

August 16 & August 23, 2020

St. John the Baptist Church, Osgood

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Saturday **Mass:** 4:00 PM
Sunday **Mass:** 10:00 AM

Sacrament of **Reconciliation**
Saturday: 3:30-3:45 PM
Sunday: 9:30-9:45 AM

Sunday **Mass:** 8:00 AM

Sacrament of **Reconciliation**
Sunday: 7:30-7:45

Saturday **Mass:** 6:00 PM

Sacrament of **Reconciliation**
Saturday: 5:30-5:45PM

Sacrament of Baptism is scheduled by appointment.
Please call the parish office about sacramental preparation and to schedule your celebration.

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

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

August 15, 2020 – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*Come, let us rejoice with the angels in the Assumption of the
Virgin Mary*



Pope Benedict XVI wrote that “precisely because Mary is with God and in God, she is very close to each one of us. While she lived on this earth she could only be close to a few people. Being in God, who is actually within all of us, Mary shares in this closeness of God.” She “knows our hearts, can hear our prayers, can help us with her motherly kindness. She always listens to us and being Mother of the Son, participates in the power of the Son and in his goodness. We can always entrust the whole of our lives to this Mother.” Assumed into heaven, Mary reveals our own destiny: “That transformation of our material bodies to which we look forward one day has been accomplished – we know it now for certain – in her.”



August 16, 2020

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Then Jesus said to her in reply, “O woman, great is your faith!”

Nothing can hold back the brave woman from Canaah.

**Not religious boundaries, not gender rules, nothing, when she told him of
the needs of her precious child.**

**Dear Lord, give us faith like this unswerving woman. Make us stubborn.
Fearless. Bold. Creative. Whatever it takes.**

Let us hear, “O, great is your faith. Let it be done for you as you wish.”

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Sunday Readings

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

“Observe what is right, do what is just.” Is Isaiah telling us to look at situations in our lives, discern what is right and do a just action to change it? Are today’s crises – racial, economic and environmental – offering us opportunities to discern and become prophets of change?

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

St Paul says that the Israelites disobeyed yet received mercy; the Gentiles disobeyed and received it too. Mercy is a profound characteristic of God.

Matthew 15:21-28

Pope Francis wrote that “in the hour of trial faith brings light.” The terrible trial of a demonically tormented child could have wrecked the Canaanite woman’s spirit, weighing her down with despondency and defeat. But faith lifts her from the heaviness of hopelessness and carries her to the “holy mountain” that is Christ. The promise

proclaimed by St Paul – that God desires to have mercy on all -- moves the woman beyond the burden of fatalism and doubt. Even Christ’s silence does not dissuade her. Instead, it serves to steel her belief, showing her a new tack by which to beg for what God is eager to give her.

Living Stewardship – Pillar of Prayer

We will all experience some hurt or pain in our lives. Let us, like the Canaanite woman, run to Jesus and ask Him to have pity on us. For those in our parish who are hurting in some way...We pray to the Lord.

Reflection Questions:

- How can you become more united with your ancestors in faith?
- How can you strengthen ties with your Christ family.

PRAYER Lord, you offered the healing love and compassion of God to the sick and poor. Help me be an instrument of God's love and compassion to all people.

*From Faithful Meditation for Every Day
Rev Warren J Savage & Mary Ann McSweeney*

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus shows a particular predilection for those who are wounded in body and in spirit: the poor, the sinners, the possessed, the sick, the marginalized. Thus, he reveals himself as a doctor both of souls and of bodies, the good Samaritan of men. He is the true Savior: Jesus saves, Jesus cures, Jesus heals.

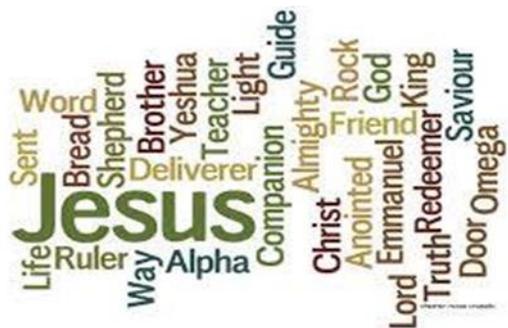


Angelus, February 8, 2015

August 23, 2020

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You are Peter, and to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven."



Jesus hears the rumors and gossip of the crowd that follows him. He wants to know what they are saying about his identity. While the crowds believe that Jesus might be one of the prophets come back to life, they haven't made the

conclusion that Peter has come to: that this man is in fact the anointed one they have been waiting for, the Messiah, the "Son of the living God."

