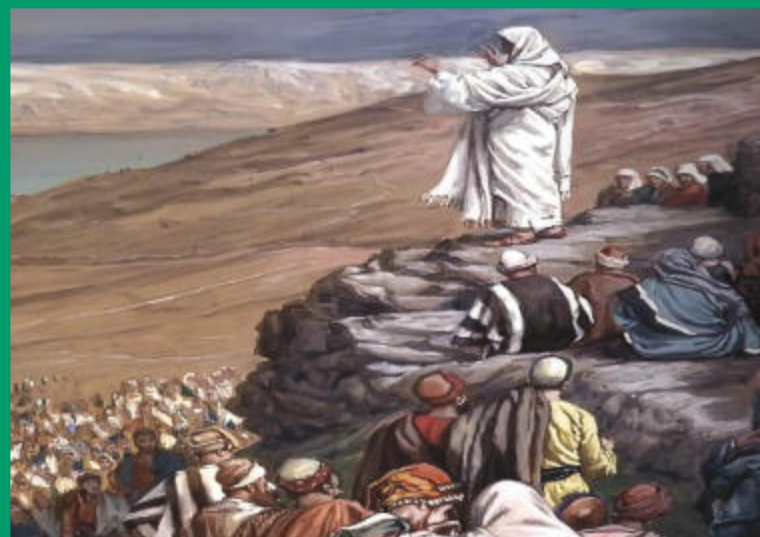


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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GOSPEL MEDITATION: We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.

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Weekend Mass Times: Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

Sacraments

Penance: Saturday at 4:30pm & Sunday at 8a.m. Baptism: Contact the church office at 672-6352

Marriage: Diocesan policy requires a minimum of a four month preparation period. Please make early arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick: By appointment.

IMPORTANT DATES

11 - 1st Communion for current 4th graders that didn't receive due to COVID @ 5:30 Mass

12 - Tour of New Atrium for CGS after Mass

15th, 22nd, & 29th - PSR Classes 2nd-HS class

Sept. 27-Oct 1st- Office closed/Erin on vacation

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Readings 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

Mass intention stipends are \$10/Mass. Please contact the office if you wish to have a Mass intention.

VISION STATEMENT: As Disciples in Christ, we are called to know, love, and serve God and each other in celebrating and living the message of the Gospel.

MISSION STATEMENT: We are a faith community who recognizes and acknowledges individuals' gifts and talents, encouraging spiritual growth.

Bulletin Entries

The deadline for bulletin submissions is Monday at noon for the following week's bulletin. If your submission is not on time, it will be held for the following week's bulletin. Please carefully proofread your entries for the bulletin, as they will be published exactly as received. Do not send attachments. All submissions must be emailed to: sacred_heart_bulletin@live.com

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following:

Rita Haen (sister in law of Ruth Menzer), Madison Hunt-continue prayers for health, Doug Will – health concerns; Michelle Jochems-anaemia, Lyola Hatfield-health issues; Elton Bowman-health issues; Barbara Agnew - health issues; Geneva Theis - health issues; Connie Grizzell-health concerns, Dawnetta Park (Linda Johnson cousin)-health issues, Tom Wenrich, Ann Souza-health issues, Ethel Warren-health issues, Aquina Stonestreet-health concerns, Teri Simpson's twin granddaughters, Chandler and Chloe: in hospital with RSV, Jim Kiley-healing from surgery

Stewardship of Treasure for the

Weekend of Aug. 29, 2021

Number of Envelopes - 66

Envelopes	\$4,605.00
Mass Stipends	200.00
Offertory	296.00
Parish Reimbursement	271.90
Pastor Reimbursement	750.00
Votive Lights	7.50
Total	\$6,130.40
Required Budget	\$7,200.00
Net Deficit	<\$1,069.60>
Year to Date	
Total Receipts	\$68,368.70
Required Budget	64,800.00
Net Surplus	\$3,568.70

Shoe Drive: Kiwanis is having another shoe drive! We will be collecting shoes for poor countries in South America & Africa from August 15th through October 15th. A large box will be placed in the south entry of the Church. Please check your closets and donate any gently used or new shoes you don't need. Kiwanis receives a small percentage for the shoes which is then used for youth programs in our community. Thank you for your past generosity! Call if you have questions: Stephanie Becker 388-1369

September 19th at 2pm is Server training in the church.

Homebound or in the Hospital?

If you are home bound, have someone in your family who is, or in the hospital, please inform the office. Fr. Charles would like to visit all those homebound or in the hospital or care facility that can't get to Mass. If you have an emergency need for a sacrament, Father's phone is on the front of the bulletin. Thank you.

Help at Bread for Life Sept. 21st

Volunteers Needed: Our turn to make and serve the next meal at the Bread for Life is September 21st. We need 6 volunteers to work from 4-6:30pm. Contact the office if you can help.

