

# September 17 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## LIMITLESS FORGIVENESS

What makes seven such an important number? It's the symbolism. It signifies wholeness, completeness, and totality. So, seventy-seven (or seventy times seven in some Bible translations) suggests infinity. Peter was exaggerating when he suggested that he might forgive his brother seven times. He presumed that if he acted in this way, his behavior would demonstrate the immeasurable extent of his personal graciousness. Jesus' response implied that there should be no end to our forgiving another. To underscore the significance of this magnanimity, Jesus offered God (in the guise of the king who forgave a huge debt) as the exemplar of forgiving.

Forgiving another's offense against us could well be one of the most difficult things we are asked to do. To ask for forgiveness does not seem as difficult. After all, when we bump into a perfect stranger in an elevator, we say, "Forgive me." But to forgive someone who has deliberately offended us, who has dishonored our sense of personal dignity, as slight as that offense might be, is neither as easy nor as casual a gesture. And yet, we must.

We all carry debts to others. Both the first reading and the Gospel passage remind us that the debts owed to us by others in no way compare with the debt we owe God, and yet God shows us compassion and forgives us. If we are grateful children of a compassionate God, we will want to be like God and we will forgive others. (Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA)

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## PARISH INFORMATION ABOUT THE SACRAMENTS:

**Baptism:** Please call the parish office about Sacramental preparation and to schedule Baptism celebration.

**Marriage:** Preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage requires at least six months. Call the parish office before setting the date of your wedding.

**Reconciliation:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered 15 minutes before the Masses or by appointment.

The Sacrament of **Anointing** is available upon request.

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## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Monday:** Rosary at 10:30 AM

**Thursday:** Holy Hour at 5:00 PM; Mass following at 6:00 PM

**Sunday Obligation:** 9:00 AM

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Wednesday, Friday, Saturday:** Holy Hour at 7:00 AM;

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

September 17 – Wayne Schutte

September 24 – Ernie Clemons

October 1 – Fr. John Geis

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 16 – Kenneth Walke

Sunday, September 17 – Wayne Schutte

Wednesday, September 20 – Carl Heims

Saturday, September 23 – Cletus Wagner

Sunday, September 24 – Chad White

Tuesday, September 26 – James L. Bedel

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Saturday – September 23 at 4:00 PM

*Servers:* Allie Harmeyer, Morgan Busch

*Lector:* Terry Harmeyer

*Gifts:* Mark and Rosie Lunsford

*EM:* Judy Steuri (*Bread*), Roseann Wirth (*Hall*)

Janet Wagner, Rita Kress

### Sunday – September 24 at 10:00 AM

*Server:* Macy Kinker

*Lectors:* Arlene Gehl, Ron Bauerle

*Gifts:* Matt and Leslie Hicks

*EM:* Amanda Schutte (*Bread*), Vicki Wagner (*Hall*)

Leslie Hicks, Scott Simon

### Saturday – September 30 at 4:00 PM

*Servers:* Sam Simon, Ella Wagner

*Lector:* Jack Ferkinhoff

*Gifts:* Brian and Karen Horan

*EM:* Beth Simon (*Bread*), Judy Steuri (*Hall*)

Janet Wagner, Terry Harmeyer

### Sunday – October 1 at 10:00 AM

*Lectors:* Amanda Schutte, Grace Truesdell

*Gifts:* Nathan and Courtney Wagner

*EM:* Vicki Wagner (*Bread*), Dana Newhart (*Hall*)

Leslie Hicks, Katie Spreckelson

## PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2718.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 42.66
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 329.00</u>
Total Regular Collection	\$3089.66
Capital Improvement	\$500.00
Religious Education	\$125.00
Catholic University	\$299.00
Donation for St. Maurice Day	\$20.00

**GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROSITY!**

**PARISH MISSION** – We welcome Fr. Bill Rhinehart, who will celebrate our parish mission on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Reconciliation will be offered each evening from 5:30 to 6:30 PM, with the talks beginning at 6:30 PM. There will be a Mass to close on Wednesday at 7:00 PM, with a social gathering following. All are welcome and encouraged to attend and deepen their faith!

**THANK YOU** – The 175th Committee would like to thank everyone who came to celebrate the Feast of St. Maurice at the 4:00 PM Mass and stayed for the cookout, bingo, cornhole, enjoyed smores at the campfire, and camped out. A BIG shoutout to Patty Simon, who made the night most enjoyable for the kids with creative games and prizes. Thanks to Meagan Hicks for calling bingo. A special thanks to Ron Wagner for making breakfast for the campers on Sunday morning. The celebration was a success, and all enjoyed the evening. **WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER!**

Also, thank you to the 175th Committee, who spent numerous hours preparing and putting together an amazing, fun celebration for children and adults alike, to recognize the 175 years of our St. Maurice Catholic community in Napoleon last Saturday night. *Their time and talent and giving spirit is much appreciated.*

And special thanks to Paul and Sam Simon, and Nate, Mitchell, and Ava Wagner, for moving a few pieces of furniture in the parish rectory.

