John 6:1-15

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Office Hours
Monday through Thursday 8:00—4:30 pm
Friday 8:00 AM to Noon
The Parish Office is closed on weekends.

Eucharistic Adoration
Thursdays - 8:30am to 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays at 4:00pm, or call the Parish Office for appt.

Baptism
Baptisms are held the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at noon. Baptism preparation class is held on 1st Tuesday of each month. Attendance at baptism preparation class is required before scheduling a baptism date. Call as soon as possible to register for baptism preparation class.

RCIA
Contact Deacon Jack Nicklay at 651-459-4596

Marriage
Call the Parish Office to inquire. Please allow six months for marriage preparation.

Home visits
If you are homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion or have a confession heard, or would like a visit from Fr. Mark, please call the parish office at 651-459-4596.

Hospitalization
We would love to visit you if you are hospitalized. Please have a family member contact us. Confidentiality laws do not allow hospitals to notify churches.

Parish Registration
You may register at the Parish Office during office hours. Forms are also available on our web site.

Anyone wishing to serve as a volunteer in any parish event or function, who may come in contact with youth or vulnerable adults, must first complete the "Essential Three" components required by the Archdiocese: Virtus training, a background check, and a signed code of conduct. Call the parish office for more information.

Victim Assistance Hotline: 651-291-4497

If you or anyone you know has been the victim of abuse by clergy or any employee of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, your first call should be to local law enforcement authori-

Mass Intentions for week of July 18th, 2021

Sunday, July 18
Linda Burbach †
Gonzalo Quevedo †
Tuesday, July 20
Ted Hoffman †
Wednesday, July 21
Souls of Purgatory
Thursday, July 22
Marguerite Geier †
Friday, July 23
Jackson Bankers †
Saturday, July 24
Charles & Mary Soukup †
Sunday, July 25
Irene & Bernie Kolnberger †
Martha Hanten

Money Counters

Any past/current money counters who would like to be placed back on the schedule starting September 1st, please contact the parish office at 651-459-4596.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Financial Giving
Year to Date as of 6/30/2021
***YTD Actual will be updated on a monthly basis.**

Actual 2020-21 YTD.....$804,864.52
Budget 2020-21 YTD.....($828,665.00)
Difference.....($23,800.48)

MORTGAGE UPDATE

Balance as of 7/1/2021 .... $703,761.67
Monthly Payment $5,695.92

MASS TIMES

Tuesday	5:00 pm Mass
Wednesday	8:30 am
Thursday	Communion Service 8 am Adoration 8:30 am—5:00 pm followed by 5:00 pm Mass
Friday	8:30 am Mass
Saturday	5:00pm Mass
Sunday	8:30 am & 10:30 am

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