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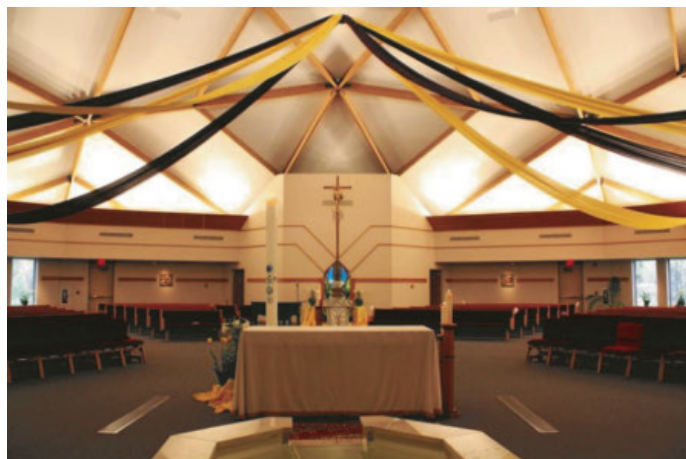
September 10, 2023 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For where two or three are gathered together
in my name, there am I in the midst of them."
- Mt 18:19-20

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Dear Parishioners:

Today we have celebrated with thanksgiving the life and work of our faith community--Sts. Simon and Jude. We have served as a witness to God's presence for more than 60 years. This building has provided refuge, comfort, and challenges for God's people. It has served for generations the faithful people of this community. Because of our financial struggles and dwindling attendance, it is with heartfelt sorrow that the parish and finance councils have begun the process to close the parish. **Our last Mass will be held on Sunday, October 1st.**

Please know that we are planning activities to celebrate our years of love, laughter, and worship that we have shared. We welcome ideas and help.

As we leave our building, help us to walk in the peace of God.

With Best Wishes,
Sally Sztrecska, Finance Council

Pray the Rosary with Us

Please join us for a prayer for healing for anybody who needs it! We will be meeting every Sunday at 11 a.m. in the Church, right after 10 a.m. Mass.



Parish Mission Statement - We, the community of Ss. Simon and Jude, a family in communion with Jesus Christ, continuously strive to achieve a unified and active parish through our commitments to compassion, continuous growth and community outreach. We pledge to achieve our mission by establishing open relationships of trust in each other in order to selflessly serve our diverse membership.

HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY

National Grandparents Day is celebrated each year on the first Sunday after Labor Day. Consider blessing both grandparents and grandchildren together this year, since being a grandparent is fundamentally a relationship with one's children's children. For those who do not have their grandchildren living close to them, ask them to bring a photo and hold it close to their hearts as they receive the blessing of the church and its minister:

God, who is our model
of an ever-loving and patient parent,
we give thanks for these men and women
who stand in our community as models of parenting.
We implore your fatherly blessing
on these grandmothers and grandfathers
as they stand with their grandchildren
close to their hearts.

We ask that you give them health and longevity
so that they may impart their knowledge and love
to their grandchildren.

Help them to be patient, loving, and kind.

We ask all this in the name of the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



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What are you supposed to do about the bad behavior of the people around you? You know who I'm talking about. That family member, friend, coworker, or acquaintance who is quite immoral. On this front there are two lively options in our culture: bash the person to others (probably online) or pretend everything's fine. The former damages the person. The latter ignores reality. What to do?

Jesus' strategy in the Gospel of Matthew is as wise as it is difficult: go directly to the person, and then gradually expand the circle of intervention. Simple, often effective, and hard. But what we often miss is the context of the Lord's strategy, "If your *brother* sins against *you*..." Notice the italicized words. Is the person in a Christian familial bond with you? And was the action in question against you? If so, proceed with the plan. Fine. But how often we fret over the sins of those who either aren't our spiritual siblings or have done nothing directly to us. This is not an invitation to ignore injustice in the world. Rather, we should build bonds of fraternal love, and carefully discern when and how others' sins are indeed our concern. Sometimes they are. Other times — frequently, perhaps — they simply are not.

— Father John Muir



Family Mass Luncheon

Starting the weekend of August 19th & 20th, we will have a sign-up sheet in the Gathering area for the Family Mass Luncheon that will be held on Sunday, September 24 at Noon after the morning mass. You will need to sign up either in person on the sheets that will be in the Gathering Area, or you will need to contact Sharlene Frizzell at 734-776-9697. You will need to have signed up in order to attend the luncheon; and all RSVP's are due by September 10th with no exceptions, as we need a final head count for the caterer. There is no cost to attend this luncheon. We look forward to gathering with you for our final luncheon at SS Simon and Jude.

“Así como Moisés levantó la serpiente en el desierto, así tiene que ser levantado el Hijo del hombre, para que todo el que crea en él tenga vida eterna. Porque tanto amó Dios al mundo, que le entregó a su Hijo único, para que todo el que crea en él no perezca, sino que tenga vida eterna”.



