

August 26 – Twenty-First Sunday in 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 non-fields.
You come to us too as the grain of the land:
our bread, our life.*

*You ask if we could ever leave you.
Where would we go?
Others have no Spirit or life.*

You, then, please set us on fire!

*Warm us in the gentle flames of God,
into his world,
and this world into You.*

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Set Your Faith On Fire

+ Teachers who inspire students who are growing up in an atmosphere of "You're worthless," showing them that they do have worth, and helping them to achieve, set my faith on fire.

+ Nurses, dentists, doctors who go to areas of the world where people have little access to health care, volunteering their time and expertise toward the cause of better health for those who have no means of paying them back, are people who help set my faith on fire.

My faith has been set on fire by all the parishioners who have reflected upon this year's theme and were willing to have it printed in the bulletin; so many different responses and so many different ways God uses to deepen our faith and to set it on fire for others. Thank you for each and every response. Thanks, also, to Jane Pictor for seeking and collecting these responses for the bulletins! Let us continue to set our faith on fire each and every day of our lives!

PRAYER SERVICES

Wed., August 29 7:45 AM Morning Prayer
Fri., August 31 7:45 AM Morning Prayer

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Aug. 25 4 PM Joe Lunsford
Sun., Aug. 26 10 AM Irene Barnhorst
Sat., Sept. 1 4 PM Myrna Kohlman
Sun., Sept. 2 10 AM Dana Simon
Montgomery

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – September 1 at 4:00 PM

Greeters: Gene and Jenny Moorman
Carl and Joni Lunsford

Server: Macey Moorman

Cantors: Joe Wagner, Sarah Wenning

Lectors: Elizabeth Hermes, Jack Ferkinhoff

Euch. Ministers: John Wagner, Katy Schmidt
Bill Deller, Janet Deller

Sunday – September 2 at 10:00 AM

Greeters: Ken and Janice Fry - *back*
Dennis and Flo Wagner - *back*
George and Mary Bultman - *side*

Servers: Lilly Simon, Caleb Simon

Cantor: Scott Simon

Lectors: Paul Gehl, Arlene Gehl

Euch. Ministers: Katie Spreckelson, John Muckerheide
Emma Spreckelson, Joyce Muckerheide

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$1979.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 9.50
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 333.25</u>
Total Regular Collection	\$2321.75
Assumption	\$293.00

Thank You!

"Regardless of where you have been or what you have done, be at peace. The same God who forgave Moses the murder, Rahab the prostitute, David the adulterer, and Peter the denier will forgive you also."

~ Matt Fradd

STEWARDSHIP – In today's first reading, Joshua challenges the people to decide whom they will serve. Recalling God's faithfulness to them and to their ancestors, the people declare, "We also will serve the Lord, for He is our God." May we, too, be mindful of God's gifts to us and renew our commitment to serve Him with grateful hearts.

SANCTUARY LIGHT – The sanctuary light will burn August 26 through September 2 for Carl and Bertha Mistler.

FR. JOHN GEIS – Father commented on the many cards that he received from parishioners. He was most grateful for these cards. His address is 853 N. Co. Rd. 950 E., Greensburg, IN 47240, if you want to send a card.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – The first Religious Ed class at St. Maurice for the 2018-2019 school year will be Wednesday, September 12, 6:45 to 8:00 PM. If your child or children have been attending class, they are automatically registered. New families to the parish will need to register with Patty Simon by calling 689-4100. Also, if you have a child who is four years old now and who will be in Kindergarten in the fall of 2019, they are invited to join the preschool group. They will need to register with Patty too.

Religious Ed for Grades 6 through 12 will begin on Sunday, September 9, 8:30 AM. Please meet in the hall for breakfast before going to class.

CATECHISTS – Catechists for Grades 6 through 12 will meet Sunday, August 26, 9:00 AM, for a meeting. Catechists in Preschool through Grade 5 will meet Wednesday, August 29, 6:30 PM.

ALL CATECHISTS: On that Wednesday, the 29th, at 6:30 PM, Sister Andre Burkhart will present a short talk on "Contemplative Silence, Contemplative Prayer" and give ideas of how this type of prayer can be used with your students. All catechists, please attend this portion of the meeting.

RCIA – Classes for the study of the Catholic Faith will begin at the end of September. These classes are for anyone interested in learning more about their faith or for those who are thinking of joining the faith.

FINANCE MEETING – Thursday, August 30, 7:00 PM.

BLOOD PRESSURE – You can get your blood pressure checked in the St. Anne Room next weekend, September 1 and 2, after the Masses. Kara Huff and Shannon Kuntz will be there to assist you.

FALL RAFFLE – The schedule for the 2018 Fall Raffle is as follows:

August 31 - All material needs to go to the printer.

September 15 - Tickets will be given to parishioners.

November 4 - Tickets returned.

November 10 - Smorgasbord and Prize Drawing.

CELEBRATION – Plan now to join us for our "Set Your Faith on Fire" final celebration on Sunday, September 23, 5:30 - 8:00 PM, the Feast of St. Maurice. The theme for 2018-2019 will be introduced also.

FAMILY PLANNING – A Natural Family Planning class will be held Sunday, September 9, 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon at St. Louis, Batesville, in the Deanery Resource Center Building. There is a \$40 fee for books and materials.

HUMAN LIFE – Each Friday until September 28, the U.S. bishops invite the faithful to join a movement of prayer and sacrifice for the protection of life, marriage, and religious liberty in our country. Join at www.usccb.org/pray!

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – Dotty Kennedy of Livonia, MI, reported that her parents once attended a nondenominational People's Church in Michigan where the minister was especially long-winded. The minister always went 15 minutes over his allotted time for his sermon.

One Sunday, the custodian got up from his pew in the middle of the sermon and started to leave. When the minister asked him where he was going, the custodian replied that he was going to get a haircut.

The minister asked him why he didn't get one before coming to church.

"Didn't need one then," the custodian replied. (The Joyful Noiseletter)