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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Q. How did Christ show and prove His divine power?

A. Christ showed and proved His divine power chiefly by His miracles, which are extraordinary works that can be performed only by power received from God, and which have, therefore, His sanction and authority.

Q. What, then, did the miracles of Jesus Christ prove?

A. The miracles of Jesus proved that what He said was true, and that when He declared Himself to be the Son of God He really was what He claimed to be.

Q. Could not men have been deceived in the miracles of Christ?

A. Men could not have been deceived in the miracles of Christ because they were performed in the most open manner and usually in the presence of great multitudes of people, among whom were many of Christ's enemies, ever ready to expose any deceit. If Christ performed no real miracles, how, then, could He have converted the world and persuaded sinful men to give up what they loved and do the difficult things that the Christian religion imposes?

Q. Could not false accounts of these miracles have been written after the death of Our Lord?

A. False accounts of these miracles could not have been written after the death of Our Lord: Neither His friends nor His enemies would have believed them without proof. Moreover, the enemies of Christ did not deny the miracles, but tried to explain them by attributing them to the power of the devil or other causes. The Apostles and the Gospel writers suffered death to testify their belief in the words and works of Our Lord.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 4

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

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

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Tom Courtney +

Sunday, September 5

- Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. Mary Ann & Terry Flowers +

Monday, September 6 - Labor Day Mass

7:00 p.m. Poor Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, September 7

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

8:00 a.m. Gertie Wyss +

8:30 a.m. Confessions

Wednesday, September 8

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

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

7:00 p.m. Florence Gillig Family

Thursday, September 9

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

Friday, September 10

8:30 a.m. Jerry & Mary Fisher Family

Saturday, September 11

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

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

4:35 p.m. Rosary

5:00 p.m. Patricia Stoltz +

Sunday, September 12

- Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

7:10 a.m. Rosary

7:30 a.m. Parish Family

9:40 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. For the Special Intention of
Diane Humphrey



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

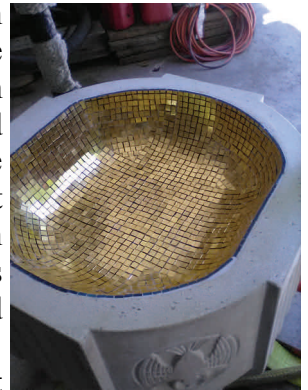
This weekend (*September 4th/5th*), the Church celebrates the **Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**. In our Gospel (*Mark 7:31-37*), we hear of Jesus' continued healing ministry. This word, "*Ephphatha!*", used today is also used in our baptismal liturgy. After an individual has been baptized, the celebrant touches their ears and mouth, praying that the newly baptized may hear God's word and loudly proclaim it.

Just as the man miraculously healed in today's Gospel is changed, so we are changed in baptism. Through baptism, the Holy Spirit produces in our souls, in the supernatural order, effects comparable to those which Christ produces in the body of the deaf and mute man. Once we pass through these saving waters, we are freed from Original Sin, our bodies become temples of the Holy Spirit, our souls are forever marked for Christ, and our hearts are open to receive His saving words.

Each of, then, is called to preach the good news. In baptism, we have first encountered Christ. This encounter is never meant to end. Our relationship with Jesus Christ is only meant to grow and deepen. What is started through the waters of baptism is meant to continue, to well-up, and to flourish even unto the Kingdom of Heaven.

BAPTISMAL FONT UPDATE

Several weeks ago, our baptismal font was taken in for restoration and renovation. As we have been able to trace this same font back to the old church on Cherry Street, it has seen many years of wear and tear. Partnering with *Mazzolini Artcraft*, work on the font is underway. Of initial concern was a prominent crack in the baptismal bowl itself, but this has been able to be safely repaired. The interior of the bowl is being given a tiled-insert (*pictured*) and will be sealed so as to prevent any water damage moving forward.