**175TH T-SHIRTS** – We had several requests for more T-shirts, so we reopened the online store until Wednesday, September 20, at midnight, for anyone wanting to order another shirt. This will be the last chance for you to get these shirts. Carrie McNew at Chozen Designs was gracious enough to let us have them for the same price as last time! To order, just scan the QR code with your phone, or go to <https://stmaurcie23.itemorder.com/shop/home/>. If you need any help, please call Mary Bultman, 812-525-6408, or Tara Johannigman, 812-560-1891.



**FLOAT** – The 175th Anniversary Committee has decided to have a float celebrating our 175th Anniversary in the Pumpkin Show on September 30. Anyone wanting to help, please reach out to Joyce Muckerheide, who will be in charge of this event.

**4:00 PM MASS GREETERS**

September 23 – Ken Harmeyer, Gary Wagner  
September 30 – Ken Harmeyer, Dennis Wagner

**10:00 AM MASS GREETERS**

September 24 – Tom and Joyce Muckerheide

**ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** –

Classes for Preschool through Grade 5 on Wednesday, September 20, 6:45 PM.

**JR. HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** –

Classes for Grades 6 through 11 next Sunday, September 24, 8:30 AM. Classes for Grade 12 will be Sunday, October 1.

**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY** –

Next Sunday, September 24, we will honor all our catechists, those who assist, and our substitutes, who give of their time and talent for our Religious Ed program. May God bless them for all they do!

**RUMMAGE SALE** –

The Mary & Martha Circle Fall Rummage Sale will be held Friday and Saturday, October 6 and 7. We will need help to set up, work at the sale, and clean up! Please call Roberta Bohman, 812-756-4191, if you can help in any way. **NOTE:** If you plan to donate bed linens, curtains, or similar items, we ask that you label what they are, the size, and how many pieces are in a set.

**HEALING SERVICE** –

Join Fr. Whittington for a Eucharistic Healing Service on Tuesday, September 19, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Sunman, IN. Confessions 6:30 to 8:30 PM; praise & worship music at 6:45 PM; and the service at 7:00 PM. Come, receive prayer!

**OLDENBURG FESTIVAL** –


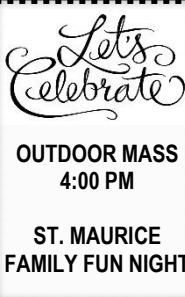
Holy Family Parish, Oldenburg, Parish Festival on Sunday, October 1, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Fried chicken and roast beef dinners, turtle soup, adult and kids' games, money raffle, quilt raffle, basket booth, silent auction, country store, pet blessing, and more!

**THE LORD'S LAUGHTER** – Doctor: "I think you ought to take up golf for your health."

Patient: "But, Doc, I do play golf."

Doctor: "Well then, in that case, maybe you'd better quit." (*The Joyful Noiseletter, Pastor Tal Bonham*)

# September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
<b>THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH</b> 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.		Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM  Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM			Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon	Mass - 4:00 PM  Hall Rented - No Mass in Hall  Blood Pressure Checks  Pickpocketers  T-Shirt Pickup
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Mass - 10:00 AM  Blood Pressure Checks  Coffee & Donuts  Pickpocketers  T-Shirt Pickup		Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM  Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM	Faith Formation Committee Meeting 6:00 PM		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon  NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	 OUTDOOR MASS 4:00 PM  ST. MAURICE FAMILY FUN NIGHT
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM  Coffee & Donuts		Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM  Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM  Parish Council Meeting 6:45 PM	First Class for Elementary Religious Education 6:45 - 8:00 PM		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon  FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS	Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM  MISSION PRIEST
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
First Class for Jr. High/High School Religious Ed 8:30 - 9:45 AM  Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM  Coffee & Donuts  MISSION PRIEST	PARISH MISSION 6:30 PM <i>(Discussion on "Being Chosen / Trust in God")</i>  Reconciliation: 5:30 - 6:30 PM	PARISH MISSION 6:30 PM <i>(Discussion on "Empty Your Bowl of Yesterday's Rice / Moving On")</i>  Reconciliation: 5:30 - 6:30 PM  NO Holy Hour due to Parish Mission	PARISH MISSION 6:30 PM  Reconciliation: 5:30 - 6:30 PM  Mass - 7:00 PM  Social Gathering Following  LAST DAY to Order 175th T-Shirts		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon  FEAST OF ST. MAURICE	Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  Jr. High/High School Religious Ed 8:30 - 9:45 AM  Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM  Coffee & Donuts		Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM  Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM	Elementary Religious Education Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon  FEAST OF THE ARCHANGELS	Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM  Baptism  <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             October 6-7:              Fall Rummage Sale           </div>