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Are We There Yet?

Every parent has probably heard this from a child at some point in their lives as they were traveling near or far. We so often want the journey to just be done and to just enjoy the destination. I can find myself saying the same thing to the Lord as we officially begin our journey together as a Family of Parishes. I want all of the hours of thinking and praying over what the right decision is to be over. I want the inevitable hard conversations to be over. I want the mistakes I will make along the way to be over. I want the time invested in planning to be over. But we are just beginning and we have many "miles" to go yet. But it is also the journey that makes us into who we are. So the difficulties, joys, trials, and triumphs we will experience over the coming years will make the NW-7 Family of Parishes the beautiful reality it is. There will be tough times ahead but there will be beautiful and moving moments as well. Moments that we all get to celebrate together. So please be patient with each other, with the other parishes, with your priests, and with me as pastor. There are going to be miscommunications, dropped balls, and mistakes made. It happens and it is part of life. Remember that the Lord's prayer states, "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." In so far as we are willing to forgive others will we be forgiven by our heavenly Father. Keep this in mind as we move forward.

There is great good to be done but that good will involve some difficult decisions in order to deepen the Faith of our parishes. Adjustments are just that, adjustments. It does not mean we are burying the past, forgetting where we came from, or that we were wrong. It just means that like any ship upon the sea we need to adjust our sails, steer the ship to keep it on course, and if there is no wind...row in order to get to our destination.

I want, our priests want, the sisters want, and you all want to deepen your Faith and Love for God and become better friends of Jesus Christ. This is my desire for you as pastor of the NW-7 Family of Parishes. I desire for you to grow in love and devotion for Jesus Christ, Truly Present in the Holy Eucharist, I want you to increase your devotion to our mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and for you to throw yourself upon the Lord's Divine Mercy in the confessional. If the Lord brings about an increase in these three areas, we will know that we are moving in the right direction.

Know that I am going to do my best to communicate with all of you. Obviously through the bulletin and homilies at Mass. But I am also going to attempt to return to my practice of making weekly YouTube videos on my YouTube channel: *Fr. Jarred Kohn*, to teach and inform the people of NW-7. I will also record both Sunday and daily homilies and post them to my podcast channel: *Homilies by Fr. Jarred*. This podcast can be found on Apple, Google, and Podbean. My hope is that this will not only keep you informed but also help to understand the vision for our Family of Parishes, to learn more about your Faith, and to learn more about me as a pastor, priest, and man.

Thank you to each and every parishioner of NW-7! I am humbled by the excitement, honesty, and welcome you have poured out upon me and the three vicars of NW-7 (Fr. Andrew Reckers, Fr. Steve Mondiek, and Fr. Aaron Hess). You are all wonderful and doing a job in your pursuit of holiness.

Peace in Christ,
Fr. Jarred Kohn

SCHEDULE OF MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY JULY 3 14th Sunday of the Year
 SM 8:00a Living & Dec'd Members of the Pastoral Region
 SPP 9:30a Living & Dec'd of Frank & Frances Meyer Fam.
 SM 11:00a Paul Poeppelman

MONDAY JULY 4 Weekday
 SPP 8:00a Purgatorian Society
 Gary Frilling

TUESDAY JULY 5 St. Anthony Zaccaria; St. Elizabeth of Portugal
 SM 6:00p Nancy Schlater, Lawrence & Luetta Schemmel,
 Ken & Steve Rose, Dale Dues, Andrew &
 Germaine Poeppelman, Bec Poeppelman

WEDNESDAY JULY 6 St. Maria Goretti
 SM 8:25a Viola Ernst

THURSDAY JULY 7 Weekday
 SM 8:25a Doris Hoying (Anniv.)

FRIDAY JULY 8 Weekday
 SM 8:25a Austin Luebke

SATURDAY JULY 9 St. Augustine Zhao
 SM 5:00p Ursula Eilerman

SUNDAY JULY 10 15th Sunday of the Year
 SM 8:00a Rosanne Grunkemeyer
 SPP 9:30a Living & Dec'd Members of the Pastoral Region
 SM 11:00a Deb Ernst

HOW TO SCHEDULE A MASS INTENTION
 Donations for mass intentions are accepted **up to one year in advance from the current month** by scheduling with your parish secretary. The stipend for a mass intention is \$5.00. The number of intentions that can be scheduled per year is limited.

