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Nightly Examination

This is important and it helps prepare you for your next confession. It is healthy to examine your faults and failings and to ask God's help to overcome them.

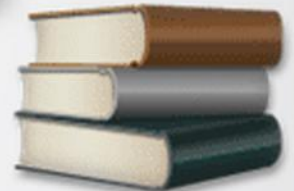


15 minutes of Mental Prayer

It consists of a "heart-to-heart" with God and leaving time for talking and listening. God is extremely interested in what is going on in your life.

Morning Offering

By praying a morning offering, you dedicate the rest of the day to God, which then prepares you to tackle anything that comes at you during the day.



15 minutes of Spiritual Reading

One way to do this is to read the Gospel reading for today and then find a spiritual book that will help you grow in your relationship with God.

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DAILY HABITS
TO KEEP YOUR
FAITH ALIVE

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Director of Sacred Music: Teresa Smith

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[] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form

[] We've Moved, here is our new information

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 18

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Parish Family

Sunday, September 19

- Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Ronnie Burns +

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Rose Mary Helm +

Monday, September 20

No public Mass

Tuesday, September 21

7:00-8:00 a.m. Adoration

8:00 a.m. Evelyn Morrissey +

8:30 a.m. Confessions

Wednesday, September 22

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration

6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. Emmanuel Thach +

Thursday, September 23

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Marshall
& Paxton Families

Friday, September 24

8:30 a.m. Diann Huss +

Saturday, September 25

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Andrea Grover +

Sunday, September 26

- Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Alice Singer +



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

This weekend (September 18th/19th), the Church celebrates the **Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Over the next several weekends, we will continue to hear of our Lord speaking on the demands of discipleship throughout the Gospel of St. Mark. This theme will culminate in the end of the liturgical year as we celebrate the **Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**.

Forty Days for Life

This coming Wednesday (*September 22nd*) marks the beginning of the national **Forty Days for Life** campaign. During these forty days (*September 22nd - October 31st*), we are called in a special way to pray, fast, and witness for an end to the evils of abortion and for the protection of all human life throughout our society. As the right to life is that most basic of human rights, we are called to defend it with maximum determination if we hope to further any other human rights (cf. Pope St. John Paul II's two encyclicals: *Christifideles Laici*, Para. 38, & *Evangelium vitae*, Para. 101).

This understanding of the evil of abortion was clearly reiterated earlier this week by Pope Francis. Speaking to reporters following the papal visit to Slovakia, Pope Francis strongly stated: *"Abortion is more than an issue. Abortion is murder... It's a human life, period. This human life must be respected. This principle is so clear."* With this understanding, we can see *"why the Church is so strict on this issue: Because accepting this is kind of like accepting daily murder."*

Watch for updates in the coming weeks on opportunities that will arise throughout the **Fort Days for Life**. May we serve as consistent witnesses to life, from conception to natural death, and the dignity of each human person.

BAPTISMAL FONT

This coming Thursday (*September 23rd*), *Mazzolini Artcraft* is scheduled to deliver our repaired baptismal font to the parish. Thanks to their work and the generous support fundraised by our **G.I.R.L's Night Out**, our baptismal font will continue to serve our parish family for years to come. Passing through the waters of baptism from this font, the newly baptized will join our eucharistic community as members of the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ.

Over the years, our baptismal font has often found itself placed in many different spots throughout the church building. Originally placed in the Baptistry (*now the Usher's Room*), it has also been placed in various spots in both the sanctuary and nave. As it returns, we will be relocating the font from the sanctuary to the center of the narthex (*or gathering space*). This location has both practical and theological implications that this column will look at next weekend.

