

August 30 – Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**“WHOEVER LOSES HIS LIFE FOR
MY SAKE WILL FIND IT.”**



*Swift and reckless,
we flee the cross
whenever it comes close.*

*Lord, out of love
you gave up everything
on behalf of us.
Be with us now.*

*Show us a way to carry our cross.
Show us how to lose ourselves,
and find ourselves in you,
in love.*

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SANCTUARY LIGHT

August 30 – Floyd and Erma Harlemert
September 6 – For All the Unborn
September 13 – Harold Huff
September 20 – For All the Souls in Purgatory
September 27 – Fr. John Geis

MASS INTENTIONS

August 29 – Lucille Simon
August 30 – Ruth Gehl
September 5 – Paul and Rosemary Niles
September 6 – Dale Tunny
September 12 – Kenneth Walke
September 13 – Gary Stier
September 19 – Vera Wenning
September 20 – Phil Wittich
September 26 – Harriet Kunz
September 27 – Wanda Barnes

8/11/20-8/25/20 PARISH SUPPORT

Sunday Collection	\$4,135
Capital Improvement Donations	\$ 790
Donations in Memory of Phil Gehl	\$ 240
Donations in Memory of Joy Youngman	\$ 40
Peter's Pence Collection	\$ 25
Assumption Collection	\$ 153
Africa Collection	\$ 20
Religious Ed Collection	\$ 25
Catholic University of America Collection	\$ 20
Beirut Collection	\$ 100
AIN'T NO RAFFLE Donation	\$ 200

Thank You For Your Continued Giving!

“HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS”

The psalm for the 23rd Sunday tells us what is needed in order to live well in a community of peace and reconciliation. Sometimes God's messages of correction and encouragement will come from the mouths of our brothers and sisters. When this happens, our psalm urges us not to harden our hearts with pride and anger. When we are secure in God's love and our own preciousness in God's sight, we can let go of pride and anger. Then we can take feedback with the goodwill it was intended and strive to be better as we continue on the journey of faith.

PRAYER TO ENTRUST ANXIETY TO MARY

by Saint Aloysius Gonzaga

*O Holy Mary, my Queen,
I commend myself, body and soul,
to your merciful care today and every day,
especially in the hour of my death.
To you I entrust all my anxieties and sufferings,
my life and the end of my life,
that through your intercession
all my actions may be directed and disposed
according to the will of your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.*

SALVATION – God labors for us so that we might work for Him. Gently, the Lord encourages us to take up the cross of our baptismal initiation and follow Jesus. This encouragement takes many forms tailored to each of our weaknesses and strengths. By pushing us, encouraging us, and helping us, the Lord points us toward the goal of salvation. Jesus seeks us out; he pulls us toward him by many paths. *Be quiet and feel his tug!*

FINANCE REPORT – You will be receiving the year-end financial report in the mail. If you have any questions or concerns, call the parish office or any of the finance members whose names are listed on your report. Thank you for your contributions and gifts to the parish this financial year!

MARRIED IN CHRIST – Congratulations to **Sasha Wagner** and **Adam Fry**, married on Saturday, August 22. May God pour His love into their hearts!

ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Preschool Registration will be September 5 and 6 following Mass, or you can call Patty Simon at 689-4100.

JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – There will be a meeting for catechists on Thursday, September 3 at 6:00 PM.

Confirmation Class will start on Sunday, September 13. Grades 6 through 9 will begin on Sunday, September 20. This week, you will receive information in the mail.

PARISH COUNCIL – The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday, October 8. Mark your calendar.

MASS SCHEDULES – *Immaculate Conception, Millhousen* – Sunday, 8:30 AM.

St. John, Osgood – Saturday, 6:00 PM.

St. Maurice, Napoleon – Saturday, 4:00 PM; Sunday, 10:00 AM.

St. Charles, Milan – Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 8:30 AM.

**This schedule begins on the weekend of
September 12-13.**

FORGIVE



For Heaven's Sake

“Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in. Forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day, you shall begin it well and serenely.”

