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Saturday.....5:00 pm
Sunday.....10:30am

Reconciliation

Monday-Wednesday.....7:30am
Saturday.....4:00 pm

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Masses

Thursday & Friday.....8:00 am
Saturday.....8:30 am
Sunday.....8:30 am
Sunday (Extraordinary Form).....1:00 pm

Reconciliation

Thursday, Friday, Sunday.....7:30am

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SEPTEMBER 5 & 12, 2021—23RD & 24TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME



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Baptisms: Call the parish office.

Weddings: All weddings must be arranged at least 6 months prior to date.

Duluth, Minnesota

News from Fr. Seth

This bulletin article will be for both the week of September 5th and September 12th. I am writing it for two weeks in part due to Labor Day bulletin deadlines, but largely in part due to the seriousness of the topic of which I'd like to speak on. That is the health of priests in the Diocese of Duluth.

Most of you recall that we had a seminarian with us this summer, Jacob Toma. At the end of the summer Jacob was required by the seminary to fill out a self-evaluation. One of the questions was about things he learned. Jacob spoke about positive things he learned from me as well as all of you, our parishioners, but he also said he learned that there are a lot of responsibilities that priests have, and that - in his opinion - something needs to change because there have been a lot of priests who he has known who have had to take a leave of absence or have left the priesthood altogether.

As I read that statement from Jacob it made me think about all I have seen in my nine years of priesthood. Certainly there have been a handful of early retirements scattered throughout my last nine years, but there have been other, more serious, losses in our presbyterate over the years. In fact every year since 2015 we have had at least one - sometimes several - unexpected losses of priests. These unexpected losses have ranged from death, to debilitating illness, to priests needing to take extended leaves of absence to deal with mental health issues, burnout, or other personal issues, to men leaving the priesthood altogether.

Certainly, death and serious illness - though devastating in their own ways - are things that many times are not preventable. However, for the other losses (long term leaves of absence, and men leaving the priesthood), the question needs to be asked, what should we be doing differently? The "we" in that statement I think applies to the priests themselves, to the leadership in the diocese, and also the faithful. I am not writing this article to give solutions to this question, but rather to propose the question as something for all of us to bring to prayer. Pray for our priests, pray for our Bishop and other diocesan leadership, and pray for all parishioners that the Lord may show us the path forward and that we accept the path He shows us.

I write this bulletin article on August 31st, 2021. By tomorrow, September 1st, 2021, an email will be going out to all priests that there has been yet another unexpected loss of a brother priest. Certainly the question of what do we do now to fill

the parishes that this priest was serving will come to the floor, and that is very important to resolve. We have tried to resolve these things in part with our diocesan strategic plan, but we have done everything in that plan and more, and yet we still can't seem to get ahead with numbers of priests.

Maybe more will need to be done with parishes, but even more importantly, I think the core question that needs to be answered is how do we address the health of our priests (physical, mental, and spiritual)? This isn't too big for Jesus to handle. Let us entrust ourselves to His Sacred Heart, and ask Him for the grace to act in accordance with His Holy Will. God Bless. - Fr. Seth

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Stewardship

for the Week of August 29, 2021

St. John's	\$2,285.00
Donations thru Auto Draw	<u>\$4,552.50</u>
Weekly Total	\$6,837.50

Weekly Budget \$8,076.00

Ministry Schedule

for the Week of September 11, 2021

ST. JOHN'S

Readers

5:00 pm	Dr. Janyne Althaus
10:30 am	Natalya Kilsdonk

for the week of September 12, 2021

5:00pm	Missy Hendrickson
10:30am	Randy Lee

PLEASE NOTE: the pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help has been POSTPONED to early summer 2022. Any monies received to hold your spot will be returned to you. Questions?? Call the parish office.

At St. Benedict's

Bingo & Pie Social—September 21, 6-8pm in the parish hall. Come for fellowship, pie and bingo. Cost per board is only \$.25. Winner takes all each game!!

Readings

for the week of September 5, 2021

Sunday:	Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/ Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
Monday:	Col 1:24-2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/ Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Thursday:	Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/ Lk 6:27-38
Friday:	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday:	Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/ Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

for the week of September 12, 2021

Sunday:	Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/ Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
Monday:	1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Wednesday:	1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/ Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Thursday:	1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/ Lk 7:36-50
Friday:	1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/ Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday:	Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/ Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Community Events

...Book Sale at St. Raphael Parish—Friday, (Sept. 10), 9-1pm and Saturday, (Sept. 11) 9-1pm. Stop by either day as we have books, audio books, puzzles and DVD's for adults and children.

...16th Annual Awaken Fall Drive for the Real Presence Radio Network from September 15th—September 17th. Call in or donate online to help us reach our \$560,000 goal and continue to bring you great Catholic content! Donate and you could win a prize. Call 877-795-0122 or RealPresenceRadio.com

...Pork Loin Dinner—St. Mary Star of the Sea, Sunday, Sept. 19, 11-2pm. Cost: \$15 per person and \$8.00 for children 12 & younger. Take outs available. Handicapped accessible. Questions? Call 218-722-3078.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT ST. JOHN'S—
Sunday, September 19th & October 17th,
8:30-11:30am. Adults: \$7; Youth 6-13: \$4
and under 6 years: Free. Sponsored by
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Here I Am; Send Me (from the Laity)

Who Are You Talking To?

If you think about it, it's hard to give a homily. On any given Sunday, there is a crowd of parishioners. Some are there because they know that God loves them, and believe that they are decent, nice, upstanding people. They don't commit mortal sin, they contribute to the church, and can think of (and name) people committing far worse sins than them. They rarely (if ever) go to Confession because they're "not that bad." Those parishioners need to see the log of Pride in their eyes, need to know that when St. Paul said, "You are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked" (Rev 3:17), he was talking about *them*.

Other parishioners don't need to hear that. They already know that they are sinners. They have been convinced by the Accuser and society that they are worthless and of no importance, and they live with the secret dread that even to God they are irredeemable. Those parishioners need to hear that the Devil is a liar and that God loves and delights in them, because He knows who they really are: His beautiful, beloved children (1 Jn 3:1). He would nail Himself to that cross all over again just for *them*.

What, then, do you say in your homily? Do you say, "You are loved," and worsen the already-bloated egos of the prideful? Or do you say, "You are sinners," and deepen the shame of those who already feel disqualified from God's mercy?

As a layperson, how might you best respond to any given homily?

1. Recognize your own filters. We tend to hear what we already believe and dismiss everything else as either wrong or for other people. Consider what is being said as an invitation to examine your own beliefs.

2. Know God's Word. That means you have to be reading your Bible outside of Mass. If God says pride is a deadly sin, that means your pride. If God says He will forgive you if you but ask, that means you. Don't substitute your feelings for His Word.

3. Remember that you are here for the Mass, not to be entertained. Sometimes, the homily just isn't that great or just isn't directed at you. Priests are human, too.

Next time you want to tell the priest where he went wrong in his homily and what he should have said, remember to whom he is speaking and to whom you are speaking. If you truly could do better, then consider becoming a religious. We could certainly use more.

Feedback? Ideas? Want to contribute? Contact Dr. Althaus at janyne@earthlink.net

Faith Formation

We hear over the next two weeks in Mark's Gospel that the deeds of Jesus have shown him to be the Son of God. His disciples have acknowledged Jesus as the Christ and Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he will be rejected, must suffer and die, and will rise after three days. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely. The image of Christ that Jesus is giving is not the image of the Messiah that Peter was expecting.

Peter had expectations about what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah, the Christ. Jesus was indeed the Messiah, but his life and death would show a different understanding of what it means to be the Messiah. We, too, have expectations of God and our own ideas about what we think God ought to be doing in our world. Like Peter, however, we may risk limiting our image of God by thinking only in human ways.

Jesus says that anyone who wants to be his disciple must follow his example by denying oneself and taking up one's cross. Quite understandably, Peter, like many of us, didn't recognize this second part of Jesus' teaching as good news. One of the reasons we believe this to be good news is because Jesus set an example for all his disciples to follow. He loved us so much that he was willing to suffer and die for us.

Adults and children alike can be as selective in their hearing as Peter is in today's Gospel. We all need to work to understand that to accept Jesus' Good News, we must also accept the way of the cross. In order to be his followers we have to accept all of it, both the cross and the glory of the Resurrection.

Jesus knew that his suffering, death, and resurrection were God's plan for our salvation. He taught us that God's plan for us is far greater than we can know or expect. God is always working for the world's salvation in ways that are beyond our imagination. We need to trust in His plan for us.

Sonya Morris



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 6—Labor Day NO MASS

Tuesday, September 7
8:00 am Mass Marian Hinzman

Wednesday, September 8
8:00am Mass Bev Muskat

Thursday, September 9
8:00 am Mass at St. Benedict

Friday, September 10
8:00 am Mass at St. Benedict

Saturday, September 11
8:30am Mass at St. Benedict
5:00pm Mass Parishioners

Sunday, September 12
8:30am Mass at St. Benedict
10:30am Mass Bill Johnson
1:00pm Mass Extraordinary Form
at St. Benedict

Monday, September 13
8:00am Mass Hunter Bussa

Tuesday, September 14
8:00 am Mass Elisabeth Marie Bigelow

Wednesday, September 15
8:00am Mass Yvonne Beaudry

Thursday, September 16
8:00 am Mass at St. Benedict

Friday, September 17
8:00 am Mass at St. Benedict

Saturday, September 18
8:30am Mass at St. Benedict
5:00pm Mass Joan LeNeau

Sunday, September 19
8:30am Mass at St. Benedict
10:30am Mass Zapp Family
1:00pm Mass Extraordinary Form
at St. Benedict

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CALLED TO ALMIGHTY GOD—Maryanne Evensen, William Johnson, Mary Joppa and Matt Yernatich, who died and were buried this past week. Our sympathy and prayers to their family and friends. “May their souls and all the souls of the faithfully departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.”

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