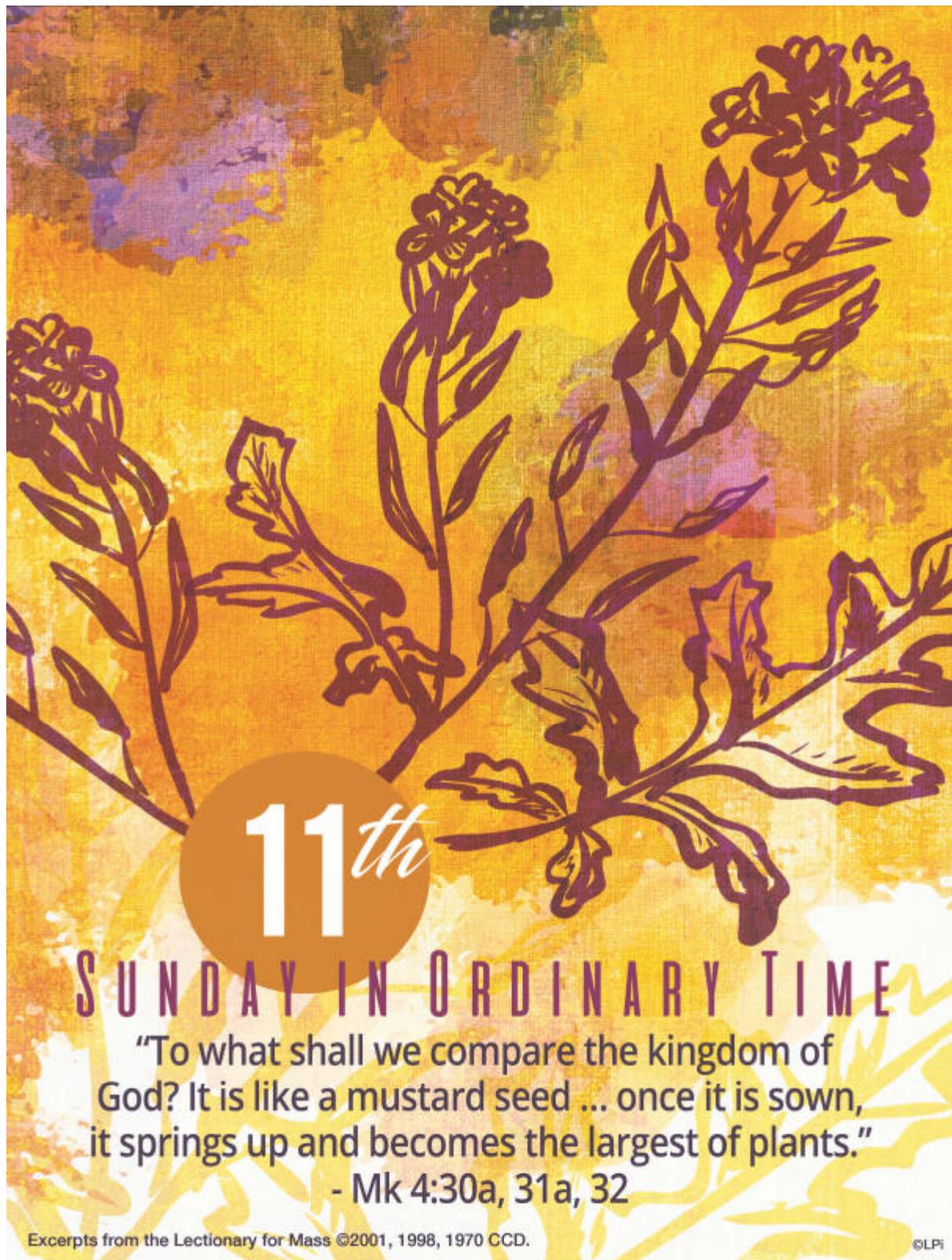
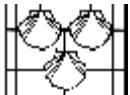


St. James the Greater
Where All are Welcome
Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time + June 13, 2021





Message from Fr. Tom

Bible Buddies starts this week on Wednesday!! But what's Bible Buddies? That is the new and innovative program that Kelly Beaudrie and Beth Cerny devised to replace for SonShine Days Vacation Bible School another year, because of virus concerns. Instead of one intensive week of youth activities, pre-school through upper elementary school students are invited to come once a week over a period of five weeks, starting this Wednesday, June 16 and ending with a session on Wednesday, July 14. (Hmm, July 14 is Bastille Day, so if they're serving eclairs and baguettes with brie cheese, I'm in!). Each day is a stand-alone day, so participants are welcome to come to one Wednesday session only, all five, or anything in between. The sessions run from 10:00-11:30 and feature Bible stories, activities and snacks. Questions? Ask Kelly at beaudrie.kelly@gmail.com.

