

August 27 – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Who's in Charge?

There are lots of reasons one could be in charge. You might be the only one left to do the job. Or, in the case of babysitting, you might simply be older. You could be in charge because you are a bully with the biggest fists, sticks, or guns. Or you might be in charge because you are the best qualified for the job. Today's readings offer us two stories about being chosen for leadership.

In the Old Testament reading, Shebna, an official in King Hezekiah's court, overreached his position of authority. He was demoted and replaced by Eliakim. Carrying the key symbolizes authority over the entire household. Placing it on the shoulder suggests an investiture ceremony. In the Gospel, entrusting Peter with the keys to the kingdom of heaven suggests similar authority, though in a significantly different household.

In both instances the position of authority is meant to be exercised for the benefit of the members of the respective household. It was precisely because of his failure in this matter that Shebna was demoted and Eliakim placed in charge.

What about Peter? The Gospel tells us that the choice of Peter followed his remarkable statement of faith: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16).

These stories tell us that God chooses very ordinary people for positions of leadership. Why them? Are they the only ones left? Are they the oldest? Were they the best qualified? It was not because they were bullies. Obviously, God thought they could do the job. † Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

+ 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

SANCTUARY LIGHT

August 27 – Theodore and Matilda Mistler
September 3 – Harold and Virginia Reisman
September 10 – Seth Holland

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 26 – Lucille Simon
Sunday, August 27 – Trudy Bauerle
Tuesday, August 29 – Mary Gilland
Saturday, September 2 – Dolores Wagner
Sunday, September 3 – Cletus Wagner
Tuesday, September 5 – Pauline Witkemper

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – September 2 at 4:00 PM

Servers: Ava Wagner, Ella Wagner

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

Server: Mason Ryder

Lectors: Julie Stephens, Amy Kinker

Gifts: Spencer and Laura Gilland

EM: Kevin Tunny (*Bread*), Cindy Weisenbach (*Hall*)
Vicki Wagner, Katie Spreckelson

Saturday – September 9 at 4:00 PM

Servers: Morgan Busch, Allie Harmeyer

Lector: Tara Johannigman

Gifts: Ken and Terry Harmeyer

EM: Judy Steuri (*Bread*), No EM for Hall
Janet Wagner, Beth Simon

Sunday – September 10 at 10:00 AM

Server: Macy Kinker

Lectors: David Hardesty, Grace Truesdell

Gifts: Daniel and Becca Harlemert

EM: Vicki Wagner (*Bread*), Dana Newhart (*Hall*)
Leslie Hicks, Scott Simon

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2165.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 77.25
Loose Collection	\$ 465.00
Total Regular Collection	\$2707.25
Assumption	\$701.00

MAY GOD BLESS YOU THIS WEEK!

BIRTHDAY – Rosemary Mistler will be celebrating her 96th birthday on September 8. If you would like to send her a card, her address is 6569 N. Old Michigan Rd., Osgood, IN 47037.

ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – 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, they are 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.

JR. HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Religious Education classes for Grades 6 through 11 begin September 17. Classes will be on Sunday mornings from 8:30 to 9:45 AM. All should meet in the church on September 17 for a short prayer service and meeting before the classes start. Parents are welcome to attend.

There will be a meeting for Confirmation parents and students following the kickoff meeting. The first youth group outing will be October 15 to Rascal's Fun Zone. We will leave St. Maurice after the 10:00 AM Mass.

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.

CHURCH CLEANING – Committee #9, with Janet Wagner as chairlady, will be cleaning church for the month of September. We thank you ladies for keeping our church clean!

175TH SHIRTS – If you ordered any 175th anniversary T-shirts or sweatshirts, you will be able to pick them up in church on Labor Day weekend, so we will be able to wear them for the Feast of St. Maurice Family Fun Night on September 9. If you need assistance, please see Tara Johannigman or Mary Bultman.

St. Maurice Family Fun Night

September 9

**OUTDOOR MASS AT 4:00 PM,
FOLLOWED BY COOKOUT
AND LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS!**

Meat, bread, and drinks will be provided; just bring a covered dish, salad, or dessert.

Depending on the weather, families are welcome to camp out in the rectory backyard.

Please sign up if you plan to attend!

4:00 PM MASS GREETERS

September 2 – Steve Gilland, Brian Horan

September 9 – Paul Simon, Eric Busch

September 16 – Joe Wagner, Ken Hellmich

September 23 – Ken Harmeyer, Gary Wagner

September 30 – Ken Harmeyer, Dennis Wagner

10:00 AM MASS GREETERS

September 3 – Steve Wagner, Kevin Tunny

September 10 – Paul and Arlene Gehl

September 17 – George and Mary Bultman

September 24 – Tom and Joyce Muckerheide


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.

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS – "Charity is always the high road of the journey of faith....But it is necessary that...works of charity...not divert us from contact with the Lord Jesus. Christian charity is not simple philanthropy...it is looking at others through the very eyes of Jesus and...it is seeing Jesus in the face of the poor." (*Angelus, Rome, August 23, 2020*)

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – A mother said to her young son, "Every time you disobey, I get a few more gray hairs."

"Gee, Mom, look at Grandma," her son replied. "You must have been a terror." (*via Rev. Joseph C. Moll, Justice, IL, The Joyful Noiseletter*)

September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
<p>THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH</p> <p>For people living on the margins: We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.</p>		<p>Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM</p> <p>Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM</p>			<p>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon</p>	<p>Mass - 4:00 PM</p> <p>Hall Rented - No Mass in Hall</p> <p>Blood Pressure Checks</p> <p>Pickpocketers</p> <p>T-Shirt Pickup</p>
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<p>Mass - 10:00 AM</p> <p>Blood Pressure Checks</p> <p>Coffee & Donuts</p> <p>Pickpocketers</p> <p>T-Shirt Pickup</p>		<p>Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM</p> <p>Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM</p>			<p>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon</p> <p>NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</p>	<p><i>Let's Celebrate</i></p> <p>OUTDOOR MASS 4:00 PM</p> <p>ST. MAURICE FAMILY FUN NIGHT</p>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<p>23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p>Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM</p> <p>Coffee & Donuts</p>		<p>Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM</p> <p>Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM</p>	<p>First Class for Elementary Religious Education 6:45 - 8:00 PM</p>		<p>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon</p> <p>FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS</p>	<p>Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM</p> <p>MISSION PRIEST</p>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<p>First Class for Jr. High/High School Religious Ed 8:30 - 9:45 AM</p> <p>Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM</p> <p>Coffee & Donuts</p> <p>MISSION PRIEST</p>	<p>PARISH MISSION 6:30 PM <i>(Discussion on "Being Chosen / Trust in God")</i></p> <p>Reconciliation: 5:30 - 6:30 PM</p>	<p>PARISH MISSION 6:30 PM <i>(Discussion on "Empty Your Bowl of Yesterday's Rice / Moving On")</i></p> <p>Reconciliation: 5:30 - 6:30 PM</p>	<p>PARISH MISSION MASS - 6:30 PM <i>(Discussion on "Perseverance in Prayer - Not the Facts")</i></p> <p>Reconciliation: 5:30 - 6:30 PM</p> <p>Social Gathering Following</p>		<p>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon</p> <p>FEAST OF ST. MAURICE</p>	<p>Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM</p>
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<p>25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p>Jr. High/High School Religious Ed 8:30 - 9:45 AM</p> <p>Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM</p> <p>Coffee & Donuts</p>		<p>Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM</p> <p>Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM</p>	<p>Elementary Religious Education Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM</p>		<p>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon</p> <p>FEAST OF THE ARCHANGELS</p>	<p>Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM</p>