

September 13 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



“LORD, HOW OFTEN MUST I FORGIVE?”

To receive forgiveness can be cheerful for us.

**We can feel great peace and joy,
like walking out of jail!**

But forgiving others, not so easy.

**Jesus,
please help us
break those bonds
of our refusal to forgive!
Grant us your strength
to remove our shackles.**

**Teach us to forgive others
in the way that you forgive us.
Forgive and then forget.
No strings attached.**

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SANCTUARY LIGHT

September 13 – Harold Huff
September 20 – For All the Souls in Purgatory
September 27 – Fr. John Geis

MASS INTENTIONS

September 12 – Kenneth Walke
September 13 – Gary Stier
September 19 – Vera Wenning
September 20 – Phil Wittich
September 26 – Harriet Kunz
September 27 – Wanda Barnes

8/26/20-9/8/20 PARISH SUPPORT

Sunday Collection	\$6,238
Capital Improvement Donations	\$ 713
Religious Ed Collection	\$ 340
Beirut Collection	\$ 145
Peter's Pence Collection	\$ 50
Assumption Collection	\$ 45
Catholic University of America Collection	\$ 25
Education of Future Priests Collection	\$ 20
Cemetery Collection	\$ 10
Donations in Memory of Phil Gehl	\$ 50

Thank You For Your Continued Giving!

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Sept. 20)

“The Lord is Near to All Who Call Upon Him.”

Today’s psalm refrain proclaims, “The Lord is near to all who call upon him. These words are a gift and a challenge. We are assured of God’s help and nearness to us at all times, especially when we are in need. And we also must proclaim with words and actions that this is true for everyone else too. For God, there is no “us and them.” Each person he has created is beloved and precious in his sight, including those who have hurt us. Our greatest prayer should be that those who do evil will be converted but sometimes it seems easier to desire the downfall of those who wreak havoc on the world. But this is not God’s dream. Instead, he desires to gather all people to himself.

May we take time to pray this week that all people would turn toward the Lord and enter into the kingdom of God.

PRAYER AS I PUT ON MY MASK

*Creator, as I prepare to go into the world,
help me to see the sacrament in the wearing
of this cloth - let it be “an outward sign of an
“inward grace” – a tangible and visible way
of living love for my neighbors. As I love myself.*

*Christ, since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart,
that people would see my smile in the crinkles around my
eyes. Since my voice may be muffled – help me to speak
clearly. Not only with my words, but with my actions.*

*Holy Spirit, as the elastic touches my ears,
remind me to listen carefully – and full of care –
to all those I meet.*

*May this simple piece of cloth be shield and banner.
And each breath that it holds, be filled with Your love.*

In Your name and in the name of love I pray.

May it be so, may it be so.

(Anonymous)

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.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA – Our own Machaela Cobler is spearheading the local effort to cover as many veteran graves as possible with a Christmas wreath at our cemetery. Approximately 50 veterans are buried in the cemetery. If you would like to help by sponsoring one or more wreaths, please find a form in the vestibule of church or on our church website. Your check is to be mailed to: Machaela Cobler, 7744 N Co. Rd. 750 W, Osgood, IN 47037. Forms and checks must be received before November 11.

CHURCH SPACE – There are ample spaces in church for Mass attendance if you feel safe in coming. There are also many spaces in the parish hall. Communion is taken to the hall at the same time it is distributed in church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Have you registered your child for preschool religious education? If not, please do so by calling Patty Simon at 812-689-4100. All elementary religious education classes will begin on Wednesday, September 23.

JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Confirmation classes begin on September 13. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by Archbishop Thompson on April 2, 2021, at 11:00 AM at St. Mary's, Greensburg.

All other religion classes will also begin on September 13.

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.

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

3 THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT PURGATORY

IT MAKES US IMAGES OF CHRIST
It isn't a punishment. Rather, it's a state of purification to make us "perfect images of Christ".

