

June 25 – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WE WILL PROCLAIM YOUR WORD

God knows us better than we know ourselves.
Loves every fiber and freckle of us.
God counts us worthy to spread the Word.

But we can't breathe, Jesus.
We have no control of
our climate, wars, violence, and racism.

Jesus,
"No fear,"
you tell us.

You be our nerve and our backbone.
Help us stand straight and proclaim your Word
in a loud voice to all the people,
in all the places, times and events of our lives.

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FEAR NOT!

Easier said than done! There is so much to be afraid of today: war, the loss of life and the resulting devastation, unemployment and poverty, illness and the pain and diminishment, the threat of ecological collapse, to say nothing of personal anxiety and trauma. The readings for this Sunday all speak of the hardships that loom over every life.

But these hardships are not the last word. Jeremiah ends his announcement of gloom on a positive note: "Praise the Lord / for he has rescued the life of the poor / from the power of the evildoers!" (Jeremiah 20:13). The psalm of lament picks up the same message: "the Lord hears the poor" (Psalm 69:34). Saint Paul insists that sin and death don't win: "...How much more did the grace of God...overflow for the many" (Romans 5:15). Caught in the throes of misfortune, people cry out—but God responds.

It is in the Gospel that the reassurance of God's care unfolds. The struggles described there are real, but they will not last. The imagery employed to characterize God's care is picturesque and extraordinarily tender. If God is attentive to the lowly sparrows, how much more will God be attentive to us? Even more personally, God knows us so well that the very hairs on our head are counted. The admonition here is clear: Never fear! If catastrophes threaten, don't be afraid! Even if they engulf you or carry you away, don't be afraid. It is only temporary. God is always there, attentive to our needs, so fear not! (Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA)

SANCTUARY LIGHT

June 25 – Sister Shirley
July 2 – Leonard and Lorene Brancamp
July 9 – Lois Shelton

MASS INTENTIONS

June 24 – For the Living and Deceased Members
of the Gerth & Vawter Families
June 25 – Richard Wagner
July 1 – Craig Simon
July 2 – Cletus Wagner

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – July 1 at 4:00 PM

Server: Volunteer

Lector: Tara Johannigman

Gifts: Dennis and Flo Wagner

EM: Roseann Wirth (Hall), Beth Simon, Terry Harmeyer

Sunday – July 2 at 10:00 AM

Server: Mason Ryder

Lectors: Arlene Gehl, Amy Kinker

Gifts: Steve and Ann Wagner

EM: Dana Newhart (Hall), Susan Schutte, Leslie Hicks

Saturday – July 8 at 4:00 PM

Servers: Ava Wagner, Sam Simon

Lector: Jack Ferkinhoff

Gifts: Joe and Janet Wagner

EM: Judy Steuri (Hall), Janet Wagner, Rita Kress

Sunday – July 9 at 10:00 AM

Server: Macy Kinker

Lectors: Amanda Schutte, Julie Stephens

Gifts: Greg and Amy Kinker

EM: Cindy Weisenbach (Hall), Vicki Wagner, Scott Simon

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2392.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 15.72
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 372.00</u>
Total Regular Collection	\$2779.72
Capital Improvement	\$110.00
Catholic Communications	\$20.00
Education of Priests	\$50.00
Cemetery	\$55.00

**MAY GOD SURPRISE YOU THIS WEEK WITH
UNEXPECTED BLESSINGS!**

CATECHESIS FOR DISCIPLESHIP AWARD –

The **Catechesis for Discipleship Award** is a yearly recognition of one catechist from each parish who has a strong, personal, disciple relationship with Jesus, inspires others to live such a relationship in full communion with Christ's body, the Church, and provides not only teaching, but also a joyful witness to the goodness and beauty of a Catholic life.

At last Sunday's Mass, we presented our parish's 2023 **Catechesis for Discipleship Award to Patty Simon**. Her dedication to this parish's catechesis has been outstanding. May God continue to bless her with every good gift!

