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JULY 18, 2021

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Hello! My name is Catherine (Cassie) Romzek. I am the oldest in a large Catholic family of 14 children. I grew up in the country in Davison, a town 15 miles outside of Flint, Michigan.

Growing up in a large family was always exciting. I had a brand-new baby brother or sister every year. My parents were very devoted Catholics and they

brought us up in the faith, beginning with baptism as infants and attending Mass every Sunday. My mother stayed at home and my father worked in sales. My siblings and I didn't have a lot of material things growing up until we were old enough to work and buy what we wanted. We did have what a lot of our peers did not. We had each other and were always well taken care of and loved by our parents.

I attended a Catholic elementary school, until it closed. Thereafter I went to local public schools and received an excellent education.

I attended the University of Michigan to major in Elementary Education but became unsure of my direction and didn't graduate. I then worked part-time as a preschool teacher.

A few years later, I considered religious life and visited a religious community several times but decided against joining. The community had their own college, so I looked into programs offered and enrolled. I received my bachelor's degree in Information Technology from Madonna University in Livonia, Michigan.

I worked full-time as a programmer/analyst in the large COBOL mainframe technology environment, and on weekends, at Greenfield Village and the Henry Ford Museum for seven years.

I went back and received my master's degree in Library Science. Unfortunately, I was only able to secure a part-time in a library, working in information technology.

After seven years at the library, I had a spiritual encounter. I had everything I could possibly want and

life was great. However, I felt something was missing. I felt empty. While sitting alone in my apartment on a beautiful summer day, I felt the Holy Spirit speak to me. It came to me as happy as I was, I could walk away from everything, quit my job, give away all my things, and go be a nun in a convent.

About a month later, the youth minister at my parish asked if I would volunteer to be a Life Teen Leader with youth group. I agreed. Quickly my life changed. I felt God directing me where He wanted me and that He wanted me in ministry. As I ministered to these young people, I felt the Holy Spirit drawing me in closer as well.

I continued with youth ministry, but also went back and got my master's degree in pastoral ministry at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. I went to the seminary because I originally felt called to seek out religious communities, but had never found a community where I felt at peace. Then I sought out work in parish ministry.

After receiving my master's degree in pastoral ministry and working as a volunteer in youth ministry for almost 10 years, I obtained my first paid job in parish ministry in 2018. I worked for St Mary's of Redford in Detroit for a year until the parish was absorbed by a men's religious order and all parish ministry roles were assumed by the order.

Next, I took a position with a cluster of parishes in northern Michigan. But when COVID-19 hit, it put an already struggling parish in a further financial predicament, resulting in my position being eliminated.

Afterward, I took a position in large parish in Ohio and drove daily from my home in Canton, Michigan. After searching for a shorter drive, I accepted this position at St. Michael the Archangel.

When I am not working, I love spending time with my family. I have 35 nieces and nephews. I am also an avid camper and enjoy camping. I also enjoy sewing and making quilts and smaller quilted items.

It is with real pleasure that I am a part of a beautiful faith community. I strive to get to know each and every one of you and I look forward to serving you in ministry.



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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

I've heard that we become angels when we die. Is this what the Church teaches?

As human beings, we are both spiritual and corporeal. We are body and soul. This makes us unique in all creation. No other physical creature — plant or animal — possesses an immortal soul made in God's image and likeness. Like the distinction with plants and animals, angels have an entirely different sort of existence. Angels are pure immortal spirit, and they have been so since the moment of their creation. While they may take on an appearance of a body in Biblical history, they are not a body like we are. Angels are neither male nor female, despite the art we often see.

As the result of the Fall, human beings experience death. Our souls are temporarily separated from our bodies. However, we do not become something other than human. Every Sunday in the Creed we profess "I believe in the resurrection of the body." As Jesus was united with his body on the third day, so too will we be united with our bodies at the end of time.

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The Steward's Work Is Never Done

Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock! When you hear these strong words from the Old Testament, you're probably thinking, thank goodness I don't have any sheep — dodged that bullet. Nobody misled here! No flock scattered on my watch! However, we are all shepherds of a kind, called to tend our own sheep: our families, our parishes, our communities.

But it's exhausting. Don't we all sometimes just want to take a break from being a steward? The excuses are so familiar: we're tired, we've done enough, we've given all we can, what more does the parish (or my spouse, or my kids, or my boss, or my friends, or my community) want? We give ourselves permission to be selfish. So, what if the flock scatters just a little?

Jesus gets that. We can just imagine him weary with exhaustion, can't we? We see him on his boat, attempting to sneak away for a quick break — maybe just a chance to eat a bite of food in peace. He is God, but he was still human, after all. Even the most dedicated shepherds need to sleep. But people couldn't leave him alone. They were hungry for him. They needed what he could offer, and they needed it now.

As tough as it is, that's the example we are tasked with imitating. Everyday Stewardship demands accountability. It demands our showing up even when we are tired. It demands that we look at our lives, our time, our energies, our talents, our hearts, our bank accounts and think: where do I still have more to give?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Please call the parish office or click the link on Facebook sign up now!

