



SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

The members of St. Joan of Arc Parish are disciples of Jesus Christ, who recognize God's love for the world & are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to all people through joyful worship, life-long education, compassionate service, responsible stewardship, & active community living.

~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me."
- Jn 6:56-57

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Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am
Wednesday: 6:00 pm

Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am,
12:00 pm

Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm
7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Reconciliation

Wednesdays: 5:00 pm
Saturdays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
in the Sister Carol Center

Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7am Mass

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Center is open:
Monday - Thursday from 9:00 am - 5:00pm
Friday: Closed During the Month of July

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: 586-777-1342.

Baptisms: Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further arrangements based on submission of that form.

Marriages: Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series required.

Registration: It is very important that every family and independent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to register at your earliest opportunity: 586-777-3670.

OCIA: Please call the Parish Center: 586-777-3670.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, please register at stjoan.church and we will contact you by phone. Or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during office hours.

Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has increased our mass participation at daily and weekend masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

Go to: livestream.stjoan.church to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.

Weekday Masses

Monday thru Friday @ 7am
Wednesday @ 6pm

Weekend Masses

Saturdays @ 4pm & 6pm
Sundays @ 8am, 10am, 12pm

Holy Hour

Thursdays @ 7pm



Drivin' Ms. Daisy to the UP (Part 4: Google Maps Isn't Always Right):

This week's article continues my "travelogue" of my journey to

the Upper Peninsula with my mom in mid-July.

Long before Google Maps was a reality, we bought my mom and Dad a Tom Tom (remember that GPS) for Christmas one year. At first, my dad was skeptical that Tom Tom would get him anywhere, but he grew to like it UNTIL one day when my parents were in Arizona, and Tom Tom wanted them to drive down a set of railroad tracks to get to their next destination!

It's incredible to think how far GPS systems have come. Even though GPS technology has improved tremendously, you can't always trust the suggested route.

While traveling through the great Upper Peninsula, my mom and I decided to see Alger Falls after reading rave reviews about it. The description we read was that Alger Falls was located 1.2 miles south of Munising, right along M-28, on the east side of the highway where M-28 and M-94 intersect. So I plugged Alger Falls into Google Maps, and off we went!

As we approached the M-28 and M-94 intersection, Google Maps wanted me to turn left and go up this little hill. Being the dutiful driver, I did as Google wanted. Right away, my mom was suspect about the announced direction to turn left. We ended up turning into a little circle of vacation cottages. The place was new, and each cottage had its own firepit. It was cute. But the cuteness ended when we landed back onto the highway with NO indication that Alger Falls was even remotely nearby. I left the place and continued down the road. Google Maps was relentless and kept wanting me to make a U-turn. I eventually made my U-turn and headed back. Again, Google Maps wanted me to turn into this little vacation enclave. I was getting a bit frustrated but wasn't willing to give up seeing what was supposed to be a beautiful roadside waterfall.

After a few trips up and down M-28, I finally learned that Alger Falls was literally a roadside waterfall. There was a turnout where only a car or two could park. I only clued into its exact location after seeing a vehicle parked in this turnout that looked like nothing more than a right-passing lane for cars not turning left onto M-94. We stopped and grabbed our pictures.

As I started to drive away, my phone pinged with a push notification from Google that got me chuckling. It read something like, "Did we get something wrong in trying to get you to Alger Falls? Help us get it right." "YES, you got it wrong," I wanted to say to my phone or text back in all caps as if Google cared about my response. But then I wondered how Google "knew" it messed up. I guess going in circles several times and going back and forth up and down the same road like a lost delivery truck driver tipped it off. Google may not have been right, but it was smart enough to know it got it wrong!

Getting to Know Bishop Baraga

(Part 4): In the past few weeks, I covered Bishop Baraga's life before entering the seminary and into his early days as a parish priest. As I stated last week, the young Father Baraga was already considered by many as a living saint shortly after he was ordained. His popularity kept gaining momentum because of his holiness and zeal. Father Baraga was also trying to combat the secular and civil interferences in church matters at the time. The government's restrictions made the reception of the sacraments difficult and infrequent. They banned religious societies and pilgrimages and even interfered with the frequency of the exposition and veneration of the Blessed Sacrament. Those restrictions didn't stop the young Father Baraga.

