

# August 16 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THEN JESUS SAID TO HER IN REPLY,  
“O WOMAN, GREAT IS YOUR FAITH.”



Nothing can hold back  
the brave woman from Canaan.

Not religious boundaries,  
not gender rules,  
nothing,  
when she told him  
the needs of her precious child.

Dear Lord,  
give us faith like this unswerving woman.  
Make us stubborn. Fearless.  
Bold, creative.

Whatever it takes.

Let us hear, “O, great is your faith.  
Let it be done for you as you wish.

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## SANCTUARY LIGHT

August 16 - Bertha Wagner  
August 23 - Lawrence and Lillian Lustig  
August 30 - Floyd and Erma Harlemert

## MASS INTENTIONS

August 15 - Richard Wagner  
August 16 - Gary Stier  
August 22 - Urban Johannigman  
August 23 - Lorreta Niese  
August 29 - Lucille Simon  
August 30 - Ruth Gehl

## 7/29/20-8/10/20 PARISH SUPPORT

Sunday Collections	\$6824.40
Capital Improvement	\$ 170.00
Donations in Memory of Phil Gehl	\$ 420.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 10.00
Assumption	\$ 70.00

**Thank You For Your Continued Giving!**

## MONTHLY REPORT - JULY

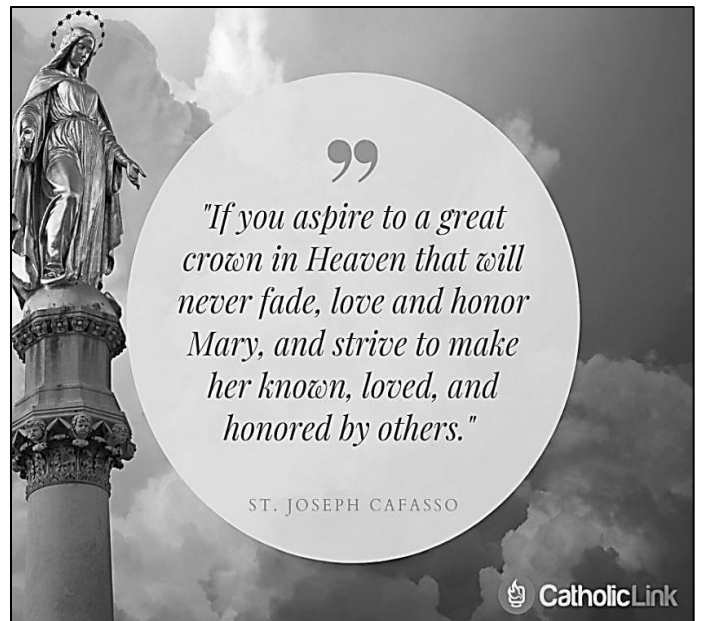
<b>Electronic Giving for July</b>	<b>\$2,370.00</b>
<b>Total Sunday &amp; Holy Day Collections (7/1/20 - 7/31/20)</b>	<b>\$12,857.00</b>
<b>Amount Required to Meet Budget (7/1/20 - 7/31/20)</b>	<b>\$13,600.00</b>

## 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: August 23

**“WHO DO PEOPLE SAY THAT THE SON OF  
MAN IS?”**

In today's gospel, Jesus asks his disciples to report on the rumors and gossip of the crowd that follows him. He wants to know what they are saying about his identity. While the crowds believe that Jesus might be one of the prophets come back to life, they haven't made the conclusion that Peter has come to: that this man is, in fact, the anointed one they have been waiting for, the Messiah, the “Son of the living God.”

This question of faith remains one that is asked of each disciple today. We have met Jesus in the word of God and in the sacraments. We have heard him proclaimed by catechists, evangelists and preachers. Still, Jesus wants to know, “Who do you say that I am?”



**FIRST COMMUNION** – What a wonderful First Communion celebration on Sunday, August 2! Thank you to Patty Simon for preparing the children so well. Thank you to the parents for bringing them to class the week before the celebration. I wonder if God didn't dance as the children approached the altar to receive Him for the first time!

**MASS DISPENSATION** – From the Indiana Bishops: "While commending our pastors and parish life coordinators who have gone to great lengths to assure safe worship spaces in our churches, due to the increase in the COVID-19 cases in our state, the Indiana bishops have decided to extend the dispensation from the obligation of Sunday Mass attendance beyond August 15 until November 1, 2020, unless further developments determine otherwise."