St. Michael

Tue. 7/5 6:00p
 Wed. 7/6 8:25a
 Thu. 7/7 8:25a
 Fri. 7/8 8:25a
 Sat. 7/9 5:00p
 Sun. 7/10 8:00a
 Sun. 7/10 11:00a

ALTAR SERVERS

Kiersten Boeke, Allegra Gaier
 Andrew Bertke, Britain Frilling
 Beau Boerger, Ty Heckman
 Elaina Borchers, Ayla Hoying
 Sebastian Barhorst, Avery Bergman,
 Kenny Bertke
 Marie Ballas, Cole Barhorst, Delaney
 Barhorst
 Christian McGee, Olivia Mescher, Jack
 Holthaus

St. Michael

Sat. 7/9 5:00p
 Sun. 7/10 8:00a
 Sun. 7/10 11:00a

CANTORS

Juli Simon
 Frank Turner
 Josh Bornhorst

St. Michael

Sat. 7/9 5:00p
 Children's 8:00a
 Sun. 7/10 8:00a
 Sun. 7/10 11:00a

LECTORS

Kim Busse
 Steve Zimmerman
 Bryant Brackman
 Tracy Eilerman

St. Michael

Sat. 7/9 5:00p
 Sun. 7/10 8:00a
 Sun. 7/10 11:00a

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
 OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Mary Holthaus, Nate & Ella Boerger,
 Joyce Bornhorst, Stacey Brandewie,
 Kathy Pleiman, Taylor Gephart
 Lynn DeLoye, Dee Eilerman, Eileen
 Boeckman, Kim Eilerman, Bobbi
 Holthaus, Gayle & Jerrica Holthaus
 Angela Timmerman, Lisa Blagg, Lisa
 Boerger, Jackie Hoying, Judy Drees,
 Jamie Borchers, Hilary Brandewie

St. Michael

Sat. 7/9 5:00p
 Sun. 7/10 8:00a
 Sun. 7/10 11:00a

GREETERS

Mary Ann Schmitmeyer, Chris & Vicki
 Gasson, Mike & Lisa Pleiman Fam.,
 Jeff & Shelly Albers, Karl & Roberta
 Ratermann
 Jan Stockman, Keith & Amy Bergman
 Fam., Jerry & Mary Siegrist, Doug &
 Kristin Heitkamp Fam., John & Kelly
 Holthaus Fam.
 John & Teresa Puthoff

St. Michael

Sat. 7/9 5:00p
 Sun. 7/10 8:00a
 Sun. 7/10 11:00a

USHERS

Jerome Barhorst, Elton Gaier, Myron
 Gaier, Roger Siegel, Scott Eilerman,
 Jay Barlage
 Bob Barhorst, Ed Gigandet, Urban
 Holthaus, Ken Subler, Ken Meyer,
 Dave Holdheide
 Lester Schmitmeyer, John Meyer, Ken
 Poeppelman, Mark Poeppelman, Jeff
 Schemmel, Ron Drees

St. Michael

Sat. 7/9 5:00p
 Sun. 7/10 8:00a
 Sun. 7/10 11:00a

MASS COORDINATORS

Mary Holthaus
 Ed Gigandet
 Jane Ratermann



Ss. Peter and Paul

Mon. 7/4 8:00a
 Sun. 7/10 9:30a

ALTAR SERVERS

Madison & Grace Poeppelman
 Sayer & Finley Magoto, Carson Niekamp

Ss. Peter and Paul

Sun. 7/10 9:30a

CANTORS

Jean Watercutter

Ss. Peter and Paul

Sun. 7/10 9:30a

LECTORS

Jeff Replogle

Ss. Peter and Paul

Sun. 7/10 9:30a

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
 OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Dana Magoto, Cindy Replogle, Rachael
 Rains, Diana Paulus Judy Poeppelman

