

# September 5 – Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

HE SAID TO HIM, “EPHPHATHA!”  
- THAT IS, “BE OPENED!”  
IMMEDIATELY THE MAN’S EARS  
WERE OPENED.

Jesus, open our ears  
so that we can hear you  
in the pleading of the poor,  
the cry of the environment,  
the war-torn, the immigrant, the hungry.

Open our ears so we can hear you  
in the crash of the waves,  
the sound of children laughing,  
the call of a friend, in music by Puccini.

We want to know you well;  
wherever you are - and in all things.

Open our deaf ears  
and loosen our tongues.  
Let us hear and speak  
your love to all the world.

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## SANCTUARY LIGHT

September 5 – Floyd & Erma Harlemert  
September 12 – Berta Bauer  
September 19 – Wayne Schutte

## MASS INTENTIONS

September 4 – Ruth Youngman  
September 5 – Ada Meister  
September 11 – Kenny Walke  
September 12 – Richard Oswald

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Saturday – September 11 at 4:00 PM

*Lector:* Jane Pictor

*Eucharist Minister:* Judy Steuri

### Sunday – September 12 at 10:00 AM

*Lectors:* David Hardesty, Amy Kinker

*Eucharist Minister:* Amanda Schutte

### Saturday – September 18 at 4:00 PM

*Lector:* Jack Ferkinhoff

*Eucharist Minister:* Terry Harmeyer

### Sunday – September 19 at 10:00 AM

*Lectors:* Donna Harlemert, Cindy Weisenbach

*Eucharist Minister:* Leslie Hicks

## PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2179.00
Children’s Envelopes	\$ 2.00
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 310.10</u>
Total Collection	\$2491.10
Capital Improvement	\$475.00
Haiti	\$848.50
Donation for Auction	\$20.00

**THANK YOU! YOUR GIFTS ARE RECEIVED  
WITH GRATITUDE.**

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

*Do I have a heart for the poor as Jesus did?  
How can I express that real preference in  
practical ways?*



**THE HIDDEN PRESENCE** – St. Joseph’s life “...goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence...Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all.” One of my favorite things about St. Joseph is that he looks out for the little guy. Who has helped you in your life that stands forgotten or taken for granted? Oftentimes the ones we love are the ones we forget to thank the most. St. Joseph reminds us to appreciate those whose outsized impact on us speaks with the softest voice. And St. Joseph can also remind us of the hidden presence of Jesus in the Eucharist! (Gabriela R.A. Doyle)

**MISSIONARY PRIEST** – Extend a word of welcome to Fr. Paul Gins and, if possible, support the missionary efforts of his community, the Friar Servants of Mary, with your financial donation. Thank you!

**AUCTION LUNCH** – The ladies of the parish will be serving lunch at our auction in the parish hall. Items needed are: hamburger (from Napoleon Locker), hot dogs, cases of pop and water, hamburger and hot dog buns, and pies and cookies. Sign-up sheets are in the back and side of church for you to sign up.

**THEME FOR 2021-2022** – Our Faith Formation Committee will introduce the parish theme for this coming year at both liturgies on the weekend of October 2-3.

**RCIA** – This is the time of year you are encouraged to invite a relative, friend, or neighbor to consider attending a series of classes on the study of the Catholic faith. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults begins the first of October. If anyone is interested, please have them call Sister Shirley at the office.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** – **Parents:** Classes for the Junior High/High School youth will begin on Sunday, September 12, 8:30 AM. Classes for Preschool through Grade 5 begin on Wednesday, September 15, 6:45 PM.

When you requested the Sacrament of Baptism for your child, you promised to raise them in the practice of the Catholic faith. Please prayerfully reflect upon that promise. Attend one of our weekend Masses with your children and bring them to their religious education classes. Hear Jesus' words, "Let the children come to Me!"

**WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS** – Remember that story about the poor widow lady...Her husband had committed suicide; he jumped from the bridge of the river. And she wept. She said, "I am a sinner, a poor woman. But my poor husband! He is in hell...." And the Cure of Ars said, "But wait a moment, ma'am, because between the bridge and the river, there is the mercy of God." (Homily, March 18, 2019)

**PARISH AUCTION**  
**THIS COMING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

**Auction items can be brought to the hall:  
Sunday from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
Tuesday and Thursday Evenings from  
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM  
*Any exceptional items, bring by Tuesday evening.***

**If you are able to help in any capacity, please contact Mary Bultman.**

**PICK POCKETERS** – Because of the missionary collection, our little pick pocketers will collect your coins on September 11 and 12.

**THANK YOU** – We continue to be grateful to the ladies of the parish for their weekly cleaning of the church.

**QUOTE** – Saints are real people with real lives seeking the discernment and courage to exemplify Christ.





**PRAYER** – Lord, I am grateful for your faithfulness. Teach me to bring the comfort of your loving presence to those who are afraid. (From Faithful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney)

**CONSTITUTION WEEK** – The Ross's Run Chapter National Society Daughters in Ripley County will celebrate Constitution Week, September 17-23, and invite you to celebrate with them. Pray during this week for our military and their families as they continue to protect and defend the Constitution. On September 17, 4:00 PM, bells will ring across Ripley County.

**THE LORD'S LAUGHTER** – Employer to a job applicant: "I see here you were last working for a psychiatrist. Why did you leave?"

Applicant: "Well, I just couldn't win. If I was late to work, I was hostile. If I was early, I had an anxiety complex. If I was on time, I was compulsive." (via Rev. Dale Schoening Madrid, IA, The Joyful Noiseletter)

# September 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
				 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (8:00 – Noon)		23 <sup>rd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  St. Catherine of Siena, Enochsburg, Church Picnic
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<i>Feast of St. Teresa of Calcutta – Pray for the poor today.</i>  St. Anthony, Morris, Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner		<i>Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Mary, pray for us.</i>  			Auction (10:00 - ??)  Pick Pocketers	Religion Classes for Grades 6-12 (8:30 AM)  Pick Pocketers  Religious Ed. Collection
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Faith Formation Meeting (4:30 PM)	  <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>  Religion Classes for Preschool - Grade 5 (6:45 PM)			Wedding of Jessilyn Tunny and Austin Peter	Religion Classes (8:30 AM)  Sacristy Clean-Up, Liturgy Committee (1:00 PM)
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	<i>Feast of St. Matthew</i>	Religion Classes (6:45 PM)				26 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  Religion Classes (8:30 AM)
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
		<i>Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Angels of God, protect us.</i>  Religion Classes (6:45 PM)	<i>Feast of St. Jerome</i>  	Rummage Sale (8:00 – 6:00)	Rummage Sale (8:00 – Noon)  Parish Gathering (5:00 PM)	**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in October will be October 8 <sup>th</sup> .**
						Introduction of Parish Theme