GOSPEL MEDITATION

There's an ordinary pine grove located on a tree farm not too far from town where life's stresses and demands seem to melt away. It is here that all that seemed so important out there no longer is and one can get lost in the rows of trees and majestic beauty. God is here and all is good. We need to connect with the Divine Source of all that is in order to understand what it is we are doing and why we are doing it. Otherwise, things stop making sense and bitterness can overcome one's spirit. It's okay to play once in a while and to discover that place of profound life and peace. People always have needs and there is constantly something to do. And while all of that is necessary and we are needed, there is also that inner solitude within that needs to be celebrated and released.

We all need a pine grove. It's that little place we can go and leave all that consumes us behind. It's a place where technology can be set aside and wonder, and awe given some time. We don't have to text, calculate, or orchestrate anything in the pine grove. It is a somewhat deserted place where all of that can be set aside and we can just be. The anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and occasional apathy, all can fall to the ground like all of those pine needles that once held their place on the branch of a Frasier Fir. The needles can let go. We can let go. We are beings connected with Being and we all need to remember what really matters, who really matters and what life is truly all about. We need to find that place where we can rest and let go of all of the barnacles we accumulate. Rest, breathe, seek, and love.

The world will need us again when we leave the pine grove. It will all be waiting for us, beckoning for our attention. But we will have prayed and will have marveled at the silence and the beauty of goodness. We can go back, ready, and eager to listen, to help, to heal, to cry, to embrace, and attend to all that is asked of us. But, having let go of the distractions in that deserted place we will have a renewed sense of purpose. We will know better Who it is we serve and what we are meant to do. It will all be clearer now that we have been Divinely touched and refreshed.

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**CATHOLIC TRIVIA
JUST FOR FUN**

- How did God reveal himself to Elijah?
- a) Earthquake
 - b) Fire
 - c) A dream
 - d) Flood

The answer is on the calendar page!

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REFLECT AND RESPOND

FIRST READING:

The prophet Jeremiah spoke of God's negative reaction to "the shepherds" (false rulers) who neglected and misled his "sheep" (the people of Israel and Judah). What characteristics make for an ideal leader?

SECOND READING:

Paul taught the Ephesians that through his cross and resurrection, Jesus established unity and peace for all believers. When have you experienced harmony in your faith community?

GOSPEL:

Jesus encouraged the apostles to retreat and rest after their successful missionary work, but the crowds made that difficult. What gets in your way from resting and retreating?

USHERS CORNER

We need ushers. Men and women are welcome.

If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please contact:

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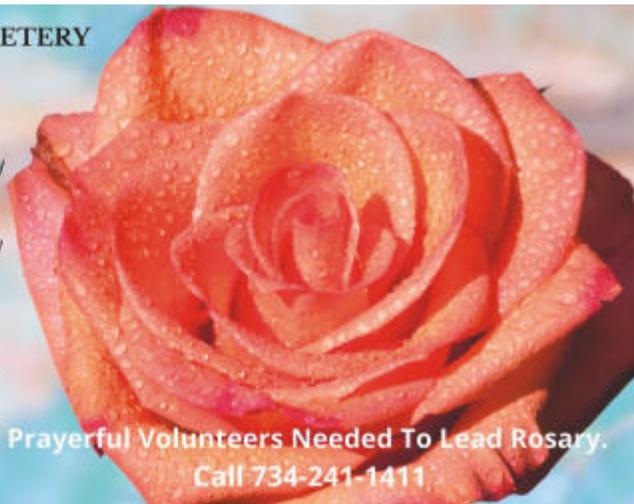
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CATHOLIC TRIVIA
Answer: b

Readings for the Week of July 18, 2021

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34
Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc,-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Ex 14:21—15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [cf. Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 13:24-30
Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

THIS WEEK ~ JULY 19 - 25

MONDAY, JULY 19

Mass 8:15 am - church
Devotions 9 am - church

TUESDAY, JULY 20

St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

THURSDAY, JULY 22

St. Mary Magdalene

FRIDAY, JULY 23

St. Bridget, Religious

Mass 8:15 am - church
Sulfaro - Rachut Wedding Rehearsal 6:30 pm - church

SATURDAY, JULY 24

St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest; BVM

Sulfaro - Rachut Wedding 2 pm - church
Confession 3:30 pm - church
Mass 5:00 pm - church

SUNDAY, JULY 25

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30 am - church
Mass 10:30 am - church



MARRIAGE BANNS

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LITURGY SCHEDULE JULY 19 - 25

DAY & TIME		INTENTIONS
Monday	8:15 am	† Clyde David Skinner † Earl Navarre
Friday	8:15 am	† Gloria Collingsworth † Robert Guthrie
Saturday	5:00 pm	† The People of St Michael
Sunday	8:30 am	† Tom Westover † Bill & Sadie Mitosinka
	10:30 am	† Giuseppe & Maddalena Piccione † Angela Furnari Vitale

LIVE THE LITURGY

We only have so much psychological and spiritual energy. We easily get tired. Responding to life's demands and people's needs can really zap us of all of our energy. Anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and even apathy can run wild. We can find ourselves bitter and irritated by the fact that we have to do it all again. We need to rest, connect, and focus. Deserted places, free of unnecessary distractions and demands, are great places of refreshment and we all need them. Desiring to be alone for a bit and rest does not indicate selfishness. Rather, it radiates wisdom. God is the source of all we do and the satisfaction of every human heart. If we are going to use the gifts God gave us well, then we have to make sure our batteries are recharged and replenished. Jesus invites us to go to a desert place to rest and pray. Where is yours?

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