Grace on the Grass will be July 7 at 7:00!! But what's Grace on the Grass? Well, Beth had the idea of expanding our outdoor ministry in a way that fills in the Covid-absence of prayer services with the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. We had no Advent service this year, and for two years now we have not had the "24 Hours for the Lord" at IC Church. Already I have six priests lined up to help as confessors. Right now I'm imagining it happening on the corner of 11th St and Marshall, but that's still to be decided. Stay tuned for details and pray for good weather. If there's a tornado watch or something, we will reschedule for July 21.

Disc Golf Tournament is this Wednesday at 6:30!! If somebody knows Steve Dayton, be sure to let him know, as he is defending champion, having taken home the last trophy of Flaming Hot Cheetos. All are welcome to this "Scramble" tournament in which we partner up. Each player throws from the tee, and then they take the best of the two, or they could take the worst of the two in an effort to be humble, and both throw from that spot. Scorecards are provided and encouraged but not required. All ages are welcome. Emma Barnett came a couple years ago and she's in her 90's; maybe we will see her again. I call dibs on having her as my partner if she shows up.

This Sunday, June 13 we are having another Parish Bike Ride. We've had a few good rides already and by good luck avoided last Sunday's heat. All are welcome—it's not a race and I try to avoid as many hills as possible. We meet in the 11th St. parking lot at 12:00.

Our music ministers are having a well-deserved party at the home of **Mike and Mary Kolstad**. Now that is one party that is a guaranteed good time. They are hospitable with a capital H, so I should have said they are Hospitable, and the music people are, naturally, great fun to be with. I hope they have some cookies left by the time I get there after the Parish Bike Ride. Looks like a fun day for me!

So, that gives you a sense of a few things going on. It's such a pleasure to be part of a parish where the spirit is alive and people enjoy being together. Now that we have finished our Sunday Feasts of Holy Trinity and the Body and Blood of Christ, we slide into a long run of "Ordinary Sundays" and a return of the GREEN. I'm glad we celebrate our high seasons in the liturgical calendar, but I have to say I love when we arrive at this time of year and relax into the flow of Ordinary Time, and its focus on the public ministry of Jesus—his teaching and healing. This flow of green Sundays will be interrupted only once when the Feast of Mary's Assumption falls on a Sunday, August 15.

August 15 also happens to be Summer Fest weekend. With some exceptions, Summer Fest will look a lot more like Summer Fests pre-Covid, and there is some excitement building about this. I think we will still avoid having the sit-down chicken dinner and an auction with baskets, but I think the Car Show is on (which Gerry Burr, I suspect, will bless from heaven) and other outdoor activities. Parishioners were so generous in buying raffle tickets last year, I'm sure largely to compensate for what you knew would be lower income in other areas. This year's raffle tickets will be sent out soon, and we hope for a similar generous response. We are also coming to the end of our fiscal year far short of our Diocesan Annual Appeal target, in case you could help us reach that goal. When we do not reach the goal, we have to pay it from our operating account.

That said, I know people are not all in a strong financial position these days. I was sad to hear one of our younger active parishioners lost his job a few weeks ago and is still looking. Let's pray for him, all the economically vulnerable, and that every one of us might experience an increase of faith, hope and love this summer. Peace.

Fr. Tom's Homily

6 June 2021

Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

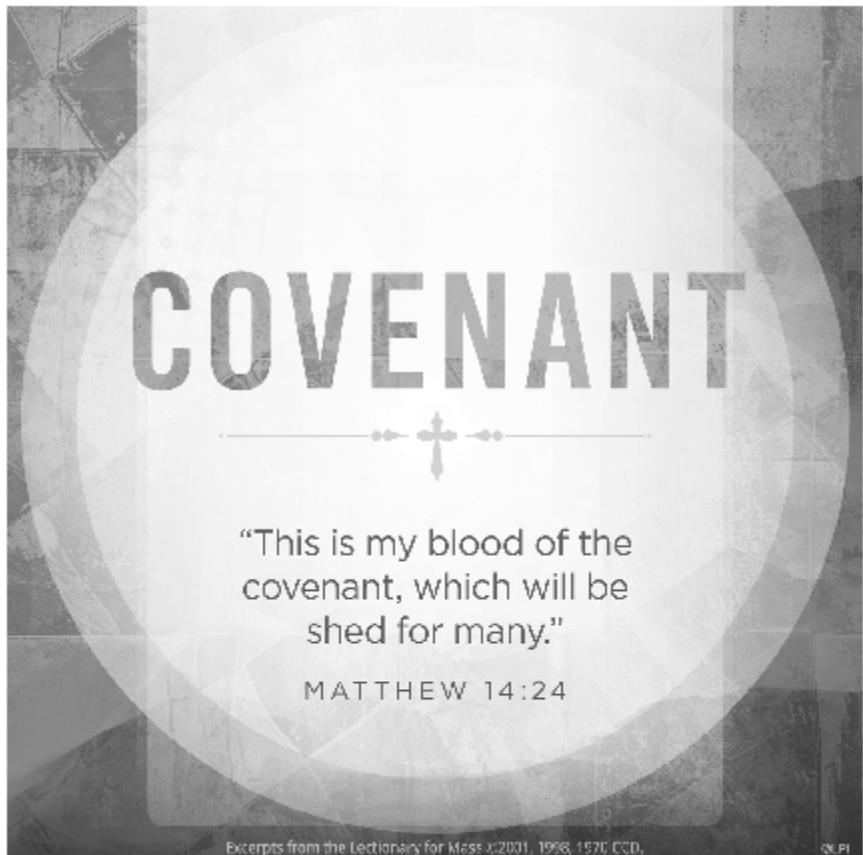
Exodus 24:3-8; Hebrews 9:11-15; Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26

I remember the summer after third grade and how my friendship with Mark Mohlenetzky came to an end. It wasn't because of hurt feelings—much the opposite. Simply, his family moved from Wausau to somewhere in Arizona. It was a hard year for me because of the car accident in April that took my sister's life. I don't think Mark and I ever really talked about this but he was a good friend. In retrospect I'd say he was emotionally mature, comfortable in his skin and in being with others. I needed someone like that back then, still do—all of us do, I think. Anyway, it was like a gut punch when he said he was moving away. I still remember sitting behind the backstop at the school softball diamond taking in the news. We said we'd be friends, and I think maybe we did exchange a letter. That's a lot to ask of ten-year olds. But what we did do that afternoon sitting in the dry dusty soil behind the backstop was exchange a little blood. He told me about being blood brothers and how Indians would cut their wrists and hold them together until their blood intermingled. I liked the idea of being close like that but not too crazy about slitting my wrist and we didn't have a knife anyway. So, I was glad he suggested another way. Mark had a scab on the ball of his hand that he could pick off, and I had a skeeter bite that I wanted to itch the daylights out of anyway, and so with those wounds we became blood brothers that day, a physical sign of good and wholesome friendship.

There's a lot about blood in today's readings for the Feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus. In common with my story, the end goal of all of them love and closeness, communion. In the first reading we hear Moses sealing a covenant with the people by slaughtering livestock and spilling half their blood on an altar while the other half was sprinkled on the people. God was agreeing to be their God and provider, and they were agreeing to keep God's laws that Moses held in the Book of the Covenant. Sr. Margaret Michaud taught me that the use of blood here was to suggest the dire consequences of not keeping the law of God. If we break Your covenant and do not keep Your laws, let us be like the animals whose blood we now feel on our bodies.

The letter to the Hebrews also uses blood imagery and builds on the covenant language of the first reading. Except now it is the Blood of Christ shed on the cross that seals a new covenant. The blood of Jesus offers forgiveness and mercy to all those who could not keep the laws of Moses perfectly, whose lives were marked, in part, by weakness and failure. Whereas the Old Covenant was "I will be your God if you keep my laws," the New Covenant is "Come to me all who labor and are burdened, who live imperfect and flawed lives, and I will give you rest, mercy, forgiveness. Just come to me."

That's the Good News of our Friendship with Jesus Christ. And so we've come full circle, beginning with the friendship of two ten-year-old boys on a dusty summer day and ending with the friendship of Christ. Both sharing their blood as a sign of love that time and distance do not wipe away.



Dates for Mass on the Grass:

June 12 (this weekend!), July 3 (Fourth of July), July 24 (eve of Feast of St. James), Aug. 14 (Summer Fest)

New Parishioners/Pastoral Visitations/Prayer Tree/

Elizabeth Ministry: Please contact Christine if you would like to join the parish, be visited at home or at the hospital, have a prayer request, or if you or someone you know is expecting and would like to be supported by volunteers.

