July 10 – Fífteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THIS COMMAND IS NOT TOO MYSTERIOUS AND REMOTE FOR YOU.

Where can we find your commandments, O Lord? Could be hidden in the sky? Who will go up and get it there and explain it to us? Is it across the sea? Who will cross the sea and get it for us so we can ponder it and attempt to understand it?

"The command that I gave you is not remote or mysterious. Look no further than your heart. My law, the law of love, is written there, in your heart, in your mouth, in your very being. I created you in my image. You love because I love."

Lord, You are as near to us as our skin. Help us always find you in our loves. (Copyright 2022, Anne M. Osdieck, Used with Permission)

"And Who Is My Neighbor?"

This question from Luke 10:29 posed to Jesus— "Who is my neighbor?"—prompts one of the most famous stories ever told, with its equally famous lesson: A neighbor is one who I love as myself. A priest walked by the beaten and abused man. Even though he was someone dedicated to God and his worship, the priest didn't have time to become his neighbor. Perhaps he didn't want to risk ritual impurity by dealing with the bloodied body of this unknown man. Whatever his reasons, he had more important commitments than helping the poor.

A Levite, a member of the tribe in charge of the temple, wasn't his neighbor either. He also found reasons to justify leaving this man to bleed to death along the road. Perhaps he thought someone else would stop and help. It's easy to abdicate our responsibility.

Then a Samaritan, one disdained by the Jews, happened by. He stopped to help, lifted him up, carried him to safety, and paid from his own pocket for future care; he became totally involved. In an obvious sense, Jesus is telling us to be good Samaritans—that is, to be compassionate and generous to neighbors in need—not just people like us, but to aliens and strangers.

But on another level, perhaps we represent the wounded person by the roadside, in need of healing and restoration from sin. Like the Samaritan, Jesus was scorned by many. But it is Christ himself who wants to pick us up, bind our wounds, and pay for our care. And he pays this debt, of course, on the cross. Are we willing to admit that we need healing from a "Samaritan" like Jesus?

SANCTUARY LIGHT

July 10 – Otto Walke July 17 – Sister Shirley July 24 – Sherry Hawk

MASS INTENTIONS

July 9 – Paul and Dottie Fullenkamp July 10 – Gene Simon July 16 – Thelma Grossman July 17 – Ron and Trudy Bauerle

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

<u>Saturday</u> – July 16 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Judy Steuri *Gifts*: Ken and Terry Harmeyer *Eucharist Minister:* Terry Harmeyer

<u>Sunday</u> – July 17 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Cindy Weisenbach, Donna Harlemert *Gifts*: David and Jenny Hardesty *Eucharist Minister*: Amanda Schutte

Saturday – July 23 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Jack Ferkinhoff Gifts: Mark and Rosie Lunsford NO Eucharist Minister

Sunday – July 24 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Julie Stephens, Grace Truesdell *Gifts*: Paul and Arlene Gehl *Eucharist Minister*: Vicki Wagner

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$3636.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 4.42
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 375.00</u>
Total Collection	\$4015.42
Capital Improvement	\$332.00
Peter's Pence	\$5.00

THE PARISH WOULD NOT EXIST WITHOUT YOUR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. THANK YOU!

"Each day, we have to decide whether to be Good Samaritans or indifferent bystanders. And if we extend our gaze to the history of our own lives...All of us have in ourselves something of the wounded man, something of the robber, something of the passers-by, and something of the Good Samaritan." ~ Pope Francis **MISSIONARY APPEAL** – Rev. Francis Tandoh, CSSp, a member of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, will visit St. Maurice the weekend of July 23-24. This visit is part of a national program in which annually a representative of one of the missionary groups visits parishes to invite parishioners to share in the mission work of the Church. The Spiritans are an international community engaged in a wide range of missionary activity in over 60 countries throughout the world. Father Francis is from Ghana.

The spread of the Gospel essential to our Catholic life, so please give as you are able to this appeal.

<u>**OUR SICK**</u> – Please remember the sick of our parish, especially those who have had or are going to have surgery during this month of June. Also, remember our shut-ins who desire to attend Mass but are no longer able to do so.

BLOOD DRIVE – Our Summer Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, August 2, from 12:00 until 6:00 PM. Anyone in good health, over the age of 16, and at least 110 pounds is probably eligible to donate blood. Call Arlene Gehl (812-614-3388) for more information or to schedule an appointment. Scheduling can also be done online at www.hoxworth.org/groups/napoleon.

<u>MAINTENANCE</u> – The balcony project was completed at a cost of \$5,463.78. Thank you!

<u>SUMMERTIME SPLENDOR</u> – One theme in Psalms is how nature reveals God's glory. That's especially evident during the summer. "There is a signature of wisdom and power impressed on the works of God, which evidently distinguishes them from the feeble imitations of men," writes John Newton. "Not only the splendor of the sun, but the glimmering light of the glowworm, proclaims his glory."

That glory shines even brighter when we spend time in God's Word. Thomas Merton writes, "By reading the scriptures I am so renewed that all nature seems renewed around me and with me. The sky seems to be a pure, a cooler blue, the trees a deeper green. The whole world is charged with the glory of God, and I feel fire and music under my feet."

<u>RUMMAGE SALES</u> – For further details, see church bulletin board.



<u>38th Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass</u> The Marriage and Family Life Office invites all couples married sacramentally within the Catholic Church to celebrate the joy of their vocation at a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Thompson on Sunday, August 14, 2022, at 200 PMat Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

The Mass will include a blessing for the renewal of nuptial commitment, and a certificate of recognition will be awarded.

There is no cost to attend, but space is limited, and registration is required. The deadline for registration is July 23, 2022. For more information, contact Qaudia Corona at <u>CCorona@archindy.org</u> or call 317-236-7310.



GREETERS FOR 4:00 PM MASS

July 9 – Steve and Julie Gilland July 16 – Ken Harmeyer and **Volunteer** July 23 – Dennis Wagner and Gary Wagner July 30 – Ken Hellmich and Paul Simon

GREETERS FOR 10:00 AM MASS

July 10 – Kevin Tunny and Steve Wagner July 17 – Tom and Joyce Muckerheide July 24 – Paul and Arlene Gehl July 31 – Kevin Tunny and Tom Muckerheide

<u>**THOUGHT TO PONDER**</u> – God's hand is extended to you – not to push you away but to draw you close, not to keep you at a distance but to hold you near to His heart. (Roy Lessin)

<u>THE LORD'S LAUGHTER</u> – A Catholic priest in New Orleans, LA, was teaching a second-grade Holy Communion class about the Mass. After discussing the prayers before Holy Communion, the priest explained that the congregation responds, "Oh Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I will be healed."

A little boy in the class started waving his hand frantically. When the priest asked him what the problem was, the boy exclaimed, "Father, Father, what is the secret word?" (Columnist Smiley Anders Baton Rouge (LA) Advocate, The Joyful Noiseletter)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
					Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 AM – Noon	Mass 4:00 PM Blood Pressure Checks
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Mass – 14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks	Independence Day				Hall Rented – Bank Appreciation Lunch	Mass 4:00 PM
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Mass – 15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time						Mass 4:00 PM Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Mass – 16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time					Feast of St. Mary Magdalene	Mass (MISSIONARY PRIEST) 4:00 PM Hall Rented – Class Reunion
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Mass – 17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (MISSIONARY PRIEST) 10:00 AM Grandparent Day	Feast of St. James	Feast of Sts. Joachim & Anne			Feast of St. Martha	
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Mass – 18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 AM Feast of the Visitation of Mary				THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH For the elderly: We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.		