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

*Forgiveness is letting go. Prayer readies our heart and mind to let go of what diminishes our love and squashes our kindness. With God's grace let us all **Forgive, for Heaven's Sake.***

(This reflection concludes our year of reflecting upon the gift and grace of forgiveness, but the work of forgiving continues on in our lives. Lord, have mercy on us!)

ADORATION – There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, September 4th. Rosary will be prayed at 7:45 AM, followed by Morning Prayer. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will continue until 12:00 noon.

NEEDED – Mary Ann Schwering is in need of additional grapes for the making of our church wine. Please call her at 812-852-4297 if you are able to respond to this request. Thank you.

POSITION AVAILABLE – The Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, IN are looking for an LPN or RN for the 3:00 PM – 11:00 PM shift. Eligible for Health, Dental and Vision Insurance. If interested, contact Connie Luers by phone at 812-933-6402 or by email at cluers@oldenburgosf.com

ST. PETER CHURCH PICNIC – St. Peter's Labor Day Chicken Dinner, Monday, September 7, 10:30 to 4:30, Brookville, IN.

ST. LOUIS CHURCH PICNIC – St. Louis, Batesville, Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner, September 20, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, \$10.00 Dinner.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – A pastor forgot the name of a couple she was going to marry, so she said from the pulpit, “Will those wishing to be united in holy matrimony, please come forward?”

Eighteen women and one man approached the altar. (The Joyful Noiseletter)



A PLANTING PARABLE

Jesus had to explain his Parable of the Sower to the confused disciples.

Directions: Use the word bank to answer the clues. Then fill in the correct words below to complete Matthew 13:23, NIV.

WORD BANK: sow, soil, wither, root, thorn, crop, seed, farmer

1. Plant part that absorbs water _____
2. Contains what's needed to grow a plant _____
3. To plant _____
4. Sharp part of a plant _____
5. What is harvested. _____
6. To dry up and shrivel _____
7. Person who plants _____
8. The earth a plant grows in. _____

"But the 2 falling on good 8 refers to someone who hears the word and understands it.

This is the one who produces a 5, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was 3n."

MATTHEW 13:23, NIV

Answers: root, seed, soil, crop, sower, wither, farmer, soil, seed, soil.

"My beloved, may every fall, even if it is serious and habitual sin, always become for us a small step toward a higher degree of perfection. In fact, the only reason why the Immaculate permits us to fall is to cure us from our self-conceit, from our pride, to make us humble and thus make us docile to the divine graces.

The devil, instead, tries to inject in us discouragement and internal depression in those circumstances, which is, in fact, nothing else than our pride surfacing again. If we knew the depth of our poverty, we would not be at all surprised by our falls, but rather astonished, and we would thank God, after sinning, for not allowing us to fall even deeper and still more frequently."

— St. Maximilian Kolbe

Holy Thoughts from St. Josemaria Escriva

"Jesus is your Friend – the friend – with a human heart, like yours, with most loving eyes that wept for Lazarus. And as much as he loved Lazarus, he loves you..."

"Don't judge without having heard both sides. Even persons who think themselves virtuous very easily forget this elementary rule of prudence."

"Force yourself, if necessary, always to forgive those who offend you, from the very first moment. For the greatest injury or offense you can suffer from them is nothing compared to what God has forgiven you."

"The more I am exalted, my Jesus, the more you must humble me in my heart, showing me what I've been and what I'll be if you forsake me."

"Make few resolutions. Make specific resolutions. And fulfill them with the help of God."

"You're not humble when you humble yourself, but when you are humbled by others and you bear it for Christ."

"Don't feel hurt when others see your faults. What should really distress you is the offense against God and the scandal you may give. . . . Don't be sorry if you are nothing, because then Jesus will have to put everything into you."

"True poverty is not to lack things but to be detached, to give up voluntarily one's dominion over them. That's why some poor people are really rich. . . and vice versa."

"Don't forget it: he has most who needs least. Don't create needs for yourself."

"You are unhappy? Think; there must be an obstacle between God and me. You will seldom be wrong."

"All right, that person has behaved badly toward you. But, haven't you behaved worse toward God?"

"Cross, toil, tribulation: such will be your lot as long as you live. That was the way Christ followed, and the disciple is not above his Master."