Plan ahead: SCRIP sales after mass

We are selling SCRIP after mass once a month, on the third weekend of the month. Next sales are June 19/20 (NEXT WEEKEND), July 17/18, Aug. 21/22. You can otherwise buy SCRIP at the Regis office or at the Parish Office over the summer.

Blood Drive THIS MONDAY

St. James, Monday, June 14 from Noon –6:00 PM. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org or call Anne at the Parish Office to schedule an appointment. Special offer from our partners at Amazon to thank you coming to give June 14-30; we'll send you a \$5 Amazon gift card by email. Restrictions, terms and conditions apply.

St. James Parish Mission Statement

We, the people of St. James the Greater Parish in Eau Claire, are a community of Catholic Believers. We nurture our relationship with God and others through prayer, worship, scripture, evangelization and education. We are committed to spiritual growth, service and stewardship. We embrace the diversity of gifts and needs of all people.



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Mass Intentions & Schedule

Weekday masses are at 9:00 AM Tuesday-Friday.

Rosary and Adoration are available after the Tuesday Mass until 10:30 AM. Social distancing is still required.

Sat.	June 12	4:30 PM Lyle and Arlee Berg 6:30 PM Mass on the Grass World Peace
Sun.	June 13	8:00 AM People of St. James 10:00 AM James Connolly
Tue.	June 15	Mark Brantner
Wed.	June 16	George Hanson
Thu.	June 17	Carl Robelia
Fri.	June 18	Eddie Barnett
Sat.	June 19	4:30 PM Devin Bien
Sun.	June 20	8:00 AM Theresa Maenner 10:00 AM People of St. James

Growing Through Grief –

God doesn't give us what we can handle, God helps us handle what we are given.

"All Are Welcome" as we create an environment of hope, support, respect, coping skills, care plans and mutual trust for anyone experiencing the loss of a loved one.

This is a place to share positive discussions on a topic that is emotional, physical, sensitive and private. What is said in this group, stays in the group.

For more information or to join a group contact Pat Hanson at 715-835-9811, or St. James Parish office 715-835-5887.

Sermon on the Amount

May 30, 2021

Sunday Adult Envelopes (101)	\$9,351.00
2020 same week (107)	\$10,313.00
Students	\$4.10
Plate	<u>\$148.46</u>
Total	\$9,503.56

Year to date Adult Env./CPL Income through May 31, 2021:

Actual (July 1-May 31)	\$607,947.64
Budgeted (July 1-May 31)	\$572,310.00

Long term maintenance & facilities improvement fund and Past*Present*Future Campaign income for May 30 was \$25.00 for a total since July 1, 2020 of \$63,192.20.

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Bulletin deadlines: end of day Mondays.

PARISH BIKE RIDES:

Fr. Tom leads these, and three rides already passed. It's been fun to have some new riders this year. These rides are

about 7-10 miles long and include an ice cream stop. Hills are kept to a minimum, but some are unavoidable. We leave at 12:00 from the 11th street parking lot and return by 2:00 or 2:30. Summer dates:

June 13, 27; July 11, 25; Aug. 1, 22.

FOOD DRIVE Did you know we run an ongoing drive for the St. Francis food pantry?

Bins are located at the entrances. Food is picked up every week to be taken to the pantry.

UNDERWEAR DRIVE!

The Eau Claire School District runs a closet for the homeless schoolkids. They are in desperate need of new underwear! We will be doing a drive through June. Bins are at the entrances.

Boys: 2T-3T, 4T, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 (Boxer Briefs please)

Girls: 8, 12, 14 (Briefs and Bikini)

Mens: medium (boxers and boxer briefs)

**DISC GOLF SCRAMBLE TOURNAMENT!**

June 16, 6:00 PM

All ages and skill levels welcome. We typically pair up and play "best ball" where each player throws a disc and then the team takes the best of the two shots and both players throw again from that spot. Good clean fun and sometimes Cheetos are given to the winning team. Meet at Tee #1 behind the Parish Office Building on Marshall Avenue.

HELP WANTED St. James Elementary is looking for part-time teacher's aides (paraprofessionals) for the 2021-22 school year. If you love working with children, please contact Jackie Lutz at jlutz@regiscatholicschools.com or 715-830-2277 for more information.

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<h1>Summer Fun</h1> <p>St. James the Greater</p> <p>Kids - Join us Wednesdays this summer for some Bible story fun! Meet in the Gathering Space. Register on the website!</p>	<p>10:00-11:30 AM</p> <p>Bible Stories Music/Dance Playground Play Snacks</p>	<p>Wednesdays June 16, 23, 30 July 1, 14</p>
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