Ss. Peter and Paul

Sun. 7/10 9:30a

GREETERS

Jerri Barlage, Diana Paulus

Ss. Peter and Paul

Sun. 7/10 9:30a

USHERS

Vernon Ahrns, Nick Dues

St. Michael Parish

Weekly Financial Report - June 19, 2022

INCOME	<u>Week (51)</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Offertory:	\$ 12,032.00	\$ 618,207.85
Total Budgeted:	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>585,000.00</u>
Over/under Budget	\$ 2,032.00	\$ 33,207.85
Total Other Deposits	\$ 6,364.50	\$ 266,050.42
Capital Improvements	\$ 775.00	\$ 61,472.25
EXPENSES		
Parish Weekly Expenses:	\$ 25,545.63	\$ 959,512.27
Capital Improvements	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORT OUR PARISH!

Ss. Peter & Paul Parish

Weekly Financial Report - June 19, 2022

INCOME	<u>Week (51)</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Offertory:	\$ 2,872.00	\$ 155,184.88
Total Budgeted:	<u>2,700.00</u>	<u>152,300.00</u>
Over/under Budget	\$ 172.00	\$ 2,884.88
Total Other Deposits	\$ 15.00	\$ 40,245.64
Maintenance Income	\$ 172.00	\$ 13,692.61
EXPENSES		
Parish Weekly Expenses:	\$ 2434.81	\$ 218,724.47
Capital Improvements	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,040.00

THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORT OUR PARISH!



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SUN 3
7:15a (until 7:45a) Confessions—Sacred Heart
7:30a Mass with Fr. Aaron Hess—Holy Angels
8:00a Mass with Fr. Jarred Kohn—Sacred Heart
8:00a Mass with Fr. Andrew Reckers—St. Michael
8:30a (until 9:00a) Confessions—Holy Angels
9:15a (until 9:45a) Confessions—Sacred Heart
9:15a Mass with Fr. Steve Mondiek—Holy Angels
9:30a Mass with Fr. Aaron Hess—Ss. Peter & Paul
10:00a Mass with Fr. Jarred Kohn—Sacred Heart
10:15a (until 10:45a) Confessions—St. Michael
11:00a Mass with Fr. Steve Mondiek—Holy Angels
11:00a Mass with Fr. Andrew Reckers—St. Michael

MON 4
INDEPENDENCE DAY
ALL PARISH OFFICES CLOSED
8:00a Mass with Fr. Jarred Kohn—Sacred Heart
8:00a Mass with Fr. Steve Mondiek-Ss. Peter & Paul

TUE 5
7:00a Mass with Fr. Andrew Reckers—Holy Angels
7:30a (until 6:00p) Adoration—Holy Angels
5:00p (until 6:00p) Confessions—Holy Angels
5:00p (until 5:45p) Confessions—St. Michael
6:00p Mass with Fr. Aaron Hess—St. Michael
7:00p Unlocking the Mysteries—St. Mike’s Place

WED 6
7:00a Mass with Fr. Andrew Reckers—Holy Angels
8:00a Mass with Fr. Aaron Hess—Sacred Heart
8:25a Mass with Fr. Jarred Kohn—St. Michael
8:30a (until 7:00p) Adoration—Sacred Heart
9:00a (until 9:00p) Adoration—St. Michael
9:00a Senior Citizen Exercises—St. Michael Hall
12:00p (until 1:00p) Confessions—Holy Angels
6:00p HS TOB—St. Mike’s Place
7:00p Jesus Bible Study—St. Mike’s Place

THU 7
7:00a Mass with Fr. Andrew Reckers—Holy Angels
8:00a Mass with Fr. Aaron Hess—Sacred Heart
8:25a Mass with Fr. Jarred Kohn—St. Michael
8:25a HS Soul Food Mass/Donuts/Scripture
8:30a (until 7:00p) Adoration—Sacred Heart
9:00a Senior Citizen Chair Volleyball—SM Hall
10:00a Sr. Citizens to People’s Garden, Sidney
6:00p (until 7:00p) Confessions—Sacred Heart
6:00p HS TOB—St. Mike’s Place
7:00p Soul Core—St. Mike’s Place