A special "*Thank You!*" to our **G.I.R.L's Night Out**, whose fundraising efforts made this repair and renovation possible! Because of this, this font will continue to serve our parish for years to come.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR & ADULT CHOR

As mentioned the past few weekends, we will be starting a Children's Choir very soon. All children, ages 7-15, are welcomed and encouraged to join. At the moment, we are looking at two options for holding a weekly practice: either Tuesday or Thursday evenings. Please contact Teresa Smith (teresalsmith2000@yahoo.com) if you are interested and let her know which day works best for you for a weekly practice (Tuesday or Thursday).

For those over the age of 15, you are welcomed and invited to join our Adult Choir. After a long hiatus, the Adult Choir will resume their weekly practices this coming week. All returning choir members are invited to an introductory practice this coming **Wednesday, September 8th**, following the Wednesday evening Mass.

If you are interested in joining the Adult Choir, open practices will begin next Wednesday. All interested parishioners are invited to the Choir's first open practice on **Wednesday, September 15th**, following the Wednesday evening Mass. Please contact Teresa if you are interested in learning more about the Adult Choir.

Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David



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.



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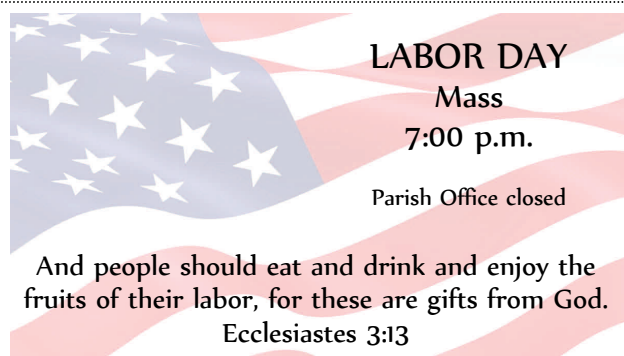
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Tuesday, September 7- Recitation of the Holy Rosary 6:40 p.m. in Church / meeting in Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.



*Interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith?
Join us for RCIA!*

Classes begin Thursday, September 9th at 6:30 p.m.



And people should eat and drink and enjoy the
fruits of their labor, for these are gifts from God.
Ecclesiastes 3:13

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., September 4 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., September 5 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Mon., September 6 - Labor Day - Parish Office Closed
- Mon., September 6 - Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Tues., September 7 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Tues., September 7 - Knights of Columbus - Recitation of the Holy Rosary 6:40 p.m. in Church / meeting in Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., September 8 - Adoration 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., September 8 - Catechist meeting (rescheduled from August 25) following 7:00 p.m. Mass in the Parish Social Hall.
- Thurs., September 9 - RCIA class - 6:30 p.m.
- Sat., September 11 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., September 12 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., September 12 - Religious Education Classes resume - 8:30 - 9:45 a.m.
- Tues., September 14 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Tues., September 14 - G.I.R.L.'s Night Out Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., September 15 - Adoration 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., September 16 - RCIA class - 6:30 p.m.
- 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.

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 11/12



5:00 Teresa Smith
7:30 Donna Geisel
10:00 Nancy/Larry Leitz

CANTORS



5:00 Glenn Ryan
7:30 Carol Butler
10:00 Patti Clark-Johnson

LECTORS



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



5:00 Volunteers
7:30 Spencer McCorkle, Jacquelyn/Phillip Mayer
10:00 Ellie Coyne, Gracie Haiflich, Gabby Hoffacker

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report
August 28/29 Weekend
Online Giving/August-
\$5,310.00

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40
We were \$2,618.74 ahead of budget
for the month of August.

Adult Envelopes- \$3,450.00
Child Envelopes- \$0
Loose- \$217.00

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$195.00
Online Giving/August- St. Vincent
de Paul Fund- \$210.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$634.66
Religious Ed. Fund- \$0
Votive Candles- \$366.40
Total- \$4,668.06

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

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND REPORT - August
Housing- \$1,500.00

Total Charitable Donations- \$1,500.00

Thank you for helping us help others!

"For it is in giving that we receive." - St. Francis of Assisi

Mark your Calendar!



Monday, October 4 - Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
Blessing of the Animals - 6:00 p.m.
under the canopy in front of the main Church entrance



Welcome Back!
Religious Education Classes begin
Sunday, September 12 - 8:30-9:45 a.m.

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

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