

Come One, Come All! The St. Teresa of Kolkata Choir will have their first rehearsal of the year on Thursday, September 19 at **7:15 p.m.** Returning members, please note the time change. When coming to rehearsal, please enter through the back sacristy doors. The choir rehearses and sings at Mass twice a month. They also sing for Christmas, Holy Week/ Easter, First Communion, and Confirmation. The choir will also join voices with Our Savior's and the WS Presbyterian Church at the Ecumenical Services. We would love for you to join the choir in "praying twice" (St. Cecilia). If you have questions, please reach out to Kelli Martin at bandnutt2002@gmail.com.

New Ministry Schedule The current ministry schedule runs through September 29. A new schedule will be prepared to run through October. If you are unable to assist at Mass during this time, please sign into *Ministry Scheduler Pro*, chose *Profile*, and under *Ministries and Scheduling* add your unavailable dates and times. Make sure to click on the *Submit* button. You will need to do this by noon on Monday, September 16, as that is when the new schedule will be generated. If need help entering your unavailable dates, please contact Sandy in the parish office.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK		
Wed Sept 11	9:00 AM	Coffee & Rolls Fellowship
	6:30 PM	Grades 6-10 CCD
Sun Sept 15	9:00 AM	Grades K-5 CCD
Statement of Activity		
Aug 19-25, 2024		
		Total
4110 Adult Envelopes		\$ 5,483.35
4112 Plate Collection		\$ 446.16
4125 Votive Candles		\$ 23.50
41403 CCD Tuition		\$ 920.00
4210 Restricted Contr., Bldg Maint		\$ 25.00
4212 Restricted Contr., Building Fund		\$ 10.00
4220 Restricted Cont., Works of Charity		\$ 150.00
Total Revenue		\$ 7,058.01
READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK		
Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-7, 12/Lk 6:6-11		
Sep 9		No Mass
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b/Lk 6:12-19		
Sep 10	5:30 pm	† Bob & Mary Laxton by Bill Laxton
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26		
Sep 11	8:30 am	† Jerry Meyer by Mary Meyer
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38		
Sep 12	8:30 am	† Fred & Mary Schroeder by Mike Schroeder
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42		
Sep 13	8:30 am	Special Intention by Rudy
Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17		
Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-6, 8-9/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35		
Sep 14	4:30 pm	† Bill Schroeder by Mary Schroeder
Sep 15	8:00 am	† McKenna Marie Verse by Family
	10:00 am	For the Parishioners of St. Teresa

Come to Rural Life Day Join hundreds of the faithful for the 43rd Annual Rural Life Day at the Schmidt Family Farm on Wednesday, September 18, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at 29281 Fairview Rd. in Lone Rock. Bishop Battersby will celebrate Mass at 10:00 a.m., after which he will present awards recognizing parishioners and farm families, and bless animals, crops and machinery. Lunch will be served. Join us as we joyfully thank God for the food that sustains our lives, the land on which it is grown, and the dedicated families who farm it.

Inspiration for the Week "Be opened!" said Christ two thousand years ago, as he placed his finger in the ear of the deaf man. "Be opened!" he says to us today, laying his hand upon our hearts. May we always accept Christ's invitation to become a new creation. ©Lpi

Stewardship Reflection Our readings today offer us a message of hope — God is with us and wants to heal us. Pray this message comes ablaze in our hearts so we might live with unwavering faith. The Gospel tells the story of the profound physical healing of a deaf man with a speech impediment. People brought him to Jesus and begged for his healing. Jesus took the man off by himself, touched his ears and his tongue, and then proclaimed, "Be opened!" Immediately, he was healed. This story in our Gospel overwhelms us with comfort and peace because we have a compassionate God who sees our physical needs. Yet, suppose we

MEAL DELIVERY SCHEDULE		
Sept 12		Al & Annette Belling
Sept 19		Steve & Karla Zeman
Sept 26		Chuck & Wendy Kaiser
Oct 3		Gregg & Kay Cleveland
MINISTRY SCHEDULE		
September 14 - 15: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Ushers	4:30 PM	Darrel Kammel (sub req.), Mike Lang, Sandy Sesvold
	8:00 AM	Paul Degenhardt, Carson Gronemus (sub req.), Bill White
	10:00 AM	Adam Schams, Jalen Schams, Pat Schams, Kevin Schams
Servers	4:30 PM	Andrew Lorenz, Allison Lorenz
	8:00 AM	Peter White, Grace White
	10:00 AM	Tanner Moore, Taylor Moore
Cantors	4:30 PM	Evelyn Martin
	8:00 AM	Kelli Martin
	10:00 AM	Brian Doermann
Readers	4:30 PM	Michelle Stello
	8:00 AM	Tammy White
	10:00 AM	Brenda Freit
Musicians	4:30 PM	Kelli Martin
	8:00 AM	Kelli Martin
	10:00 AM	Kelli Martin
Rosary	4:30 PM	Michelle Stello
	8:00 AM	Bill White
	10:00 AM	Dinah James
Counters		Joe Bolwahn, Dan Leis, Jim Murphy

reflect further on this reading. In that case, we see that God uses this moment of physical healing as an opportunity to restore something much deeper — our souls. Frequently, we are blind and deaf to God in our lives. We miss countless opportunities to see God working in our day-to-day moments — through our loved ones, community, or strangers. We miss the quiet voice of Jesus in our hearts telling us to choose Him instead of sin, respond in love instead of anger, or care for someone else in a moment instead of ourselves. These are the ways we need to be spiritually healed. And the scriptures, our guide and source of hope, remind us that God is with us and wants to heal us. Let this message of hope and healing bring comfort and reassurance to our hearts. This week, let us actively seek God's healing and transformation for our souls and hearts. Let us fervently pray that our eyes and ears might be open to His workings, words, and promptings, knowing that through our prayers and reflections, we can experience profound change and growth. (Catholic Stewardship Consultants)

Gospel Meditation One of the most touching YouTube videos I've ever seen is one in which a deaf woman receives new technology to heal her hearing. She hears her husband's voice for the first time — and her own, too — and bursts into tears of overwhelming joy. It must have been like an immovable wall between her and her loved ones came tumbling down.

We are all like this woman, to some degree. We believe in the presence of God's love, but we can't hear Him. We can't speak well about Him. The deaf man who can't speak properly in the Gospel today is an image of what God wants us to experience again and again. Jesus takes the man aside to a private place away from the crowd, touches his ears and tongue, and says, "**Ephphata!**" The man's ears are opened, and he speaks clearly. Contact with Christ has this effect on us.

This experience happens to us in our baptism, almost exactly. It happens to us in the liturgy. It happens in our

private prayer. It happens when we hear the voice of God in our conscience. The more we engage these privileged channels of Jesus' healing, the more we are empowered to hear and speak of the presence of God's perfect love. — *Father John Muir* ©Lpi

Catholic Quote "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples." — St. Teresa of Kolkata

Prayer for Grandparents

Dear God,

What a grace to live in a world of all ages and stages.

Bless our grandparents, today and always.

Thank You for their experiences, wisdom, and insight.

Thank You for the gifts they bring the Church.

Thank You for the lessons they teach the next generations.

Amen. ©Lpi

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Find the following words in the puzzle.

Words are hidden     and .

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PROTECTS
GLORIOUS
DECAPLIS
PROCLAIM
PROPHET
JUSTICE
KINGDOM

GALILEE
ISAIAH
TONGUE
PRAISE
CHRIST
GOSPEL
HEAVEN
MERCY

BLIND
JACOB
FAITH
SIGHT
WIDOW
JAMES
JESUS
SIDON

SAVE
DEAF
LAME
MUTE
SING
LORD
MARK
TYRE

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Exaltation of the Cross

Question: What is the history behind feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross?

Answer: Emperor Constantine's mother, Helena, is credited with having discovered the true cross around 330. She traveled to the Holy Land and uncovered the places associated with Jesus' life. Legend has it that Helena uncovered three crosses but was not able to detect the true cross until each of them was laid on a leper. Only one of them cured the leper, proving it to be the true cross. A great church was built at the site, and soon various portions of the cross were sent to other churches as relics to be venerated.

The day after the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, September 14, 335, the actual cross was displayed for veneration. Egeria, a women traveler to Jerusalem around the year 386, kept a diary that has survived. She tells of the unique veneration of the wood of the cross that took place on Good Friday, something maintained ritually to this very day.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross focuses on the gift of love that Jesus manifested by his total gift of self, offered for all. The cross, the ultimate form of capital punishment in its day, has become for us the ultimate symbol of love and triumph over evil and death. ©LPi