**PRIESTLY CHANGES** – Father John will no longer celebrate Mass alone but will concelebrate with Father Bill Turner. At times he may concelebrate in other parishes close to his home, but I told him we expect him to come here most of the time. Father Turner will be the Sacramental Minister for us and for St. John Parish. If for some reason he is unable to celebrate the weekend Masses, Fr. Santhosh Yohannan will celebrate all the weekend Masses. St. John parish will have only one Mass, the 6:00 PM Saturday Mass. There will be no noon Mass there. **These changes begin the weekend of September 12-13.** Let us pray for all who will be affected by these changes.

**CELEBRATION FOR FR. JOHN** – Even though we will continue to see Fr. John at most (I hope) of our Masses, we want to celebrate his goodness to us over these past years he has served as our Sacramental Minister. This celebration will be on Saturday, August 29. You will be hearing more details later.

**MEMORIALS** – The parish gratefully received \$890 in memorials for Phil Gehl. May he rest in Eternal Peace!

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE** – Sasha Wagner and Adam Fry will be united in the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony at St. Maurice Church on Saturday, August 22, 1:00 PM.



**"FORGIVE AS THE LORD  
FORGIVES YOU."**

Corrie ten Boom, in her book *The Hiding Place*, related how her family bravely aided Jews during the Holocaust. Eventually, a Dutch informant found out about their work and told the Nazis. They were then captured and sent to prison camps. Corrie and her sister were sent to Ravensbruck, one of the worst concentration camps. They were greatly mistreated, never saw their parents again, and her sister eventually died in the camp. Throughout it all Corrie forgave her captors. She wrote many books about the power of forgiveness.

Have you locked someone out of your heart because of pain, resentment, or anger? Forgiveness is the key that will help you unlock the door to let the person back in to your heart and life. Forgiveness opens your heart to free you from your pain and focus on hope again. When we choose to love and forgive, we are opening the door to the kingdom of heaven. *Forgive, for heaven's sake.*"

**LADIES MEETING** – The Mary & Martha Circle will hold a meeting for all interested ladies of the parish on Thursday, August 20, at 7:00 PM.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** – The beginning of elementary religion classes will depend on how the start of public school goes. Look for more information later. Registration for Preschool Religious Education will probably be late August or early September.

**ST. ANTHONY CHURCH PICNIC** – Monday, September 7, at St. Anthony Church, Morris, IN. Drive-thru fried chicken dinners from 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM, or until sold out. For more information, call 812-934-6218 or visit St. Anthony Catholic Community Facebook page.

**ST. PETER CHURCH PICNIC** – St. Peter's Labor Day Chicken Dinner, Monday, September 7, 10:30 to 4:30, Brookville, IN. Drive-thru and walk-up meals, including raffle. On-site outdoor seating will be available. For more information, call 765-647-5462 or visit brookvilleparishes.com.



On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII in *Munificentissimus Deus* (The Most Bountiful God) said: “We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory.”

Pope Benedict XVI explained, “By contemplating Mary in heavenly glory, we understand that the earth is not the definitive homeland for us either, and that if we live with our gaze fixed on eternal goods, we will one day share in this same glory and the earth will become more beautiful.

Consequently, we must not lose our serenity and peace even amid the thousands of daily difficulties. The luminous sign of Our Lady taken up into Heaven shines out even more brightly when sad shadows of suffering and violence seem to loom on the horizon.

We may be sure of it: from on high, Mary follows our footsteps with gentle concern, dispels the gloom in moments of darkness and distress, reassures us with her motherly hand.

Supported by awareness of this, let us continue confidently on our path of Christian commitment wherever Providence may lead us. Let us forge ahead in our lives under Mary’s guidance.”

*“God, who made the sun, also made the moon. The moon does not take away from the brilliance of the sun. The moon would only be a burnt-out cinder floating in the immensity of space were it not for the sun. All its light is reflected from the sun. The Blessed Mother reflects her Divine Son: without Him she is nothing. With Him she is Mother of Men. On dark nights we are grateful for the moon; when we see it shining, we know there must be a sun. So in this dark night of the world, when men turn their backs on Him Who is the Light of the World, we look to Mary to guide their feet.” ~ Archbishop Fulton Sheen*

*“We never give more honor to Jesus than when we honor his Mother, and we honor her simply and solely to honor him all the more perfectly. We go to her only as a way leading to the goal we seek - Jesus, her Son.” ~ St. Louis Marie de Montfort*

*“To give worthy praise to the Lord’s mercy, we unite ourselves with Your Immaculate Mother, for then our hymn will be more pleasing to You, because She is chosen from among men and angels. Through Her, as through a pure crystal, Your mercy was passed on to us. Through Her, man became pleasing to God; Through Her, streams of grace flowed down upon us.” ~ St. Faustina*