

August 22 ~ Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time

**THIS SAYING IS HARD;
WHO CAN ACCEPT IT?**

**Holy One of God,
You built up galaxies from nothing at all,
and wheat fields from barren earth.
You come to us too as the grain of the land:
our bread our life.**

You ask if we could ever leave you.

**Well, where would we go?
Others have no Spirit or life.**

**Please set our hearts on fire with your love!
Help us to always choose to love you
in every joy and every sorrow,
in all your hungry people,
in a crying earth,
always love, always!**

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LITURGY AND LIFE – How often I have heard parents speak of a son or daughter no longer practicing the faith. We cannot deny it; many young people step away from practicing the faith – at least temporarily. Like some of the disciples in today’s Gospel, they find the ways of Jesus and the Church hard to accept. What is our response? Scripture makes it clear that Jesus never forced adherence but instead invited, urged, and appealed. That is still how God works. Choose a young person in your life, someone who has set aside faith life. Pray for that person and possibly send a note that is encouraging but not condemning. Love and kindness always find a way back home to the heart of God.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

What are my convictions, and what ideal do I love and live for?

Will that ideal last in time and into eternity?

There is still time to adjust.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

August 22 – Elmer Neumeier
August 29 – A. Francis Spreckelson
September 5 – Berta Bauer

MASS INTENTIONS

August 21 – Charles Walke
August 22 – Karen and Heather Cain
August 28 – Lucille Simon
August 29 – Trudy Bauerle

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – August 28 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Tara Ricke

Eucharist Minister: Terry Harmeyer

Sunday – August 29 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Ron Bauerle, Amy Kinker

Eucharist Minister: Vicki Wagner

Saturday – September 4 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Judy Steuri

Eucharist Minister: Roseann Wirth

Sunday – September 5 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Julie Stephens, Amanda Schutte

Eucharist Minister: Dana Newhart

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2317.00
Children’s Envelopes	\$ 3.00
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 219.00</u>
Total Collection	\$2539.00
Assumption	\$270.00
Capital Improvement	\$40.00

**THANK YOU! MAY GOD ALWAYS BE YOUR
GREATEST TREASURE!**

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH ~ Two Anxious Parents

After three days Jesus’ parents finally found Him sitting among teachers, listening to them and asking questions. Those who heard Him were amazed at His questions, leaving Joseph and Mary also astonished. Like any father or mother in similar circumstances, they were anxious and worried. St. Joseph, in my anxieties as a parent, I look to you for help.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION – If your child is 4 years old and will be starting kindergarten in Fall 2022, they are welcome to join the preschool Religious Ed Program. For more information, please see or call Patty Simon, 689-4100.

LITURGY MEETING – Monday, August 30, 7:00 PM. We are delighted to welcome a new member to this committee, Susie Wagner.

REST IN PEACE – St. Maurice parishioners extend their sympathy to Patty Simon and her family upon the death of her brother, Dennis Schwering. May he know the Eternal Joy of having served his Lord!

CATECHIST – Please prayerfully consider becoming a catechist for our 7th grade students. Call Joyce Muckerheide at 812-363-5929.

MISSIONARY PRIEST – As you may have heard last weekend, Fr. Frank Falco was unable to come this weekend. Therefore, the missionary appeal will be given by Fr. Paul Gins on the weekend of September 4-5. There will be envelopes for this special collection in the pews next weekend for you to take home and return the following weekend.

AUCTION LUNCH – The ladies of the parish will be serving lunch at our auction, September 11, in our parish hall. Items needed are: hamburger (from Napoleon Locker), hot dogs, cases of pop and water, hamburger and hot dog buns, and pies and cookies. Sign-up sheets will be in the back and side of church for you to sign up.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – The Religious Education program for Preschool through Grade 5 will begin on Wednesday, September 15.

Sunday, September 12, is the first Religious Education class for Grades 6-12.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – Next weekend, August 28-29, a special collection will be taken up for the people of Haiti. The earthquake there has created a desperate situation. Let's help with the urgent needs of Haitians affected by this disaster by giving to this collection or sending your donations directly to Catholic Relief Services where our collection will be sent. Thank you!

ST. MAURICE AUCTION
SEPTEMBER 11, 10:00 AM, IN THE PARISH HALL

Spread the word to your relatives,
friends, and neighbors!



THE POWER OF A SMILE

Today I smiled, and all at once
things didn't look so bad.
Today I shared with someone else,
a little bit of hope I had.

Today I sang a little song,
and felt my heart grow light.
I walked a happy little mile,
with not a cloud in sight.
Today I worked with what I had
and longed for nothing more,
and what seemed like only weeds
were flowers at my door.

Today I loved a little more
and complained a little less.
And in giving of myself
I forgot my weariness.


(Author Unknown)

QUOTE – The easiest way to find out who you are serving is to look where your heart, thoughts, and worries are.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – Sign seen in Kalamazoo, MI: "Two things to make your day better:

- Do not watch the news.
- Stay off the bathroom scale." (via Prof. John Geisler Kalamazoo, MI, The Joyful Noiseletter)

August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Blood Drive (Noon – 6:00 PM) Finance Meeting (6:00 PM in St. Francis Room)	Mary & Martha Ladies Meeting (6:00 PM) First Day of School for Students		Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (8:00 AM – Noon)	Items Needed for September Auction
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time						Immaculate Conception Consignment Auction (9:30 AM) St. Nicholas Music Festival (7:00 PM-11:00 PM)
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Assumption of Mary 			Faith Formation Meeting (4:30 PM)	Parish Council Meeting (6:00 PM)		Missionary Priest – Fr. Frank Falco
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Missionary Priest – Fr. Frank Falco						St. Mary Festival
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
St. Mary Festival	Liturgy Meeting (7:00 PM)					