After four years at St. Martin Parish, Father Baraga was transferred to a neglected parish along the border of Croatia. Once again, Father Baraga's determination and love for the Lord allowed him to build up his new parish community. The young Father Baraga was never idle. When not engaged in pastoral work, he occupied himself with reading and translating books into Slovene. One of his greatest works was a prayer book entitled "Pasture for the Soul," a devotional collection of prayers.

In 1829, Baraga learned of the Leopoldine Society, an organization dedicated to supporting Catholic missions in America. This revelation ignited a spark within Baraga, compelling him to follow a calling that would uproot him from his familiar surroundings and set him on a new course.

Baraga's missionary dream became tangible when the Bishop of Cincinnati accepted him into his diocese. The welcoming reception from Bishop Fenwick was a very significant milestone as it marked the beginning of Baraga's formal commitment to missionary work.

On December 1, 1830, Baraga set sail from Havre, France, embarking on a month-long voyage across the Atlantic Ocean. After weeks at sea, he landed in New York and then journeyed to Ohio. At first, Father Baraga wasn't too impressed with what he saw because he encountered many who were lukewarm to the faith or simply people who didn't want to believe. But he was assured by Bishop Fenwick that the prospect of fruitful work was better among the Indians and that the need for his priestly ministry was even greater there.

Bishop Fenwick traveled with Father Baraga to Mackinac, a place where Baraga encountered the native Indians for the first time. He was deeply moved by their piety, dignity, and devotion. This encounter was a turning point for him, solidifying his desire to serve these communities. In 1831, Father Baraga wrote to his sister, "Happy Day that placed me among the Indians, with whom I will now remain uninterruptedly to the last breath of my life." And so in Mackinac, Bishop Baraga began his thirty-seven years of tireless priestly missionary work among the Chippewas. He was not just the "Snowshoe" priest but indeed the Apostle to the Chippewas.

More to come!

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of August 18, 2024



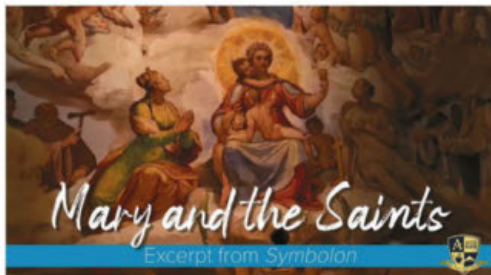
Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

Who was St. Bernard of Clairvaux? In this FORMED Now episode, Dr. Ben Akers is joined by Dr. John Sehorn to discuss this great saint and Doctor of the Church.



The Theological Virtues: Faith

What are the theological virtues and how do they impact our lives as Christians today? How do we grow in them? Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Scott Hefelfinger dive into the theological virtues and discuss their place in God's plan for humanity.



Mary

Jesus gave his mother Mary to us as our spiritual mother, and she intercedes for us in heaven before her Son. By growing in relationship with Mary—and the rest of the saints—we grow in fellowship with Christ.

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Are you happy being a Catholic? It is a question worth answering. It would be rather sad to reach the end of our earthly days without deciding. Certainly, there are those folks who would say, "I don't know. I was born Catholic and just kind of stayed that way." Wow. Exciting. It's like being born in Michigan and never deciding if you like ice fishing or not. "Yeah, Dad took me out on the ice with him when I was ten-years-old, so I just keep doing it every winter. I practically freeze to death . . . and never catch anything. But I keep going." There is something to be said for maturing and making something our own, or deciding to change course.

Without a doubt, many Catholics have left the practice of their faith. Meanwhile, other people have found a new home in the Catholic Church. The percentage of people in the United States who identify as Catholic has remained fairly constant over the last sixty or so years. Around one-fifth of the country's population considers themselves Catholic. In the last three or four years, there appears to be a small, measurable decline in numbers, which could indicate a more worrisome trend. Yet, the overall number of U.S. Catholics remains mostly stable. (Pew Research Center) On the other hand, what *has* changed dramatically is *the way* Catholics practice the faith.

One glaring example of change in the Catholic way of life is weekly Mass attendance. In 1970, about 55% of Catholics showed up for Mass *every* week. In 2021, weekly attendance was just over 17% (Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA)). Not showing up for an event, especially an obligatory one, is a solid indicator of how unimportant that event truly is in the life of an individual. Another Catholic faith tradition that has fallen away in popularity is marriage in the Church. The number of couples in the U.S. who give themselves to each other in

sacramental marriage as Catholics has plummeted from about 425,000 per year in 1970 to roughly 111,000 in 2023 (CARA).

Lastly, religious vocations have dried up. The total number of priests (both religious and diocesan) in the U.S. has declined from over 59,000 in 1965 to barely over 34,000 in 2023. More shockingly, religious sisters have tanked in numbers from almost 179,000 in 1965 to 3409 in 2023! (CARA) Remember when Catholic schools used to be affordable? We can thank the sisters who gave their lives for us to make sure we received a Catholic education without having to mortgage the farm. [You can find interesting Catholic statistics at this website: faithsurvey.co.uk/American-catholic-statistics, which I used in this article. The website collects data from CARA, Gallup, and Pew Research.]

The point here is not to cry crocodile tears over the sorry state of the Catholic Church. In fact, it is not sorry at all. It simply "is what it is." The point of focusing on the reality of present-day Catholicism is for us to get real *ourselves*. We need to figure out how we do or do not fit in. Then we need to make a personal, intentional commitment as disciples of Christ, in light of what we understand it means to be Catholic. If we are to continue to call ourselves "Catholic," we must respond to the Church's call to 'get in the game' and play. Showing up, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, whenever we happen to *feel* like it, doesn't cut it. Such a strategy, at best, is largely a waste of time. At worst, it is a deception that risks our eternal destruction. Recall Jesus' words in the book of Revelation: "I wish that you were either cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, neither cold nor hot, I will spit you out of my mouth" (3: 15-16). Kinda strong, huh?

The hard part about following this train of thought is that you *are*

reading this. You most likely *came* to Mass, *picked* up a bulletin, and took the time to *read* what the priest has to say. Or you might be diligent enough in your faith that you picked up an electronic feed of these words and stopped long enough to read and consider them. That said, a logical response might be, "Look pal, I come to Mass, I say the prayers, I drop my contribution in the basket, I don't even feel all that good today, but I'm here. The clowns who really need to read your article *will never see it*. So, give me a break and back off!"

Understood. And well said. But *weak*. Such sentiments are ultimately a copout. Remember, "from the one to whom much has been given, much is expected." That would be us. We are Catholic. We are Jesus Christ's sisters and brothers, adopted daughters and sons of God himself. We don't get to set back and coast. Rest? Yes. Eternally coast into the sunset? Not a chance.

Our eternal life came at a great price: the incarnation, suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ. *We* are the beneficiaries of his sacrifice, not him. Our gain of heaven demands a response. We respond *as Church*. *We live* our Faith. So, can we confidently embrace our Catholic identity? Can we invest as much energy in our Faith as we invest in, say, learning all the new useless features on the fifteenth phone we just got? Will we give God a bit more of our time, considering that he is the source of *all* of our time? Could we actually try to identify a few more things about our Catholic faith that we enjoy, rather than obsess over its human shortcomings? There is a lot to appreciate about the Catholic Church. Leaning into those things makes religion a lot more attractive to those who watch us practice it.

Always in Christ,

Fr. Bob

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Fullness of Life

Like any other child of the '90s raised by budget-conscious parents, I've spent my fair share of Sunday mornings in line at an Old Country Buffet, hot plate in hand. Kids ate for chump change on Sundays, and I never left that fine establishment without getting our money's worth. I always came away stuffed to the gills. But I never, ever remember feeling satisfied.

In fact, if I recall correctly, most of the time I felt rather empty. I was always thinking about the food I didn't get to eat — whatever I couldn't fit on my plate, or whatever they were bringing out from the kitchen just as we were about to leave.

As I've gotten older, it's a feeling I've encountered again and again, and not just at buffets. Haven't we all? The people you think are perfect reveal themselves to be deeply flawed. The things you want the most are never as satisfying to possess as they are to long for. The experiences you anticipate the most end up being letdowns, when instead it's the ordinary moments — maybe even the hard moments, the painful moments — that stand out, that become cherished memories.

Today's scripture readings equate wisdom and fullness with an acceptance of something that makes no sense, that defies scientific explanation, cultural norms, and even common sense: the Real Presence of our God in the Eucharist.

Is it strange to believe that we are consuming the Body and Blood of Christ in our worship, and that only by doing so will we ever achieve everlasting life?

Perhaps. But we are asked to do many strange things as Christians. We are asked to love when we do not feel like loving, when the object of that love has not earned it. We are asked to forgive even when the recipient of that forgiveness does not seek it or merit it. We are asked to believe, in moments when belief feels impossible.

Socrates says that the only wisdom is in knowing that you know nothing. Perhaps the only spiritual fullness is in knowing that there is only emptiness to be had here in this world, that there is no physical experience or indulgence that can really make you feel satisfied and strong. That the only food that really nourishes you in a way that lasts is a small white Host you can barely taste on your tongue.

"My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." — John 6:55

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I've heard that gratitude is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. What does that mean?

Answer:

In St. Paul's letter to the Galatians, he talks about the "fruits of the Holy Spirit." He is referencing an idea that Jesus talks about frequently in the Gospels. "By their fruits you will know them" (Matthew 7:16). He uses the example of a plant. If the plant is healthy, it will bear good fruit. If the plant is unhealthy, it will bear rotten fruit or none at all. Jesus echoes this idea at the Last Supper, when he says that if we remain close to him we will "bear much fruit" (John 15:8). If we allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives, we will bear the fruits of the Spirit!

Technically, gratitude is not one of the fruits St. Paul lists. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23). But doesn't that sound like the response of a grateful heart? When we're grateful, we experience a sense of joy and peace that makes it easier to love. We can be kind, patient, generous, and gentle with others rather than possessive or competitive. When we're grateful, we don't need to grasp at what we don't have. We practice self-control. Gratitude helps us to be faithful, knowing God will always be with us. Sounds like good fruit to me!

Readings for the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 25 B

Reading One – Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, summoning their elders, their leaders, their judges, and their officers. When they stood in ranks before God, Joshua addressed all the people: "If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

But the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD for the service of other gods. For it was the LORD, our God, who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, out of a state of slavery. He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey and among the peoples through whom we passed. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

Responsorial – Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

The LORD has eyes for the just, and ears for their cry. The LORD confronts the evildoers, to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

When the just cry out, the LORD hears them, and from all their distress he rescues them. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Many are the troubles of the just one, but out of them all the LORD delivers him; he watches over all his bones; not one of them shall be broken.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Reading Two – Eph 5:2a, 25-32

Brothers and sisters: Live in love, as Christ loved us. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her,

cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. *For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.* This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church.

Alleluia – Jn 6:63c, 68c

Alleluia, alleluia.

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel – Jn 6:60-69

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father."

As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."