USHER'S ROOM AND GENERAL SEATING

At the suggestion of our Parish Council and due to the increased need, we will be opening up our Usher's Room (*opposite of the Cry Room*) for seating during our weekend Mass times. This limited seating will be primarily reserved for parishioners who, due to health reasons, cannot be seated in a pew for an extended period. The room itself has been reorganized and now has several padded chairs and two rocking chairs for seating. (**Please note:** *Though the Usher's Room will be open for seating, the Choir Loft remains reserved for the choir.*)

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David

MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., September 20 - Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs - Ezr 1:1-6/ Lk 8:16-18

Tues., September 21 - St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist - Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/ Mt 9:9-13

Wed., September 22 - Ezr 9:5-9/ Lk 9:1-6

Thurs., September 23 - St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest - Hg 1:1-8/ Lk 9:7-9

Fri., September 24 - Hg 2:1-9/ Lk 9:18-22

Sat., September 25 - Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/ Lk 9:43b-45

Sun., September 26 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Nm 11:25-29/ Jas 5:1-6/ Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



Sharon Miller, Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie and Cheryl Jackson, Sandy Arnold, Andrea Holte, Tom Williams, Jen Coyne, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Nora LaVine, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Doreen Ayres, Leanne Lee and Matt McFarren.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, October 1

9:00 a.m. (Following 8:30 a.m. Mass)

Confessions 5:00-5:45 p.m.

Mass at 6:00 p.m.

(Sign up sheet is in the narthex.)



"Spend an Hour with me." - Jesus



First Saturday Confession
October 2nd following
8:00 a.m. Mass until 9:00 a.m.



The Knights of Columbus are seeking volunteers to park cars Saturday of Street Fair. This is a good opportunity for anyone who is in need of volunteer hours for National Honor Society, Confirmation or just willing to help out. Please contact Larry Leitz at 260-273-9076 to see what time slots are available on September 25th. Park cars for a while, then go and enjoy the last day of the FAIR!

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., September 18 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., September 19 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., September 19 - Religious Education Classes - 8:30 - 9:45 a.m.
- Tues., September 21 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Wed., September 22 - Adoration 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., September 23 - RCIA class - 6:30 p.m.
- Fri., September 24 - Parish Office will be closed today. For Sacramental emergencies, please call Fr. David at 260-296-0511.
- Sat., September 25 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., September 26 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., September 26 - Religious Education Classes - 8:30 - 9:45 a.m.
- Tues., September 28 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Wed., September 29 - Adoration 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., September 30 - RCIA class - 6:30 p.m.
- Fri., October 1 - First Friday Adoration 9:00 a.m. (Following 8:30 a.m. Mass) Confessions 5:00-5:45 p.m./Mass at 6:00 p.m.
- Sat., October 2 - First Saturday Confession - after 8:00 Mass until 9:00 a.m.
- Sat., October 2 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., October 3 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., October 3 - Religious Education Classes - 8:30 - 9:45 a.m.
- Mon., October 4 - Feast of St. Francis of Assisi - Blessing of Pets 6:00 p.m. under the canopy in front of the main Church entrance.

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 25/26



5:00 Jay Crisp
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 Teresa Smith

CANTORS



5:00 Stacey Coulardot
7:30 Steve Wagner
10:00 George Witwer

LECTORS



5:00 Volunteers
7:30 Doug/Janet Lehman
10:00 Kerry/Tracy Coyne Family



5:00 Alex or Audrey Mechling OR Volunteers
7:30 Abby/Adrienne Wagner
10:00 Raphael/Theo Souza

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report September 11/12 Weekend

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40
We are \$2,278.90 behind our budget
for the month of September.

Adult Envelopes- \$2,026.00

Child Envelopes- \$0

Loose- \$248.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$190.12

Religious Ed. Fund- \$155.00

Religious Ed. Fees- \$640.00

Reimb. Exalted Books- \$84.12

Total- \$3,343.24

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$45.00

*Thank you for your gifts
to St. Joseph's!*

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Sunday, October 10th from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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LOADING...
LONG WEEKEND

The Parish Office will be closed
Friday, September 24th, and
Thursday and Friday,
October 21st and 22nd.

From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of
the soul of Ruth Blanche Holland, mother of Bruce
(Diane) Holland, who passed away

Monday, September 13, 2021 and will be laid to rest
Saturday, September 18th.

May God welcome Ruth home, fill her with peace and
bless those who will miss her.

Eternal Rest Grant unto her O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon
her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the
mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.

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i - is it inspiring?
n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?

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-St. Mother Teresa

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Saint Augustine

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