FRI 8
6:30a (until 7:00a) Confessions—Sacred Heart
8:05a Morning Prayer—St. Michael
8:25a Mass with Fr. Jarred Kohn—St. Michael
8:30a Mass with Fr. Andrew Reckers—Holy Angels
9:15a Communion to the Homebound
3:15p Rosary for Persecuted Christians—St. Michael

SAT 9
8:00a Mass with Fr. Andrew Hess—Sacred Heart
8:00a Soul Core—St. Mike’s Place
3:15p (until 4:15p) Confessions—Holy Angels
3:30p (until 4:30p) Confessions—Sacred Heart
4:00p (until 4:30p) Confessions—St. Michael
4:30p Vigil Mass with Fr. Andrew Reckers—Holy Angels
5:00p Vigil Mass with Fr. Jarred Kohn—St. Michael
5:00p Vigil Mass with Fr. Aaron Hess—Sacred Heart

SUN 10
7:15a (until 7:45a) Confessions—Sacred Heart
7:30a Mass with Fr. Steve Mondiek—Holy Angels
8:00a Mass with Fr. Aaron Hess—Sacred Heart
8:00a Mass with Children’s Liturgy with Fr. Jarred Kohn—St. Michael
8:30a (until 9:00a) Confessions—Holy Angels
9:15a (until 9:45a) Confessions—Sacred Heart
9:15a Mass with Fr. Andrew Reckers—Holy Angels
9:30a Mass with Fr. Steve Mondiek-Ss. Peter & Paul
10:00a Mass with Fr. Aaron Hess—Sacred Heart
10:15a (until 10:45a) Confessions—St. Michael
11:00a Mass with Fr. Andrew Reckers—Holy Angels
11:00a Mass with Fr. Jarred Kohn—St. Michael

MASSES AT ST. MICHAEL CHURCH ARE LIVESTREAMED ON THE PASTORAL REGION WEBSITE

BAPTISM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Quinn Kathryn Hilgefert, daughter of Joshua & Megan (Fullenkamp) Hilgefert, Quinn Magnolia Bornhorst, daughter of Jacob & Amber (Luthman) Bornhorst, and Aspen Rayne Coverstone, daughter of Derek & Erica (Boerger) Coverstone.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Alex Rosenbeck of Precious Blood and Carly Sholtis of St. Michael.

NEW PARISHIONERS

St. Michael Parish welcomes David & Rosemary Treon.



Pastoral Region

FORT LORAMIE COMMUNITY SERVICE CLUB will be serving barbecued chicken dinners on Sunday, July 3, beginning at 10:30 am. Dinners include 1/2 chicken, chips, roll and applesauce for \$9.00. Dinners can be purchased at the drive-thru on Lane St. or at the Liberty Days Picnic.

OUR JULY SENIOR CITIZEN TRIP will be Thursday, July 7 to the People's Garden in Sidney to check out their community raised bed gardens and talk with a master gardener. We will be leaving at 10:00 am. Contact Rose at the POC to reserve your place.

SPAGHETTER DINNER FUNDRAISER will be held on Sunday, July 24 from 9:00 am-1:30 pm at St. Michael Hall. This fundraiser is being held by SM parishioner Isaac Holthaus and sponsored by Boys Scouts of America, Troop 355 to raise money for the construction of a flagpole at St. Patrick Cemetery as part of Isaac's Eagle Scout Project. Donations of any amount are welcome and carry-outs will also be available.

BAPTISM CLASS will be held Tuesday, July 26 at 7:00 pm at St. Mike's Place. All first-time parents are required to take this class before the baptism of their child. Please contact Diane or Betty Ann at the POC to register.

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC? Have a friend or family member who is interested in becoming Catholic? Please join us for RCIA! RCIA is a process designed to share the Catholic faith & prepare adults to receive the

Sacraments. Through this journey there will be members of our parish praying for you, attending sessions with you, and sharing their own stories of their Catholic experience. Our team is dedicated, knowledgeable, and supportive and we would love to walk beside you as you explore the Catholic faith. Sessions begin in August. Contact Rose at the POC at 937-295-2891, ext. 106 or rosem@nflregion.org with questions or interest.

SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH in McCartyville has an immediate opening for a Bookkeeper for their parish. Applicants should possess prior experience in processing payroll and general accounting. A complete job description is available on their parish website, sacredheartohio.org. Interested candidates must be trustworthy, have good communication skills, be able to multi-task and possess knowledge of Microsoft Office and Excel. The position is part-time of 19 hours per week. Cover letter and resume with references should be submitted to office@sacredheartohio.org.

St. Michael

JOIN US FOR LIVING SCRIPTURE on Monday afternoons from 2:00-3:00 pm this summer at St. Mike's Place. This is for students in grades 3-6 who would like to grow in their faith with their classmates by discussing the upcoming Sunday readings. Dates are July 11 and 25, and August 7 for 5th and 6th graders, and July 18, and August 1 for 3rd and 4th graders. Please let Melissa know if you have any questions by contacting her at the SM CCD Office at 937-295-2179 or melissah@nflregion.org. Snacks provided.

Ss. Peter & Paul

COME JOIN US TODAY, JULY 3 after the 9:30 am mass in the church basement for donuts, coffee and juice. It's a great opportunity for parishioners to get together and chat after mass.

SPP IMPROVEMENT FUND COLLECTION is next weekend; please remember the needs of your parish.

SPP PARISH IS LOOKING for a 4th grade catechist for next school year. Please consider volunteering! For more information, contact Lisa at the POC.

OUR FIRST MONTHLY DRAWING is TODAY, JULY 3— it's not too late to turn in your monthly drawing tickets! Tickets are \$10 each or 3 tickets for \$25, which entitles you to a chance to win \$10, \$15, \$25 and \$50. Put your ticket stubs and money in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket.



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"We are excited to launch a new communication tool that will allow us to connect with you between Sundays and between bulletins. It is called Flocknote. Below is information on how to join. Please contact Kate Boeke at the Parish Office Center at kateb@nflregion.org or 937-295-2891, ext. 115 or with any questions or concerns you may have regarding Flocknote. We look forward to connecting with you!"

Keep in touch with us!

TEXT _____ NFLR _____ TO 84576

OR CONNECT WITH US ONLINE AT:

newportfortloramieregion.flocknote.com



Did you know that each month of the Liturgical Year the Church has special devotions to some aspect of our Catholic Faith? During the month of June we memorialize the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The month of July we venerate Christ's Precious Blood. We all know that the Blessed Sacrament contains the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. Devotion to the Holy Eucharist is also devotion to the Precious Blood of Christ. When we have Eucharistic adoration, we are adoring the Blood of Christ as well, which is also contained in the sacred host in the Monstrance. The consecrated host is Christ's true flesh and blood!

Veneration of the Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ is a devotion as old as our Holy Faith... The Precious Blood is being daily consecrated and offered by priests in the Mass, and is at all times venerated by the faithful in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. Every time we receive Holy Communion, we receive the Flesh and Blood of Jesus Christ as a pledge of life eternal. The early Church Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pope Pius IX.

In Saint Matthew's Gospel, he records, *"During the meal Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples. 'Take this and eat it,' he said, 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them. 'All of you must drink from it,' he said, 'for this is my blood, the blood of the covenant, to be poured out in behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins."* (Mt. 26: 27-28).

"But one of the soldiers with a spear opened His side, and immediately there came out Blood and water." (John 19:34).

The oldest document, outside of sacred scripture, from the first century of the Christian era, by Pope St. Clement I, dated about 96 A.D. says: *"Let us fix our gaze on the Blood of Christ and realize how truly precious It is, seeing that it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of conversion to the whole world."*

"The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Savior shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it." *The Church's Year of Grace*, by Fr. Pius Parsch

In the Old Testament, when Israel was enslaved in Egypt, God commanded the people to sacrifice a lamb and to sprinkle the doorposts with its blood. The houses that were sprinkled were spared by the Angel of death. This blood on the doorposts pre-figured the Blood of Christ. Can the blood of a lamb save us? No, but as a figure of the Redeemer's Blood it certainly does. For when the Angel of death sees the thresholds of a human heart marked with Christ's sacred Blood, he must pass by. And another soul is saved! (Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Fr. Pius Parsch).