This question of faith remains one that is asked of each disciple today. We have met Jesus in the word of God and in the sacraments. We have heard him proclaimed by catechists, evangelists and preachers. Still Jesus wants to know, "Who do you say that I am?"

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 22:19-23

What he opens, no one will shut, what he shuts, no one will open.

Romans 11:33-36

For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever.

Matthew 16:13-20

Peter can declare with certainty that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God, because God himself had chosen Peter and prepared him for a new and unique vocation. Only God, with his "unsearchable ways," could bestow on Peter such clarity in the midst of the many false claims about the identity of Christ. Christ begins to use Peter as an instrument--a Vicar--by which the Lord will open to the world, and "what he opens, no one shall shut." All that Peter is and does is from Christ, "for from him and through him and for him are all things."

***For Pope Francis, the successor of Peter.
We pray to the Lord.***

Living Stewardship – Pillar of Formation

Who is Jesus to you? Is He just a role model and wise man? Or is He the Christ, the Son of the living God? Think about your relationship with him as you enter this upcoming week.

PRAYER Lord, you entrusted the keys of the kingdom of heaven to your people. Help me be your wise and responsible servant.

*From Faithful Meditations for Every Day
Rev Warren J Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney*

Reflection Questions:

Jesus said, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it."

- How willing are you to let the people, Peter's successor, confirm your faith today?
- What are you doing to ensure your faith is built on a solid foundation.

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The acceptance of our body as a gift from God is vital for welcoming and accepting the entire world as a gift from the Father....Thinking that we enjoy absolute power over our own bodies turn, often subtly, into thinking that we enjoy an absolute power over creation..



*Address to Pontifical Academy for Life
June 26, 2018*

FORGIVE: FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE



“Forgive as the Lord Forgives You.”

Corrie ten Boom, in her book, “The Hiding Place” related how her family bravely aided Jews during the Holocaust. Eventually a Dutch informant found out about their work and told the Nazis. They were then captured and sent to prison camps. Corrie and her sister were sent to Ravensbruck, one of the worst concentration camps. They were greatly mistreated, never saw their parents again and her sister eventually died in the camp. Throughout it all Corrie forgave her captors. She wrote many books about the power of forgiveness.

Have you locked someone out of your heart because of pain, resentment or anger? Forgiveness is the key that will help you unlock the door to let the person back in to your heart and life. Forgiveness opens your heart to free you from your pain and focus on hope again. When we choose to love and forgive, we are opening the door to the kingdom of heaven. *Forgive, for heaven’s sake.”*

PARISH SUPPORT

August - Collection \$ 2,510.00
Assumption \$ 10.00



Mass Intentions

August 15 Janet Ward
August 22 Dale Tunny
August 29 Ruth Wenning

BINGO St. Anthony Parish in Morris will hold bingo every Sunday evening. Doors open at 5pm. Early Bird games begin at 6:30pm and regular games at 7pm. Masks are required and will be re-evaluated each week. Upper and lower hall open for social distancing.

MASS DISPENSATION From the Indiana Bishops: “While commending our pastors and parish life coordinators who have gone to great lengths to assure safe worship spaces in our churches, due to the increase in the COVID- 19 cases in our state, the Indiana bishops have decided to extend the dispensation from the obligation of Sunday Mass attendance beyond August 15 until November 1, 2020, unless further developments determine otherwise.”

PRIESTLY CHANGES Father John will no longer celebrate Mass alone but will concelebrate with Father Bill Turner. Father Turner will be the Sacramental Minister for St Maurice and for St John Parish. If for some reason he is unable to celebrate the weekend Masses, Fr. Santhosh Yohannan will celebrate all the weekend Masses. St. John parish will have only one Mass, the 6:00 PM Saturday Mass. There will be no noon Mass there. **These changes begin the weekend of September 12-13.** Let us pray for all who will be affected by these changes.

CELEBRATION FOR FATHER JOHN

Father John will concelebrate his final mass at St John’s on September 19. We ask that any parishioners who wish, to bring cards of thanks and well wishes to be placed in a basket that will be given to him that weekend. The basket will be available a few weekends before September 19.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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| Joe Kelly | Linda Bear | Drew Willa | Amy Kinker | Pat Grieshop | Molly Ronaldson |
| Natalie Brown | Amy Castner | Todd Castner | Brooke Teer | Dennis Sanders | Madeline Ronaldson |
| Mike Raney | John Newhart | Gary Payne | Jennifer Hayness | Marsha Meister | Gerald Hermesch |
| Jeff Hafft | Tom Noah | Katie Smith | Joe Pesek | Mary Jane Jansing | Evelyn Nimeskern |
| Ted Wissel | Tammy Meister | Henry Peters | Eileen Ogden | Linda Baurley | Ron Hensley |