

# August 20 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## INSIDER VERSUS OUTSIDER

Our need to belong often creates community. As nurturing and supportive as communities can be, they can also be exclusive, concerned only with the insiders and marginalizing the outsiders. Today's readings depict something remarkable. We read that foreigners, or outsiders, enjoy hospitality and privilege that one would expect only insiders to receive.

The prophet Isaiah states that even foreigners will worship in the temple. This is not a story after conversion to the religion of Israel, but of Israel taking a step toward universality: "My house shall be called / a house of prayer for all peoples" (Isaiah 56:7).

The Gospel story recounts a discussion between Jesus and a Canaanite woman. She was doubly marginalized— as an inferior woman and as a despised Canaanite. Yet, her love for her daughter compelled her to approach Jesus, pleading for help—something a "proper" Jewish woman would never do to a man, nor a Canaanite to a Jew. Many in Israel certainly had a sense of exclusivity, and a disdain for the Canaanites. Those may be evident in Jesus' reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matthew 15:24). But we can be sure that Jesus—God's love in the flesh—didn't share his countrymen's disdain for anyone. The woman, having heard that Jesus was a healer, remains undaunted. She crosses restrictive gender and ethnic lines in her search for help. Jesus finally praises her, not for her love, but for the faith that her love engendered. And she was a Canaanite! † Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## SANCTUARY LIGHT

August 20 – Karen and Heather Cain  
August 27 – Theodore and Matilda Mistler  
September 3 – Harold and Virginia Reisman

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 19 – Craig Simon  
Sunday, August 20 – Richard Wagner  
Tuesday, August 22 – George Griffith Sr.  
Saturday, August 26 – Lucille Simon  
Sunday, August 27 – Trudy Bauerle  
Tuesday, August 29 – Mary Gilland

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Saturday – August 26 at 4:00 PM

*Servers:* Sam Simon, Ava Wagner  
*Lector:* Terry Harmeyer  
*Gifts:* Mark and Rosie Lunsford  
*EM:* Beth Simon (*Bread*), Roseann Wirth (*Hall*)  
Janet Wagner, Judy Steuri

### Sunday – August 27 at 10:00 AM

*Server:* Macy Kinker  
*Lectors:* Arlene Gehl, Donna Harlemert  
*Gifts:* Matt and Leslie Hicks  
*EM:* Susan Schutte (*Bread*), No EM for Hall (*Rented*)  
Amanda Schutte, Katie Spreckelson

### Saturday – September 2 at 4:00 PM

*Lector:* Jack Ferkinhoff  
*Gifts:* Dennis and Flo Wagner  
*EM:* Terry Harmeyer (*Bread*), Judy Steuri (*Hall*)  
Janet Wagner, Rita Kress

### Sunday – September 3 at 10:00 AM

*Lectors:* Julie Stephens, Amy Kinker  
*Gifts:* Spencer and Laura Gilland  
*EM:* Kevin Tunny (*Bread*), Cindy Weisenbach (*Hall*)  
Vicki Wagner, Katie Spreckelson

## PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2086.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 17.31
Loose Collection	\$ 328.00
Total Regular Collection	\$2431.31
Capital Improvement	\$200.00
Assumption	\$60.00

**MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR  
GENEROUS GIVING!**

### + LOCAL MASS SCHEDULES +

#### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH MILLHOUSEN, IN

Monday: Rosary at 10:30 AM

Thursday: Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
Mass following at 6:00 PM

Sunday Obligation: 9:00 AM

#### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH OSGOOD, IN

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: Holy Hour at 7:00 AM, with  
Mass following at 8:00 AM

Friday: Eucharistic Adoration 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Saturday Obligation: 5:00 PM

Sunday Obligation: 7:30 AM

Confession: Friday: 3:00 - 4:00 PM  
Saturday: 4:45 PM

**ST. MAURICE FEAST CELEBRATION** – *Save the Date!* The Feast of St. Maurice Family Fun Night is September 9. It will start with outdoor Mass at 4:00 PM, followed by a cookout, a campout, and lots of fun activities for the children. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church for the celebration. If you plan to attend, please sign up as soon as possible so that the correct amount of food can be ordered.

**THANK YOU** – Thank you to Arlene Gehl, Terry Harmeyer, and Mary Bultman for all of their efforts to make our 2023 church pictorial directory possible. And thanks to Janet Harlemert and Ann Wagner for assisting them checking in families during the photography sessions. A special thanks to Todd Nobbe for providing internet for the parish center for the photographer. This made our pictorial directory possible!

**ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** – Patty Simon is announcing that Religious Education classes begin September 13 for the elementary students. If your child was a part of the Religious Education program last year, there is no need to register them again. If your child is 4 years old now and will be in kindergarten in the Fall of 2024, he or she is invited to join our preschool class this 2023 school year. If you are new to the St. Maurice religion program and have not spoken with Patty yet about registering your children, please call her at 812-689-4100.

**PICKPOCKETS** – The pickpockets will be in the back of church starting the weekend of September 2nd and 3rd asking you to empty your pockets to benefit the Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry.

**HOLY OPPORTUNITIES** – Remember, St. Maurice is now having a weekly Holy Hour on Tuesdays from 5:00 to 6:00 PM, with Mass following at 6:00 PM.

Also, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is being held in church every Friday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

**OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS** – Please remember in prayer the sick and shut-ins in the parish: Rosemary Mistler, Frances Borgman, Frances Werner, Lou Wolter, Sue Tunny, and Eileen Wagner.

## **MASS GREETERS**

August 26, 4:00 PM – Gary Wagner, Brian Horan  
August 27, 10:00 AM – Mary and George Bultman

**175TH SHIRTS** – You can now order limited-edition T-shirts and sweatshirts to celebrate the parish's 175th anniversary! To place your order, just scan the QR code or go online to <https://stmauricie23.itemorder.com/>. The last day to order from the online store is next Wednesday, August 23. These will be ready for pickup Labor Day weekend, so we will be able to wear them for the Feast of St. Maurice Family Fun Night on September 9. More information is in the back of church. If you need assistance, please see Tara Johannigman or Mary Bultman.



**CHICKEN DINNER** – Saturday, August 26, Batesville Knights of Columbus Hall, 5:00 to 7:30 PM. Four-piece chicken dinner with dessert (\$15), whole chicken (\$15). Carry-out available. All proceeds will help fund a group of Oldenburg Academy students attending NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) in November in Indy. Thanks for your support!


**A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS** – "Let each one of us think of his or her own story. There are always ugly things in a story, always. Let us go to Jesus, knock on Jesus' heart and say to Him: 'Lord, if You will it, you can heal me!' We can do this if we always have the face of Jesus before us." (*Angelus, Rome, August 16, 2020*)

**THE LORD'S LAUGHTER** – A pastor is walking down the street one day when he notices a very small boy trying to press a doorbell on a house across the street. However, the boy is very small, and the doorbell is too high for him to reach.

After watching the boy's efforts for some time, the pastor moves closer to the boy's position. He steps smartly across the street, walks up behind the little fellow, and placing his hand kindly on the child's shoulder, leans over and gives the doorbell a solid ring.

Crouching down to the child's level, the pastor smiles benevolently and asks, "And now what, my little man?" To which the boy replies, "Now we run!" (*Christian Jokes, [broadcaster.org.uk](http://broadcaster.org.uk)*)

# August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
<b>THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH</b> For political leaders: We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.		Blood Drive 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM  Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM  Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM				Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM  Blood Pressure Checks
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION</b>  Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM  Blood Pressure Checks  Coffee & Donuts		Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM  Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM	Pictorial Directory Appointments 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM  Faith Formation Committee Meeting 6:00 PM	Pictorial Directory Appointments 2:00 PM - 8:30 PM  <b>FEAST OF ST. LAWRENCE</b>	Pictorial Directory Appointments 2:00 PM - 8:30 PM  <b>FEAST OF ST. CLARE</b>	Pictorial Directory Appointments 2:00 PM - 8:30 PM  Hall In Use - No Mass in Hall  Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>  Hall Rented- No Mass in Hall  Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM  NO Coffee & Donuts	<b>FEAST OF ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE</b>	<b>ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>  Holy Hour - 5:00 PM Mass - 6:00 PM			Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon	Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM  Hall Rented - No Mass in Hall
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<b>20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>  Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM  Coffee & Donuts		<b>MEMORIAL OF THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY</b>  Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM  Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM	Last Day to Order 175th T-Shirts		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon	Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
<b>21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>  Hall Rented - No Mass in Hall  Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM  NO Coffee & Donuts	<b>FEAST OF ST. AUGUSTINE</b>	Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM  Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM			Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon	Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM