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720 Liberty Street
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Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning - 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Holy Days - 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

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Parish Membership

Membership includes active participation in the sacramental life of the Church, involvement in the activities of the faith community and financial support of the parish.

New members are welcome to register by calling the parish office.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BUT WHO DO
YOU SAY THAT
I AM?

— MARK 8:29 —





UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

A MESSAGE FROM THE USCCB - The Catholic bishops of the United States are pleased to offer once again to the Catholic faithful *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, our teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics. This statement represents our guidance for Catholics in the exercise of their rights and duties as participants in our democracy. We urge our pastors, lay and religious faithful, and all people of good will to use this statement to help form their consciences; to teach those entrusted to their care; to contribute to civil and respectful public dialogue; and to shape political choices in the coming election in light of Catholic teaching. The statement lifts up our dual heritage as both faithful Catholics and American citizens with rights and duties as participants in the civil order. (To read, download or print a copy of the document in its entirety visit: www.usccb.org/offices/justice-and-peace/forming-consciences-faithful-citizenship and scroll down to "Learn More".)

As a complement to *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the bishops approved six new bulletin inserts to help the Catholic faithful put their faith into action. (The inserts will part of our parish Sunday bulletin from September 15 – October 20, 2024.)

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

By Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

I must confess. I have not always prayed for someone if I told him or her I would. I have fallen victim to making the phrase, "You are in my prayers," a sentence void of real emotion or intent. It is like asking the question, "How are you?" Do I always want to know how you are at the time? Then follows the most common responses of "fine" or "good." I could have had the worst day, but I still utter a response that does not reflect my true state. Many of us say things to be nice without really thinking about it. At least, I hope I am not the only one.

The truth is that words are meaningless without action. We sometimes make ourselves and others feel better by saying we will do things only to provide no action at all. Offering best wishes to those in real need without any action is worth little. Even if we think we are sincere, true faith without works is dead.

Good stewardship requires us to say what we mean and mean what we say. Stewardship is a way of living. It does ask for sentiments of love. It asks for profound actions of love. We need to offer our gifts, talents, time, and prayers to one another and then follow through. This means we need to be more mindful of what we are saying, more committed to following through, and more accountable for our actions if we fail. If we practice this way of living, not only will we be able to say we are doing the right thing, but our integrity will be intact and we will bear witness to the transforming power of Jesus Christ.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MONTY –

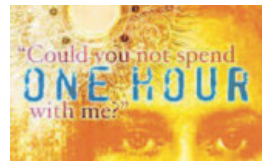
Treatment Update

I just finished the second of a three-cycle series of chemotherapy treatments. I will begin the third cycle on September 22. Thank you for your prayers and cards. A number of people have inquired about bringing food to the rectory. At this time, I am enjoying my own cooking. I have a system that—with a restricted diet, sensitivity to many spices and limited freezer space—is working well. Thank you for your concern—but most of all for your prayers and words of encouragement.

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE is scheduled for

Saturday, September 21 at 3:00 p.m.

Other times by appointment –
Phone 814-226-8433 Ext. 102



ONE HOUR – Need an evening of quiet reflection and an opportunity to spend time with Jesus? Starting Thursday September 19, 2024, at 6:00 pm and continuing the Third Thursday evening thereafter, we will

have a Holy Hour with Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction. The Holy Hour will conclude with Benediction at 7:00 pm. For more information, contact Deacon Joe by email at jglover@eriercd.org.

QUESTIONS of the WEEK FOR FAITH SHARING

Time Faith and Works

Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith. (James 2:17-18)

Adults: Why should faith always lead to good works?

Kids: What good works can you do to show your faith in Jesus?

QUESTIONS MOST CATHOLICS CAN'T ANSWER

More from [The Ultimate Catholic Quiz](#) (100 Questions Most Catholics Can't Answer) by Karl Keating.

A priest's power to confect the Eucharist...

- comes through the people present at Mass; thus a congregation is needed for a Mass to be valid.
- is less than a bishop's power, but greater than a deacon's power to confect the Eucharist.
- is given to him through the laying on of hands by his ordaining bishop.
- was not taught by Vatican II, which recognized that the Eucharist is not confected but is made present spiritually.
- none of the above

Answer and more information on the opposite page

CALLING ALL KNIGHTS! Your help is needed for us to continue to support our church, school, community and faith! Cook day to prepare for our **ALF Sausage Stand** is Sunday, September 22th from 10 a.m. to ? at the school cafeteria. Shifts are still available during ALF September 28th through October 6th. Call or text Andy at 814-221-2683 or Vince at 814-227-7665 for details. **Thanks to everyone who makes our biggest fundraiser of the year a great success!**



FOOD PANTRY — The food pantry, sponsored by Community Action, provides emergency supplemental food services to eligible Clarion County residents. Please help your neighbors by making a donation of non-perishable food items. Just leave whatever you can in the designated containers in the lobby of the church. It all helps!



Angels are a special part of God's creation. In the creed we state that God created all things "visible and invisible." We can't always see angels, but they are a part of our lives.

ANSWER TO "QUESTIONS MOST CATHOLICS CAN'T ANSWER"

- a. How can this be, since a private Mass by a priest is not only valid but encouraged? A priest doesn't need a congregation to celebrate a valid Mass; he doesn't even need an altar server.
- b. When it comes to the Eucharist, bishops and priests have exactly the same consecrating power. A deacon has none.
- c. This is the correct answer.
- d. Vatican II said no such thing. If it had, it would have contradicted infallible teaching — an impossibility.
- e. The correct answer is c.

TODAY IS CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

"Lord, when did we see you hungry" Matthew 25:37

This theme reflects our call to missionary discipleship. As St John Paul II reminded us: The universal call to holiness is closely linked to the universal call to mission. Every member of the faithful is called to holiness and to mission. We are called to be eucharist by word and action to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Our times cry out for this kind of holiness, one inflamed by the ardent determination to bring as many of our brothers and sisters as possible to Christ. (from www.USCCB.org)

Addition to the Prayer List:
Sarah Droddy

Money Counters Monday, September 16 Team 3

MASS Intentions

Monday, September 16 – Pope Saint Cornelius and Saint Cyprian

_____ NO MASS _____

Tuesday, September 17 – Saint Robert Bellarmine and Saint Hildegard

_____ NO MASS _____

Wednesday, September 18

_____ NO MASS _____

Thursday, September 19 – Saint Januarius

11:00 a.m. For the People

6:00 p.m. Holy Hour with Exposition, Adoration, And Benediction

Friday, September 20 – Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gōng and Paul Chōng-Ha-sang and Companions

_____ NO MASS _____

Saturday, September 21 – Saint Matthew

4:00 p.m. Homer "Jack" Best (Kathy Glosser)

Sunday, September 22 – Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Immaculate Conception Knights of Columbus Council # 7549 (I.C. Knights of Columbus)

8:30 a.m. **RADIO MASS** – Jean Van Hagen (Jean and Mike Lobaugh)

11:00 a.m. Barb Wigton (Rodger and Kathy Shingledecker)

Readings for the week of September 15, 2024

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 /Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 /Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 /Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20 /Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b) /Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-37

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