CHURCH CLEANING – Committee #7, with Ann Hermes as chairperson, will be cleaning church for the month of July. We appreciate the ladies for keeping our church nice and clean!

BLOOD PRESSURE – Next weekend, you can get your blood pressure checked in the St. Anne Room following the Masses. Kara Huff and Jodi Meister will be there to assist you.

OFFICE HOURS – Beginning the week of July 3, Karen Hicks will be in the office from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Monday through Thursday.

PARISH EMAIL – If you wish to contact the office, please use the new parish email address, officenapoleon@stmauricechurch.org, and the parish telephone, 812-852-4237, for all parish business. Thank you.

175 YEARS – *OUR SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION* – On Saturday evening, June 27, 1998, we walked in a body from church to the parish cemetery, praying the rosary. A single carnation was placed on each grave in grateful memory of those who have gone before us. After Mass at the cemetery, Fr. Bill blessed the new wrought iron arch over the entrance gates. We then joyfully walked back to the church grounds for a cookout supper.

Sunday afternoon, July 26, 1998, the children put on a delightful program, complete with songs, costumes and drama, depicting the history of St. Maurice. Then, after benediction was held, 150 helium balloons were released into the beautiful summer sky. A hog roast and pitch-in in the parish hall concluded the festive day.

4:00 PM MASS GREETERS

July 1 – Joe Wagner, Steve Gilland
July 8 – Paul Simon, Dennis Wagner
July 15 – Ken Harmeyer, Gary Wagner
July 22 – Ken Harmeyer, Eric Busch
July 29 – Gary Wagner, Brian Horan

10:00 AM MASS GREETERS

July 2 – Tom and Joyce Muckerheide
July 9 – Tom/Joyce Muckerheide, Kevin Tunny
July 16 – Steve Wagner, Kevin Tunny
July 23 – Paul and Arlene Gehl
July 30 – George and Mary Bultman

CHURCH PICTORIAL – St. Maurice is doing a new pictorial directory this summer! We want everyone to get a new picture made so that our directory will be complete. Every family who is photographed for the directory will receive a copy of the directory and an 8x10 portrait at no cost.

Photography dates are August 3, 4, and 5, from 2:00 PM to 8:30 PM on Thursday and Friday, and 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM on Saturday, each day in the Parish Center. You can schedule your appointment online now through a link on the parish website, or call Arlene at 812-614-3388.





A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS – "Besides [sending us out] as 'sheep in the midst of wolves,' the Lord...sends us out as sentinels in the midst of people who do not want to be woken from their worldly lethargy...If we proclaim the Words of the Gospel, this is bothersome and they will look at us unkindly." (Angelus, June 25, 2017)

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – A waitress was serving a customer when a bald-headed gent entered and planted himself at a table near the rear. "That's old Professor Snead," the waitress said to a coworker. "He's got a twin brother and they're alike as peas in a pod, except this one's stone deaf. Watch me have some fun with him."

She walked over to the old gent, and, while smiling prettily the whole time, said, "Well, you old baldheaded baboon, what kind of food are you going to pour into that fat stomach of yours today?"

"The bald-headed gent answered softly, "I'll have the ham and eggs, toast, and coffee. And, by the way, my brother is the deaf one." (The Joyful Noiseletter, Humorist Bennett Cerf via Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft, Dover, DE)

July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
<p>THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH</p>  <p>For a Eucharistic Life: We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.</p>						Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM Blood Pressure Checks
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Celebration of Mass - 10:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks				FEAST OF SAINT MARIA GORETTI		Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Celebration of Mass - 10:00 AM					Hall Rented	Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Celebration of Mass - 10:00 AM						Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM FEAST OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Celebration of Mass - 10:00 AM		FEAST OF SAINT JAMES	 FEAST OF STS. JOACHIM & ANNE		FEAST OF SAINT MARTHA	Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Celebration of Mass - 10:00 AM				Pictorial Directory Appointments 2:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Pictorial Directory Appointments 2:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Pictorial Directory Appointments 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM