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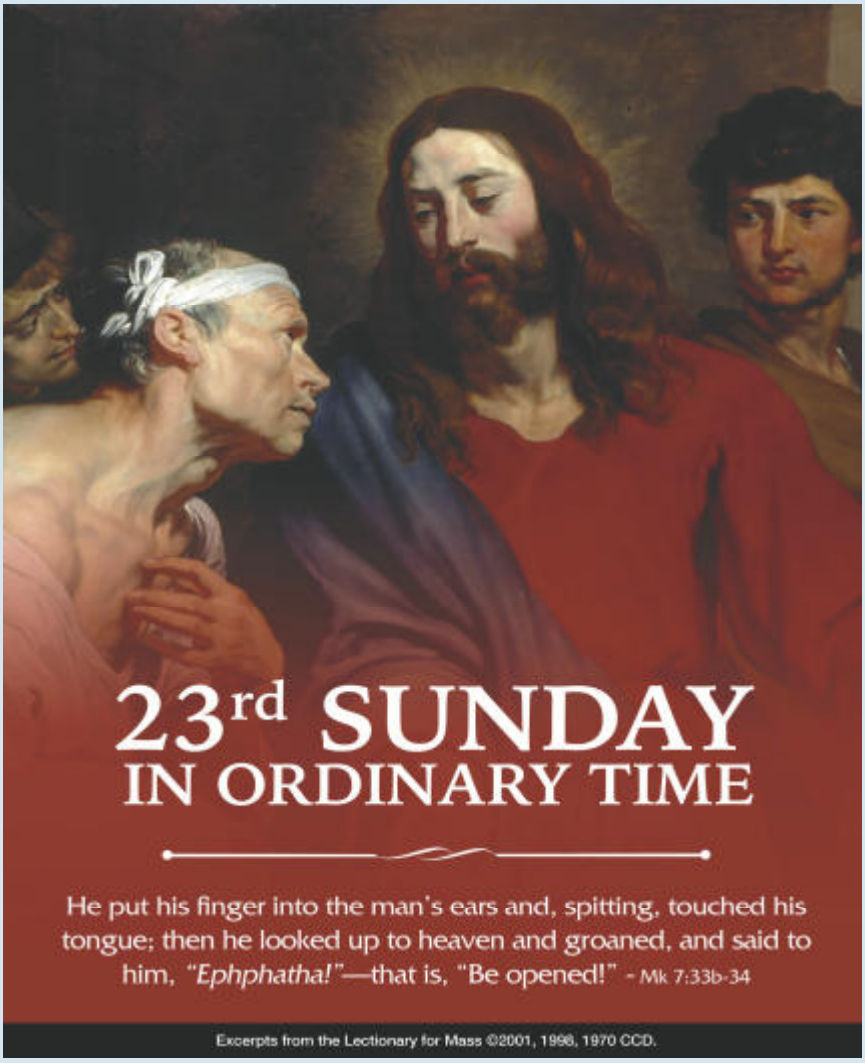

September 5, 2021

St. Francis de Sales

409 Summit Street
Spooner, WI 54801
Mass Schedule
Tuesday - 5:00 pm
Wednesday - 8:30 am
Thursday - 8:30 am
Friday - 8:30 am
Saturday - 6:00 pm
Sunday - 10:00 am

St. Joseph

502 Second Street
Shell Lake, WI 54871
Mass Schedule
Saturday - 4 pm

St. Catherine of Alexandria

W5262 Catholic Lane
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Mass Schedule
Sunday - 8 am

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Sacrament of Baptism: Parents must attend a preparation class. Contact the cluster office.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Arrangements must be made at least six months before a tentative date is set. Contact Fr. Phil at the cluster office.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please call the cluster office if you or a loved one is sick, in the hospital, or homebound.

New Parishioners: All are welcome to register in our parish communities. Stop by the cluster office.

Prayer Request, call:
SJ: Diane Downs 715-520-2928
SC: Noreen Ferrari 715-354-3223
SFdS: Carlene Hansen 715-635-3823

Reconciliation Schedule
St. Francis de Sales
Friday 2 pm
Saturday 5:30 pm - Sunday 9:30 am
St. Joseph - Saturday 3:30 pm
St. Catherine - Sunday 7:30 am

Mass Intentions for the week of September 5, 2021

Monday	No Mass	
Tuesday	5 pm SFdS	+ Sr. Pauline Langfield by Barb Jaderborg
Wednesday	8:30 am SFdS	+ Pat Haremza by Rodney & Bobbie Olson
Thursday	8:30 am SFdS	Emily Iverson by Tim & Connee Brabec
Friday	8:30 am SFdS	
Saturday	4 pm SJ	+ Denny Boland by Rosalie Boland
	6 pm SFdS	+ Gary Campbell By KC's
Sunday	8 am SC	Pete & Joan Neururer by Troy & Corinne Berg
	10 am SFdS	Parish Cluster

St. Francis de Sales Church will be open for prayer on Thursday and Friday from noon until 3pm.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday.

Observances & Readings for the week of September 5, 2021

Sun: **23st Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Is 35:4-7a / Ps 146:7,8-9,9-10 / Jas 2:1-5 / Mk 7:31-37

Mon: **Labor Day**
Col 1:24-2:3 / Ps 62:6-7,9 / Lk 6:6-11

Tue: Col 2:6-15 / Ps 145:1b-2,8-9,10-11 / Lk 6:12-19

Wed: **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 / Ps 13:6ab.6c
Mt 1:1-16,18-23or1:18-23

Thurs: **St Peter Claver, Priest**
Col 3:12-17 / Ps 150:1b-2,3-4,5-6 / Lk 6:27-38

Fri: 1Tm 1:1-2,12-14 / Ps 16:1b-2a & 5,7-8,11 / Lk 6:39-42

Sat: 1Tm 1:15-17 / Ps 113:1b-2,3-4,5a & 6-7 / Lk 6:43-49

Next Sun: **24nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Grandparent's Day**
Is 50:5-9a / Ps 116:1-2,3-4,5-6,8-9 / Jas 2:14-18
Mk 8:27-35

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Choosing Deafness

If you're a parent, you know that hearing evaluations are usually done at a child's annual physical exam starting around age four. The little person gets hoisted up onto the exam table, fitted with a pair of special headphones, and then they need raise their hand when they hear a sound.

I bet all of us parents who have sat through one of these tests with a preschooler — especially a particularly strong-willed one — have experienced a moment where we ask ourselves: I wonder if there's something wrong with her hearing. Is that why she doesn't listen to me? 'Come here, put on your shoes, pick up your toys, finish your carrots, don't touch that' — she isn't being naughty, she just can't hear it!

And then that moment, for those of us whose kids passed the hearing test with flying colors, comes crashing down into a realization that, yep, they can hear just find. They're just choosing deafness.

But how can we really get mad when we remember that we do the same thing to God day in and day out? I often wonder if God, sitting in His Heaven, tires of calling to us in the same way young parents tire of calling out unheeded directions to their small children. Help that person. Hear My voice. Open your heart. Give of yourself here. Talk to Me.

What is the call He wishes you to hear today? Can you hear it? Are you listening?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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September 5, 2021

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USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Another Look at Abortion"
respectlife.org/another-look-at-abortion

GOSPEL MEDITATION

September 5, 2021
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are "supposed" to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, "be opened!" Be healed and allow your stories to change.

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