Help needed: The parish is in need of rosary leaders, particularly before Sunday mass. We need one more sacristan for Saturday evening and more people willing to be a commentator. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

Sympathy: Charles Rinke passed away recently. Funeral information was not available at the time of publication of the bulletin. Please keep JoAnn Rinke and her family in your prayers.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Can You Walk the Walk?

I've met and talked with enough people to feel confident that if you polled 100 fallen-away Catholics about why they didn't want anything to do with the Church, the term "accountability" would pop up in almost all of their answers.

And to be fair, a lack of accountability isn't just a Catholic problem. Talking the talk but not walking the walk has been a shortcoming handed down throughout the ages, across all creeds and nationalities.

Loving our neighbor, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, feeding the poor — it all sounds fantastic, especially when we're the ones saying it. But the doing — well, that's a different story, isn't it? We would do well to remember that Christ calls one of his best friends "Satan" when Peter tries to convince Jesus to stray from his destiny.

Have you ever been called Satan by one of your good buddies? I'll bet it's not a great feeling. But think about what Peter was doing. He had just said, "You are the Christ." And now, mere moments later, he's saying: "Don't say these things. Don't say you're going to suffer. Don't say you'll be killed."

He was telling Christ to squander what the Lord had given him. He was telling him that having faith was fine, but being faithful? It's just a little too hard. God has a destiny for you, too, and He's asking you to be open to it. Maybe it's not in your comfort zone. Maybe you don't think you can do it.

Lord, give us faith — but help us, also, to do the work.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

VALUE THEM BOTH

The August 2022 Kansas primary ballot will contain an anti-abortion amendment to the Kansas constitution. Kansas legislators have proposed a measure that, if passed, would overturn a 2019 Kansas Supreme Court decision that found access to an abortion a "fundamental right." It would not be an abortion ban.

The Value Them Both Amendment would:

- Affirm there is no Kansas constitutional right to abortion.
- Protect current Kansas law, which prevents babies from being aborted up to the moment of birth.
- Prevent taxpayer-funded abortion and extreme procedures such as partial-birth and live-dismemberment abortions.
- Preserve safeguards that require the abortion industry to protect women with important clinic health and safety standards.
- Reserve to the people of Kansas, through their elected state legislators, the right to pass laws to regulate abortion.

On Friday, September 17th at 7:00 pm, Father Bernie Gorges will be at the Pratt Knights of Columbus Hall explaining the importance of passing this constitutional amendment.

Please attend and invite your friends from all denominations to also participate.

Calendar of Events
September 2021

Mon. 13

Tues. 14

8:30am Mass in St. John

Wed. 15

5:30pm Mass

6-7pm 2nd-6th grade PSR

7-8pm 7th-12th grade PSR

Thurs. 16

8:00am Mass

6:30pm Pastoral Council

Fri. 17

8:00am Mass

7pm Spanish Prayer/Rosary

7pm Value Them Both presentation at KofC

Sat. 18

4:30pm Confession

5:30pm Mass

Sun. 19

8:00am Confession

8:30am Mass

10:45am Mass in St. John

2pm Server Training



- 14 Jim Dorgan by Larry & Don Dorgan
- 15 Rita Hitt by Curtis & Annette Adelhardt
- 16 Bridget Ogwo by Deb Roberts
- 17 Bonnie Rojas by Delores Rojas
- 18 Rita Hitt by Daniel Ellis
- 19 Pratt – Geri Henning by Dick Henning
- St. John-Pro populo

New to the Parish?

We would like to welcome you to Sacred Heart. Please fill out this short form and drop it in the collection basket or in the mail slot at the rectory. Someone will contact you to help you complete your registration.

Name _____
Address _____
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best time to call _____

Thank you for helping us include you here at Sacred Heart.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

September 2021

Week 3

SATURDAY, Sept. 18th, 5:30 p.m. MASS

Lector: Jan Clarkson, Linda Conkle
Commentator: Volunteer
Cross Bearer: Volunteer
Servers: 2 Volunteers
Euch. Ministers: Only need 1 volunteer
Don & Gina Hommertzheimer
Diana Barnard, Linda Conkle
Gifts: Kim Evert & Family
Ushers: Roger & Kris Adelhardt
Sacristan: Linda Fletcher
Rosary Leader: Volunteer

SUNDAY, Sept. 19th, 8:30 a.m. MASS

Lector: Gene Cannata
Commentator: Josie Conkle
Cross Bearer: Brenna Stegman
Servers: Sarah Lamatsch, Emma Gallagher
Euch. Ministers: Only need 1 volunteer
Mike & Amy Koler, Josie Conkle
Lorin & Julie Haas
Gifts: Fields Family
Ushers: Gerald Bowman, Harold Voss
Sacristan: Robin Langford
Rosary Leader: Joyce Temanson
EM to the Sick: Not at this time

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