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August 18, 2024

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prov 9:1-6 | Eph 5:15-20 | John 6:51-58

Written by
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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

We tell our children, from a young age through their teen years: make wise choices. It's a sort of catch-all to cover the endless possibilities of circumstances – good, bad, or neutral – they might find themselves in. But what does it mean to be wise? To have wisdom? In today's first reading from Proverbs, we are shown a depiction of wisdom herself, spreading a table where the guests will dine when they arrive. "Come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine I have mixed!" she says. This invitation is echoed in the Gospel, by Wisdom personified: Jesus Christ. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day." Simplicity of heart and the forsaking of foolishness are the only criteria for accepting the offering of wisdom. It seems we are to come and be fed. But how do we discern, in our fast-paced, consumer-based world, what exactly is a wise choice? It's hard to advance in true wisdom; it is acquired by the humble and the simple, not the busy and the overcomplicated. Often, what the Christian deems important the world finds "foolish." It can be hard to keep our priorities rightly ordered, but advancing on the path to wisdom begins first by recognizing the centrality of God in our lives and humbly allowing him in.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, he instructs the people, saying, "Watch carefully how you live." I'd like to think that's where we got our "make wise choices" instruction, but I can't be sure. Again, the dichotomy between foolishness and wisdom is addressed. Wisdom is described as being prudent, which is living with one eye in the present, but also one eye toward the future, and being filled with the Holy Spirit. Elaborating even further, Paul provides a beautiful image of "singing and playing to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks always and for everything." In the life of one living with wisdom, there is a turning toward true joy. Living in a spirit of gladness is in direct opposition to living in a spirit of fear or comparison. Since wisdom and understanding are both gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit, we can invite him into our midst and ask him to increase our wisdom, understanding, and our capacity for joy.

ENGAGE Cultivating wisdom and understanding is a lofty, but worthy, goal! This week, spend some time familiarizing yourself with the Wisdom literature of the Bible (which consists of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Wisdom, and Sirach) by reading the introductions to one or more of them. Explore some of the Scriptures themselves.



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CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL
2024



SAVE THE DATE

18th Annual Gala for St. Joan of Arc School

SPARK^{the} NIGHT RED and WHITE

November 2, 2024

Our annual Gala is the largest fundraiser to benefit St. Joan of Arc School!
We **ENCOURAGE** everyone to wear a SPARK of red and white!!

Here are ways you can support this great event!

- ✦ **Attend the event!** Tickets are \$125/person and will go on sale in late September.
 - Your ticket includes a plated dinner, open bar, DJ & dancing, and a front row seat to our silent and live auctions...and a chance to win from our Charger Corner raffle!
- ✦ **Buy raffle tickets!** \$5000 in prizes to four lucky winners!
 - Raffle tickets will be on sale after all masses beginning the weekend of October 5th/6th
 - Tickets are \$20/each or 6 for \$100. Cash or check accepted. Payable to: St. Joan of Arc
- ✦ **Auction Donations!** Contact the School or Parish Center offices to donate auction items.
 - Give Back Boards will be available beginning the weekend of Sept 7th/8th.
 - PLEASE NOTE: We are only able to accept new and wrapped items.
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Mark your calendar for a great time...

NOVEMBER 2, 2024 | GROSSE POINTE YACHT CLUB

Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, August 19th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed
6:30 PM Baptism of Vivienne J. Eiswirth

Tuesday, August 20th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

Wednesday, August 21st

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed
5:00 PM Reconciliation
6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

Thursday, August 22nd

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed
7:00 PM Holy Hour - Live Streamed

Friday, August 23rd

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

Saturday, August 24th

11:00 AM Reconciliation
12:30 PM Baptism of Lainey J. Johnston
1:30 PM Baptism of Addison Rae Bonkowski
2:30 PM Baptism of Giovanni Jesus Latte
4:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed
6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

Sunday, August 25th

8:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed
10:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed
12:00 PM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

Words on the Word

August 18, 2024 – Come to Order

Quite a bit of mischief, it would seem, takes place at public meetings these days, particularly municipal meetings.

Local headlines were made a few weeks ago when the City of Warren officially adopted some new rules by which its city council meetings would be conducted. Among the most prominent changes are prohibitions now on swearing and on personal attacks from the public.