Fr. Steve Mondiek

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Sacrament of Baptism (infants)

First time parents are to attend a pre-baptismal program that is offered quarterly throughout the year. Baptisms may be celebrated during any weekend mass. Outside of mass, baptisms are celebrated at St Michael on the 2nd & 4th Sundays at 12:00p. At Ss. Peter & Paul, baptisms are celebrated on the 3rd Sunday at 10:30a. Schedule with the Parish Office Center at least two weeks in advance at 937-295-2891.

Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

Make an appointment with the pastor, vicars or deacon at least six months in advance of the anticipated wedding date. The church building is not reserved before this meeting. The preparation program consists of meetings with the pastor, FOCUS and a Pre-Cana workshop. If either party has previously been married, that marriage must be annulled before setting a date. Call the Parish Office Center at 937-295-2891.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Please notify the Parish Office Center of hospitalizations or home illnesses. The pastor or vicars will visit as soon as possible. Call the Parish Office Center at 937-295-2891. In the case of an emergency, call the Emergency Phone Line at 937-947-0204.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

Every Tuesday: 5:00-5:30p at St. Michael Church

Every Saturday: 4:00-4:30p at St. Michael Church

Thursday, only before 1st Friday 5:00-5:30p St. Michael

Thursday, only before 1st Friday 6:00-6:30p Ss. Peter & Paul

Join us for seasonal penance services. By appointment with the pastor or one of the vicars is available by contacting the Parish Office Center at 937-295-2891.

RCIA: Becoming a Member of the Catholic Church

Non-Catholic adults and teens interested in learning more about the Roman Catholic Church or becoming members of the Church, are invited to participate with The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). RCIA is the process for teens and adults to enter the Church. Call Pastoral Associate Rose Meyer at the Parish Office at 937-295-2891 for more details.



Place form in the collection or mail to your parish.

Your Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone or Email _____

Ss. Peter & Paul PO Box 199; Ft. Loramie OH 45845

St. Michael PO Box 7; Ft. Loramie, OH 45845

Please contact me/us.

I/We are interested in becoming Catholic.

I/We would like to register with the parish.

I/We have a change of address, email, phone.

I/We are moving out of the parish.

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July 2022

Newport - Fort Loramie Pastoral Region
St. Michael and Ss. Peter & Paul Parishes

One Minute Meditations

Let God love you

Have you ever seen a parent scoop up a child, breathe in his scent, and hug him closely as if he couldn't get enough of that beloved child? That's how God feels about you. He loves you dearly and shows you each day. Open your heart to Him.

Not just a symbol

According to Scripture, Jesus took bread and wine and said, "Take and eat; this is my body" and "this is my blood" (Matthew 26:26-28), and changed them into his Body and Blood. He also said, "Do this in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19). In the Eucharist we experience during Mass, "the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1374).

"The Church is the home that accepts everyone and refuses no one ... the greater the sin, the greater the love that the Church should show towards those who convert." Pope Francis



Find God in everyday things

St. Josemaría Escrivá, founder of Opus Dei ("Work of God"), taught that extraordinary holiness can be found in ordinary circumstances: "Everything that is done for love becomes beautiful and grand" in God's eyes. Want the surest way to sainthood? St. Josemaría said to make every moment holy:

Sanctifying work: "Carry out the little duties of each moment," and put all your heart, mind, skill, and love into what you do. When we offer our tasks (the "raw material") to God's grace, He gives them infinite value. For example, activities – especially unpleasant ones – can be offered for our own or others' intentions. This is one way to dedicate daily activities to God.

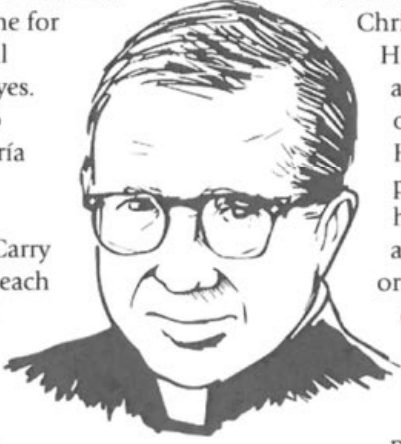
Sanctifying moments: Find the

"divine hidden in the most ordinary situations." God uses moments that are difficult, tedious, or just beyond our abilities to conform us to

Christ. Jesus spent most of His earthly life working and leading a holy but often ordinary life. With His grace, we grow in patience, perseverance, humility, compassion, and gratitude by meeting ordinary moments with extraordinary virtue.

