

August 14 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Let There Be Peace on Earth

The world changes, and it's changing faster all the time. My husband and I like to make note of the things we say today that would make no sense to people just fifty years ago. "I Googled it," for example. Or "You can read his blog on Facebook." Or my husband's favorite: "I can't find my phone."

Some time ago I read a note from my children's school that would have mystified my grandparents. It read, "We are asking you to provide a nonperishable snack to be stored in your child's homeroom in the event of a security lockdown." *Security lockdown?*

A few days later I was talking with some other moms. One remarked that her son is still terrified of the school fire drill (he hates noise), but he doesn't have any trouble with the lockdown drill. I must have looked confused, so she elaborated. When the principal announces "Code Red" over the PA system, the teacher dims the lights and locks the door while the kids hurry into the closet. In rooms without a closet, there is a designated hiding place where they can't be seen through the glass in the hall door. The teacher closes the window blinds and joins the huddled kids until the all-clear is sounded.

Maybe the world doesn't change nearly enough. Our elders endured their 9/11, which they called Pearl Harbor, followed by yet another War to End All Wars; their economic meltdown, which they called the Crash, was followed by the Great Depression.

Today we prepare for terrorist attacks and send snacks for our children to eat in the closet. When I was in grade school, we practiced "duck and cover" drills in the event of nuclear war. I wasn't traumatized by those rehearsals because, as I realize now, the adults in charge did a good job of maintaining a sense of normalcy.

We're made for peace and goodwill, and if we can't have peace and goodwill, we at least try to keep our children innocent and untroubled, even if it means making a game out of the unthinkable and providing a snack for the end of the world.

God promises to make all things new. Forecast in Isaiah, confirmed in the Book of Revelation, we are assured that God will wipe every tear from our eyes "and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain" (21:4). Until then, we must be as much like God as possible—feeding our little ones, creating peace, doing the best we can to make the world as it should be.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

August 14 – Deceased Family and Friends of
Glen and Diane Bohman

August 21 – Carl and Alma Gehl

August 28 – Jack and Christin White

MASS INTENTIONS

August 13 – Glen and Diane Bohman
25th Wedding Anniversary

August 14 – Richard and Dolores Wagner

August 20 – Harold and Virginia Reisman

August 21 – Lucille Simon

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – August 20 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Jack Ferkinhoff

Gifts: Mike and Cathy Wagner

Eucharist Minister: Judy Steuri

Sunday – August 21 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Cindy Weisenbach, Julie Stephens

Gifts: Steve and Ann Wagner

Eucharist Minister: Amanda Schutte

Saturday – August 27 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Tara Ricke

Gifts: Ken and Terry Harmeyer

Eucharist Minister: Roseann Wirth

Sunday – August 28 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Arlene Gehl, Amy Kinker

Gifts: David and Jenny Hardesty

Eucharist Minister: Vicki Wagner

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$3682.25
Children's Envelopes	\$ 10.87
Loose Collection	\$ 283.00
Total Collection	\$3976.12
Capital Improvement	\$125.00

**THANK YOU FOR BEING A BLESSING TO
THE PARISH!**

"Today, too, the world needs to see prophets in the Lord's disciples, that is, people who are courageous and persevere in responding to the Christian vocation. People who follow the "drive" of the Holy Spirit, who sends them to proclaim hope and salvation to the poor and the excluded..."

~ Pope Francis

CONGRATULATIONS – Once again, we congratulate **Glen and Diane Bohman** on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. May you continue to be faithful to your marriage vows.

ASSUMPTION OF MARY – The Feast of the Assumption of Mary is celebrated on Monday, August 15. From the moment of her existence, Mary herself and everything about her was God’s gift and grace. Pope Pius XII declared this as a doctrine on November 1, 1950, saying, “When the course of her earthly life had ended, she was taken up body and soul into heaven.” Neither sin nor the corruption of death was to touch her body or her soul. The Assumption is a sign of hope for us that we too will rise to new life with Jesus.