- Therese Brogowski
- Julie Bjerk
- Barb Phillips
- Jay Richards
- Quincy Frank
- Donna Hiollis
- Lori Mercier
- Judy FitzPatrick
- Erin Maddix
- Bob Patterson
- Russ Nowaczck
- George Mayernik
- Josie Kozlowski

- Robert Bur
- Taylor Day
- Irene Wurster
- Jo Hamm
- Ron Hays
- Camille Heraghty
- Andy Scheik
- Stacy Peabody
- Ezra Mack
- Roberta Tindell
- Becky Martindale
- Rachel Palecki
- Dorthea Hunsinger
- Kevin Pardee
- Ida Pardee
- Everett Watson
- Mary Morgan
- Susan Smith
- Deborah Young

- Don Iminski
- Rachel Lear
- Lillian Lombardi
- Sienna Lombardi
- William Erickson
- Gavin Ramirez
- Rudy Sedlarik
- Michael Protrzuski
- Mary Painter
- Brenda Painter
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- Laura Nowak
- Bill Ziemba
- Journey Rehnlund
- James Peltier
- Eugenia Ozga
- Joe Kocsis
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- Cohen Frank
- Rose Pieknik
- Gerard Painter
- Helena Walczowski
- Paula Rehnlund
- Stan Armstrong
- Cyndi Lombardi
- Rena Laverty
- Carole Sutton
- Mary Ann Kocsis
- Theresa Todd
- Jennifer Seremak
- Mike Sylvestre

This Week in Our Parish

Saturday, September 9, St. Peter Claver

4:30 p.m. Mass/ Ushers' Club Spaghetti Dinner

† Frank Ohsowski, Req. by the Ohsowski Family

Sunday, September 10, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 a.m. Mass/Grandparents' Day

† Raymond & Geraldine Smith, req. by Evelyn Gett

11 a.m. Rosary

3-5 p.m. Sunday Stitchers

Monday, September 11

No Mass

Tuesday, September 12

No Mass

Wednesday, September 13, St. John Chrysostom

No Mass

Thursday, September 14, Exaltation of the Holy Cross

No Mass

Friday, September 15, Our Lady of Sorrows

No Mass

Saturday, September 16, Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

4:30 p.m. Mass

† Frank Ohsowski, Req. by the Ohsowski Family

† Gilbert Burczycki, Req. by the Burczycki Family

Sunday, September 17, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 a.m. Mass

† Thomas Mazurek, req. by Adela Mazurek

11 a.m. Rosary

3-5 p.m. Sunday Stitchers

With Our Deepest Sympathy

We would like to extend our sympathy to the family and friends of **Mr. Donald R. Carey**, whose Funeral Mass was held on Monday, August 21, and to the family and friends of **Mr. Walter Watts**, whose Memorial Mass was held on Wednesday, September 6.



May their families and friends find comfort in their faith at this time and may **Donald and Walter** rest in eternal peace.

Exaltation OF THE *Cross*

Readings for the week of September 10, 2023

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

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Schedule of Masses:

Saturday afternoon.....4:30 p.m.
 Sunday morning.....10:00 a.m.

Baptism

Parents intending to have their infants and children (ages 0-5) receive the Sacrament of Baptism, must first be a registered parishioner. Parents must attend one class of instruction the Tuesday evening before the scheduled baptism. Baptisms take place the third full weekend of the month alternating each month between Saturday and Sunday Masses.

Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation has been suspended until further notice.

Anointing of the Sick

This is primarily a sacrament of physical healing and spiritual strengthening. The sacrament is administered to those facing serious surgery or illness. If you desire this sacrament, please call the Parish Office. We offer a communal Anointing service in the spring and fall.

Marriage

Couples desiring to marry should contact the parish office. Arrangements must be made at least nine (9) months prior to the wedding. The couple (or one party) must be a registered parishioner.

Weekly Offering

August 27	Env. = 35
Weekly.....	\$919.00
Poor Box.....	\$21.00
Assumption.....	\$25.00
Energy.....	\$20.00
Maintenance.....	\$5.00
Religious Education.....	\$5.00
TOTAL.....	\$995.00



50/50 Raffle Winners

Congratulations to **Noreen Miles**, who won \$38.00 in the Saturday, August 26, 50/50 Raffle, and to **Debby Wiczorek**, who won \$82.00 on Sunday, August 27, 50/50 Raffle.



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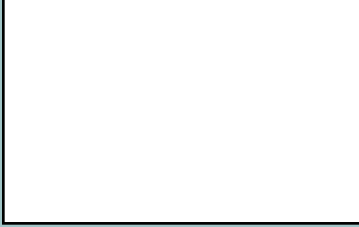
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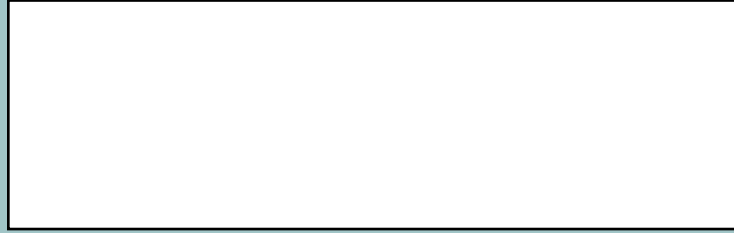
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