According to a story in *The Detroit News*, the rule updates were made primarily in response to an incident in early July when a citizen addressing the board made comments related to the deceased father of one of the council members.

An official quoted in the story said that, overall, “the audience over the past two years has ‘continued to devolve’ into attacks of other community members and calling people names.”

It seems absurd that such rules are being passed, but it seems even more absurd that interactions in the public square have gotten to the point where officials feel the rules are necessary in the first place.

What most people learned early in their childhoods – or at least should have learned – about common courtesy and manners, alas, seems to have been forgotten. City council meetings are only one example, of course, but we’ve all seen this play out.

Which is why the words of St. Paul to the Ephesians in today’s second reading resonate.

“Therefore, do not continue in ignorance, but try to understand what is the will of the Lord,” he writes. “And do not get drunk on wine, in which lies debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and playing to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father.”

Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Monday August 19, 2024 Weekday, Saint John Eudes, Priest (Green/White)

7:00 am Leonard Mastay

Tuesday August 20, 2024 Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church (White)

7:00 am Special Intention for the deceased members of the Calisi Family who died in the month of August

Wednesday August 21, 2024 Saint Pius X, Pope (White)

7:00 am Thomas Gillette

6:00 pm Robert Bidigare

Thursday August 22, 2024 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (White)

7:00 am Allen Laturno

Friday August 23, 2024 Weekday, Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin (Green/White)

7:00 am Antonietta Mazzella

Saturday, August 17, 2024 Vigil for the Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)

4:00 pm Rita Pomante, Marion Malloy, Mr. & Mrs. Casimir Wojcik, Thomas Benoit, Eve & Frank McGee, Joann & James Immordino, Pio Alberti, Paul Daudlin, and Special Intentions for the J. Champine Family, the Thomas Family, Andrew Varrasse and Alison Reslow

6:00 pm The deceased members of the Farley Family

Sunday, August 18, 2024 Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)

8:00 am The Intentions of SJA Parishioners

10:00 am Tina Roberts

12:00 pm Peter Sarra, Lucia & Ignazio Mule', Katherine Mule', Margaret & Frank McGee, and Special Intentions for Alison Reslow and William Rauch

Daily Readings

Monday, August 19

Ezekiel 24:15-23
Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 20

Ezekiel 28:1-10
Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 21

Ezekiel 34:1-11
Matthew 20:1-6

Thursday, August 22

Ezekiel 36:23-28
Matthew 22:1-14

Friday, August 23

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday, August 24

Revelation 21:9b-14
John 1:45-51

Sunday, August 25

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Ephesians 5:21-32
John 6:60-69



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Minnie Louise Haskins

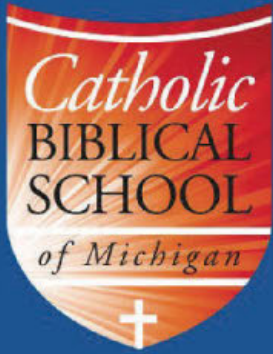


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Lori Cardosi	Linda Frank	Maria Krzesowski	Sr. Alice Riegel	Bernadette Thompson
Maryann Carlin	Jeanne Gainer	Charles LaCombe	Paulette Russia	James Thompson
Ed Cole	Larry Gehrke	Patricia LaCombe	Jenna Rose	Linda Vitale
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Kainoa Dunn	Zayne D. Kapinski	Michelle Pierson	Cathy Sullens	Joan Wright
Jean Edwards	Lorraine Kilroy	Vicky Pranger	Mary Surmont	

Pray for the Sick List: Please note that we regularly clear the “Pray for the Sick List” because the list grows beyond our space allocation and we don’t always hear from people when they’ve gotten better. If you would like to add a person please call the Parish Center front desk at 586.777.3670 or send an email to our general inbox at info@sjascs.org.

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Bringing Home the Word

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

August 18, 2024

Accepting God's Truths

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

The pursuit of wisdom and knowledge has long been a supreme striving of the human heart. Especially as we age, we hunger to truly understand reality, the human heart, modern culture, its problems and solutions.

The Old Testament offers amazing tips on the pursuit of wisdom. Using the analogy of a woman who prepares a meal and invites others to dine at her table, wisdom is a gift prepared by God and set before humanity to receive. We don't produce the truth. We discover and embrace it. We chew on it, take it in like food, and gain strength from it.

The Jews had a hard time swallowing Jesus' truth about the Eucharist. They argued among themselves, trying to figure out this truth instead of simply accepting this revelation as coming from one they could trust—then once accepted, strive to understand the mystery. Once we accept the world, situations, and revelations offered to us, and strive to understand these gifts, then wisdom can become ours.

Some fundamental attitudes accompany this changed perspective. First, it is right to humbly accept the world, people, and situations as gifts to appreciate rather than problems to be solved. Second, believe God has wisdom to share. Third, build upon truths already known and revealed, accepting that we can't "know it all." God's hand fashions creation, holds it in his palm, and then offers it to us. We accept it as a gift, embrace it, and discover the wisdom of the hand of God hidden therein. †

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by God and set before
humanity to receive.***

***We don't produce the truth.
We discover and embrace it.***

A Word from Pope Francis

Each time we participate in the Holy Mass, in a certain sense, we anticipate heaven on earth.... The Eucharist shapes us so that we live not only for ourselves but for the Lord and for our brothers and sisters. Life's happiness and eternity depend on our ability to render fruitful the evangelical love we receive in the Eucharist.

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 19, 2018



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTION REFLECTION

- Would the author of Proverbs consider me foolish in the way I live?
- Is there a truth I need to accept so that I may move from foolishness to wisdom?

Sunday Readings

Proverbs 9:1–6

[Wisdom says,] "Forsake foolishness that you may live; advance in the way of understanding."

Ephesians 5:15–20

Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise.

John 6:51–58

[Jesus said,] "Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me."

Making Mass Matter to Kids

Sarah Reinhard

When that certain kid of mine starts to protest going to Mass, I can't help but feel like a failure. How does this kid not "get" it? That's Jesus up there on the altar! We have to take the long view. Just as farmers plant seeds and rely on God to do the watering, so we, as their first catechists, plant seeds of faith in our children. Here are a few ideas on how you can instill an understanding and love of Mass in your children.

Learn Mass Together. There are a number of great books, apps, and online resources to aid you in your endeavors. You also might consider slipping into a daily Mass, which is half as long and



usually a much smaller crowd. Try going to Eucharistic Adoration or explore the church area together at a non-Mass time. Let the children become familiar with

what's going on. Help them appreciate the beauty around them. Invest yourself.

Discover Mass Together. Listen for key words or phrases. How many times does the priest raise the chalice? Which prayer does he use for the consecration? What are the servers doing? Why/when do we stand, sit, or kneel? Follow each part of Mass using the missal. Set the parameters before attending so your discovery doesn't become a distraction.

Pray About It Together. This always feels awkward to me. Sometimes, only God can help me. A prayer as simple as: "Lord, help us see you today at Mass" can open minds and hearts. †

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From "Dorothy Day, Servant of God: Challenged by the Gospel, She Challenges Us"

The early Christians started with the works of mercy, and it was this technique which converted the world. They run in this wise: the corporal works are to feed the hungry; to give drink to the thirsty; to clothe the naked; to harbor the harborless; to ransom the captive; to visit the sick; to bury the dead. The spiritual works are to instruct the ignorant; to counsel the doubtful; to admonish sinners; to bear wrongs patiently; to forgive offense willingly; to comfort the afflicted; to pray for the living and the dead. Not all of these works are within the reach of all—that is understood. But that we should take part in some of them is a matter of obligation, a "strict precept imposed both by the natural and Divine law." †

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*God of wisdom, instill in me
a desire to know you—
not to be right, but to be wise;
not to win arguments,
but to love others. Amen.*

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

August 19–24

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Rv 21:9b–14 / Jn 1:45–51

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