A Minute with Jesus - We Respond with Thanksgiving after Receiving Jesus in Holy Communion Through the power of the Holy Spirit, and the words of Jesus repeated by the priest, a miracle happens at every Mass. The substance of the bread and wine become the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus, even though the bread and wine still look the same. When we receive Jesus, we want to thank Him for this incredible Gift. Then we can speak with Him about anything that is on our heart. We also want to listen to what He might say to us in the quiet of our heart. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, I believe in you. Jesus, I hope in You. Jesus, I want to love You with all my heart. Jesus, I **thank** You for having come to dwell in me as I receive You in Holy Communion. I welcome You into my heart and I ask you to "crowd out" whatever might be there that is not of You. And I desire to give You full reign as my Lord, my Savior and my King. **Thank** You for giving Your life for me on the Cross, loving me this much and allowing me to receive You into my heart in this present moment. And now that You are so close to me, please help me love You more and more, and serve You by loving the people around me. Amen. Visit diolc.org/deeper for a downloadable Prayer Card with this prayer. This week, read Psalm 107:1. "Oh give **thanks** to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!"

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Be Opened

There are several moments throughout the calendar year when we are tricked into thinking we can reinvent ourselves.

One of them is New Year's Day. The barista at my coffee shop told me that they sell more decaf coffee in January than in the entirety of the remaining year, because everyone is swearing off caffeine. By February, she said, the trend subsides: folks have realized they're not actually superheroes just because the last digit of the year has increased by one.

The beginning of a new school year is another of those moments. Every pencil is freshly sharpened, and every lesson plan is painstakingly plotted. Our heads are full of what we plan to do this year, how we plan to do it, who we plan to become.

But by May, the wind is out of our sails. We've learned the concepts, we've used up the pencils, yes — but we've remembered that underneath it all we're basically the same people, with the same shortcomings and the same obstacles as we always were. The only difference in September was we had new planners.

The truth is that we cannot reinvent ourselves. We can't change ourselves at all, not on New Year's Day or the first day of school or on our 40th birthday or after quitting a bad habit. We are what we are: blind in some ways, deaf in others, crippled in still more, moving through life with uncertainty, stumbling in the dark.

People don't change. Not without miracles.

But being a Christian means believing in miracles and being ready for them at any moment — in January or in September, in the middle of a hopeless week or at the end of a bad day, when you feel strong and when you don't, when you want to be better and when you feel too tired to try.

No, we can't change ourselves, but we can *be* changed. There is one who can change us if we will let him. He is waiting — now, tomorrow, yesterday, next week. The time is always right for a miracle.

"He put his finger into the man's ears ... and said to him, 'Ephphatha!'— that is, 'Be opened!'—And immediately the man's ears were opened ..." Mark 7:34-35 ©LPi

Saint
TERESA of KOLKATA

"Any country that accepts abortion, is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what it wants." – Mother Teresa



Requiescat in Pace Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Jakowski whose funeral was this past Wednesday. Our prayers and sincere sympathy are extended to her husband, Jim, and the rest of her family and friends who mourn their loss.

Life Planning Seminar Fredrickson Funeral Homes and Crematory will be hosting a Life Planning Seminar in the Annex on Tuesday, September 24th from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Enjoy a free dinner prepared by Augies Catering and learn about the benefits of funeral pre-planning. Msgr. Burrill will discuss the Catholic teachings regarding funerals and burials. Please RSVP to Margaret at 608.397.8672.

Teen Car Clinic Gundersen Health System is hosting Teen Car Clinics on October 5th and 6th from 7:45 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. These clinics teach fundamentals of vehicle control during classroom sessions and behind the wheel exercises. A parent is required to attend the course with the licensed teen (16-19 years). You must use your own vehicle for the driving portion of the course. The cost is a \$50 refundable deposit. Contact Megan at 608.775.2011 or meanders@gundersenhealth.org for more information.

Men's Prayer Group The Men's Prayer Group will meet September 12th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Father Hansen Annex. Please join Msgr. Burrill and Deacon Bob for this time of prayer and fellowship.

Adult Bible Study This fall we are offering the Gospel of Luke Bible study. The Gospel of Luke demonstrates the universal nature of Jesus' mission and the compassion of God. In part one of this study, which includes Luke 1:1–11:54, Luke takes the reader from the infancy narratives of John the Baptist and Jesus to their births and then to the Galilean ministry of Jesus. Please join us for this six week study beginning Monday, October 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fr. Hansen Annex. To register, please email Karla Schams at stteresacre@wsbcwi.org or call 608-786-0610 ext 2 by September 15th.

Lector Training There will be training sessions for all current lectors and those who expressed interest in becoming a lector on the Parish Ministry Form. Training will be Saturday, September 14, after the 4:30 p.m. Mass or Sunday, September 15, between the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please contact the office if you will be unable to attend one of the sessions.

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