Since this holy day falls on a Monday, the obligation to attend Mass is lifted. Therefore, Father Bill will not celebrate a Mass here. On this special Mary feast, I encourage you to attend Mass in a surrounding parish on August 15th.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Registration for Preschool religion classes will take place the weekend of August 20-21. To register, your child needs to be four years of age now and be ready for Kindergarten in the fall of 2023.

First Class – The first religion class will be on Wednesday, September 14, from 6:45 to 8:00 PM. Parents, when you requested baptism for your child, you promised to raise them in the practice of the Catholic Faith. Please take this promise seriously and see that your children attend these religious education classes.

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL – Religious Education classes for this age group begin on Sunday, September 11, 8:30–9:45 AM. Joyce Muckerheide, Coordinator of Religious Education, is in need of a catechist for Grade 7. She is also needing a couple of parishioners who would give of their time and talent to assist in organizing youth activities again. Please prayerfully consider these means of ministry in the parish.

PARISH COUNCIL – The members of the Parish Council for 2022-2023 are Mary Bultman, Terry Harmeyer, Greg Kinker, Todd Nobbe, Amy Prentice, Jayson Purdy, Julie Stephens, Marge Thole, Joyce Muckerheide, and Patty Simon.

GREETERS FOR 4:00 PM MASS

August 13 – Brian Horan and Joe Wagner
August 20 – Ken Harmeyer and Ken Hellmich
August 27 – Steve Gilland and Paul Simon

GREETERS FOR 10:00 AM MASS

August 14 – George and Mary Bultman
August 21 – Paul and Arlene Gehl
August 28 – Kevin Tunny and Steve Wagner

AREA FESTIVALS – Aug. 20 & 21 – St. Nicholas, Sunman.

Sep. 4 – St. Catherine of Siena, Enochsburg.

Sep. 5 – St. Anthony, Morris.

Sep. 17 & 18 – St. Louis, Batesville.

Further information for upcoming church festivals can be found on the flyers in the church vestibule.

QUOTE – “The heart of the spiritual life is to love God and then to love everything else for the sake of God. But we sinners, as St. Augustine said, fall into the trap of loving the creature and forgetting the Creator....We treat something less than God as God—and trouble ensues. And this is why Jesus tells his fair-weather fans that they have a very stark choice to make. Jesus must be loved first and last, and everything else in their lives has to find its meaning in relation to him.” ~ Bishop Robert Barron






THE LORD’S LAUGHTER – After a church service, a man approached the pastor and asked him if he could talk to him privately about his brother’s upcoming funeral service. The pastor recognized the man as one of the worst scoundrels in town, and his deceased brother also was a scoundrel who had a debauched lifestyle.

But the pastor had made a commitment to officiate at the brother’s funeral, so he invited the man into his office.

The brother said, “I don’t care what you say about my brother in your eulogy, but I have only one request – just call my brother a ‘saint’ in your eulogy.” He handed the pastor an envelope. “Here’s \$30,000 in cash for a new roof for the church.” The pastor cheerfully accepted the envelope.

At the funeral a week later, the pastor rose in the pulpit and declared, “The man you see in the coffin was rotten to the core, and did every rotten thing you can think of, but compared to his brother, he was a saint.” (via John Chamberlain, Kalamazoo, MI, The Joyful Noiseletter)

August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
		 BLOOD DRIVE 12:00 – 6:00 PM	SERVER PRACTICE for New Servers 6:00 PM in Church		 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 AM – Noon	Transfiguration of the Lord Mass 4:00 PM Blood Pressure Checks
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Mass – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks COFFEE AND DONUTS				Parish Council Meeting 6:30 PM		Mass 4:00 PM NO Mass in Hall – Rented
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Mass – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Hall Rented						Mass 4:00 PM
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Mass – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time COFFEE AND DONUTS	QUEENSHIP OF MARY 		Faith Formation Meeting 4:30 PM			Mass 4:00 PM
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
Mass – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 AM Shelter Rented					<u>THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH</u> For small businesses: We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating and serving their communities.	