WE NEED TO PRAY FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY
This process of purification can be long and painful, so we need to pray for them - always.

THE SOULS IN PURGATORY CAN PRAY FOR US
Though they can't pray for themselves, as members of the body of Christ, can pray for us.

PRAYER FOR THE SOULS OF THE DEPARTED
V. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
R. And let the perpetual light shine upon them.
And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

CatholicLink

BIRTHDAY – Fr. Frank Eckstein is celebrating his 90th birthday on September 25. If you would like to send him a card, his address is 10325 N. St. Nicholas Rd., Suman, IN 47041

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

CHURCH PICNICS – **St. Louis, Batesville,** September 20, Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

Holy Family Church Festival, Oldenburg, on October 4, Drive-Thru Fried Chicken, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – A little girl was in her kindergarten class. A boy in her class wasn't listening to the teacher, so the teacher said to him, "Since you don't want to listen, you go sit at that table by yourself." The little girl raised her hand and said, "I don't want to listen either. Can I sit with him?" (via Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft, Dover, DE, The Joyful Noiseletter)

The following is Fr. John's homily from last week:

There is a story about two friends who accidentally met on a city street. They were fraternity brothers in college, and they had not seen each other for years. As they talked, time flew by and suddenly it was 8:00 PM. Both of them should have been home two hours ago. They said a hasty goodbye, agreeing to meet at noon the next day. Over lunch the following day, one asked the other, "What did your wife say when you got home so late?" He said, "Nothing really. She was worried, but when I explained, she understood and that was the end of it. What about your wife?" The first man replied, "Well, my wife became historical." "Don't you mean hysterical?" "No, I mean historical. She brought up everything I have done wrong for the last fifteen years."

Our tendency is to let the hurts accumulate. We add the wounds of today to the hurts of tomorrow, and soon we are carrying more than the human spirit can handle. Life can't be lived this way. We have to let some things go.

Forgiveness is a difficult concept to grasp. Do we act as if nothing has happened? Pretend that we are not hurt or wronged? Ignore the one who sinned against us? Jesus gave his disciples the power to bind and to loose. How often do we choose to bind more than to loose?

Matthew's prescription for dealing with one who has sinned involves dialogue and witness. It is an approach that is not emotional but "established on the testimony of two or three witnesses," if a one-to-one conversation does not work.

God's love does not fail, particularly when we call on him as "two or three" in his name. Jesus says that a rupture between two people is not just between them. Every rupture fractures the community, especially within family.

The power of community is emphasized when Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." So we are Christ for one another. When we pay attention to Christ, he is really there.

God's absolute forgiveness is passed on to each of us. What we "bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and what we loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

"Leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift."



St. Teresa of Calcutta prayed the "Radiating Christ" prayer daily. It is thought to have been written by St. John Henry Newman.

Dear Jesus, help me to spread Thy fragrance everywhere I go. Flood my soul with Thy spirit and love. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of Thine. Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel Thy presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me but only Jesus. Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as you shine, so to shine as to be a light to others. Amen.

"Let us pray for each other, for this is the best way to love one another."

Malcolm Muggeridge, the English journalist and convert to Catholicism, was filming Mother Teresa for a documentary. One day, the electricity was out, and he bemoaned the fact that he had to film her without lights, convinced that the day would be lost. However, when the film was developed, he noticed that the scenes were beautifully lit. To his surprise it appeared as though the light was coming from her.

"The first weapon – the most cruel weapon – is the tongue. Now you examine, what part has your tongue played in creating peace or violence? We can really wound a person – we can kill a person just with our tongue."

Mother Teresa used to walk through the streets of Calcutta helping those who were helpless. One day she found a Hindu man at the point of death. She brought him inside and cleaned him up. As she tended to him, she kept saying over and over, "You will see Jesus soon, you will see Jesus soon." The man looked at her and said, "If this Jesus is anything like you, I can't wait to meet him." Be Jesus to those you encounter.