Sanctifying attitude: When we are patient with others, take praise and criticism

well, and avoid jealousy, gossip, and dishonesty, we demonstrate that we belong to Christ. Our work becomes God's work. We become, slowly but surely, "a saint, seemingly like everyone else around him, but deeply identified with Jesus Christ."



Why Do Catholics Do That? Why do Catholics believe the Pope can teach infallibly?

Jesus named St. Peter the (visible) head of his Church and gave him the keys of the kingdom to bind and loose sin.

At the Last Supper, He promised to send the Holy Spirit to: "teach you everything and remind you

of all that I told you" (John 14:26).

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the pope teaches infallibly when, as St. Peter's successor, he teaches on matters of faith and morals (Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), #891). In these areas, he cannot err.



Prayer tips from the saints

Prayer at its best is a personal conversation with God and fuels our friendship with Him. Try these simple pro-tips from the saints:

St. John of the Cross: According to St John, naming our human needs and presenting them before God in prayer are acts of love. He taught that we don't need to spell out what we need or want, but offer our need to God and ask Him to do what pleases Him, "... because the Lord knows what is suitable for us better than we do."



St. Bernard of Clairvaux: "Those who are sincere and wise will not fail to 'chew' the psalm with their mind." Good prayer is fed by reading and meditating upon Scripture. A good Catholic commentary can help, too.

St. Teresa of Avila: "He wants to ... know the love you have for Him, whether it is present in dryness as well as in spiritual delights." Good prayer, like true love, perseveres even in difficulty or dryness. Our sincere efforts please God.

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Luke 12:13-21, More to life than riches

In this Gospel passage, Jesus is asked to intervene in a family feud over an inheritance. Back in ancient times, rabbis were often asked to settle such disputes. Jesus originally refused but seeing the discord within the family over the disagreement, he told them a parable about a wealthy but foolish man to put their situation into perspective.

The man in the story wasn't condemned for doing well for himself. He was condemned for his selfishness and lack of foresight. He didn't share his excessive wealth with those in need



or put his wealth to generous use. Although he was rich, he was spiritually impoverished. He would appear before God empty-handed.

The point of this parable isn't to scare us into getting rid of our wealth, but to remind us that there is more to life than accumulating goods. Our worth and esteem aren't based on what we have, but what we do with the gifts God has given us. How do we use them to care for His beloved children. Once we understand that, our hearts will become like His.

Q & A Does wearing the brown scapular bring good luck?

The scapular itself (from the Latin, scapula, or "shoulder"), consists of two small pieces of cloth connected by strings, and worn over the chest and back, close to the skin. According to tradition, Our Lady appeared to St. Simon Stock, founder of the Carmelite Order, and presented the brown scapular to him, promising that those who wore it until death would not suffer the fires of Hell, be preserved in time of danger, and experience peace and protection.

The brown scapular is the most common type, and there is a rite to enroll the wearer. The priest places the scapular on the wearer. These aren't "good luck" charms. Like other sacramentals, they are meant to prepare us to obtain grace through the Church's prayers, who asks for God's blessing upon us for some benefit for our body or soul (CCC #1670). The scapular itself – or any sacramental – doesn't "do" anything; it's a reminder to the wearer of their commitment to holiness and of Mary's protection – something already "in action."

Feasts & Celebrations

July 3 – St. Thomas (1st century). Despite being known as "doubting Thomas," he made a beautiful profession of faith when he received proof of Jesus' Resurrection: "My Lord and My God" (John 20:28). Tradition says that Thomas evangelized the Parthians, Medes, and Persians and ultimately reached India.

July 9 – St. Veronica Giuliani (1727). Born in 17th century Italy, St. Veronica entered the Capuchin order and began receiving visions of Christ's Passion soon after. By a special grace, she received the marks of Christ's

wounds on her body.

July 22 – St. Mary Magdalene (first century). Jesus expelled seven demons from Mary (Luke 8:2) and she financially supported His ministry. She stood by His Cross with His mother and was the one who informed the Apostles of Jesus' Resurrection.

July 26 – Sts. Joachim and Anne (first century). Little is known about Jesus' grandparents, but Mary's unshakeable faith, her devotion to the laws of her religion, and her steadiness in crises indicate the values with which she was raised.



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

















July

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 After Mass, write a family prayer to say every Sunday this summer.	4 Make a paper flag and hang it in the window to celebrate our country.	5 At dinner, pray together for anyone going through a difficult time today.	6 Bless each child this morning before the day's activities start.	7 Do a jigsaw puzzle. Discuss how God helps us fit our lives together.	8 Say, "I forgive you" to someone who hurt you.	1 Bless the TV set and ask for help in using it in God's service.
10 Celebrate Sunday as our weekly Easter. Bake a cake for a special snack after Mass.	11 Any time you find yourself worrying today, say a quick prayer of thanksgiving instead.	12 Make suncatchers! Decorate tracing paper with colored markers. Display in window.	13 In St. Joseph's honor, do something nice for your father.	14 Draw a picture of something God has given you for which you are truly grateful.	15 Family Fun Night! Play board games, sing songs, watch movies... together!	2 Have an egg-and-spoon race in the backyard. The winner picks dinner.
17 After Mass, review the Gospel (<i>Luke 10:38-42</i>). Talk about what it means.	18 Pretend to be a character from a book or movie. See who can guess your character first.	19 Sit outside and watch the sunset. Marvel at God's creation.	20 Set up an obstacle-course in the backyard. Form teams and have a relay race.	21 Read about one of the saints. Pray to him or her to intercede for your family.	22 Display fresh flowers in your home to remember our new life in Jesus.	9 Cheerfully do an unpleasant task or chore, and offer the sacrifice as a prayer for someone else.
24 Light a candle for the Holy Father's intentions after Mass today.	25 Make up a story and let everyone have a chance to add to it. Give it a happy ending.	26 Honor Jesus' grandparents by praying for all grandparents.	27 Practice patience!	28 Whenever you hear a siren, say a prayer for the safety of all involved.	23 Build a campfire in the backyard. Roast hotdogs and sing campfire songs.	16 Enjoy a caramel-themed dessert in honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.
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August

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<p>7</p> <p>Recite the Apostle's Creed as an act of faith.</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>In honor of St. Dominic, talk only of God and his blessings at dinner tonight.</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>Put on some music and have a dance-off!</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>Help make your family more loving and patient. Resolve only to use kind words toward each other.</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>In honor of St. Clare of Assisi, watch a good movie and eat popcorn together.</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>Skip a favorite snack or activity today in honor of Jesus' suffering on the Cross.</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>Bring a meal to someone who's homebound.</p> 
<p>14</p> <p>Attend Mass as a family: ray for peace.</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>Place some flowers before a statue of Mary, in honor of her Assumption into Heaven.</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>Put up paper in the yard. Fill spray bottles with watercolors and aim at the paper.</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>Sing a song that tells God how much you love Him.</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>Play "Guess the saint." Give clues to see if others can guess your chosen saint.</p> <p>???</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Demonstrate charity by inviting friends over for dessert tonight.</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>Have an A-Z scavenger hunt around the yard. Photograph something that starts with every letter.</p> 
<p>21</p> <p>Eat ice-cream sundaes after Mass today to celebrate the Lord's Day.</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>In honor of the Blessed Mother, pray the "Hail, Holy Queen" together.</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>Ask the pastor what your family can do to help out in the parish.</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>Draw pictures on the sidewalk or driveway with colored chalk.</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>Pick a beatitude and live it all day (Matthew 5:3-11).</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>Observe a meatless Friday today. Order a vegetarian pizza and relax.</p> 	<p>27</p> <p>Create a family dinner together. Each person makes a different part of the meal.</p> 
<p>28</p> <p>Gather up all the loose change in the house and put it in the collection basket during Mass.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Do one chore you have been putting off.</p> 	<p>30</p> <p>Look for a way God showed He loves you today and share it at bedtime.</p> 	<p>31</p> <p>At dinner, share your favorite memories from the summer.</p>			

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