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Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday – No Mass

Tuesday – St Maurice 5PM Holy Hour – 6PM Mass Wednesday – St John 7AM Holy Hour – 8AM Mass Thursday – Millhousen 5PM Holy Hour – 6PM Mass Friday – St John 7AM Holy Hour – 8AM Mass Saturday – St John 7AM Holy Hour – 8AM Mass

Sunday Obligation
Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Adoration
Friday - 3:00 to 6:00PM
Reconciliation

Saturday – 4:45PM

Friday – 3-4PM

"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you for the Glory of God"

states St Paul Romans 15:7.

Our God is a welcoming God and His Son, Jesus, also welcomes everyone into His presence. As parishioners of St John the Baptist parish we too wish to display this same welcoming attitude. And so we say, "Welcome to each of you who visit our Church.

Welcome into our lives of faith, of family and of community.

May God Bless You with Peace and All Good Gifts!

August 27, 2023 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time September 3, 2023 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Labor Day – Monday, September 4 - Mass at 9:00 AM

August 27, 2023 – The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the Gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it."

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 heaven to the world, and "what he opens, no one shall shut." All that Peter is and does is from Christ, for "all that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him."



Today's readings offer us two stories about being chosen for leadership. In the Old Testament reading, Shebna, an official in King Hezekiah's court, overreached his position of authority. He was demoted and replaced by Eliakim. Carrying the key symbolizes authority over the entire household. Placing it on the shoulder suggests

an investiture ceremony.

In the Gospel, entrusting Peter with the keys to the kingdom of heaven suggests similar authority, though in a significantly different household. In both instances the position of authority is meant to be exercised for the benefit of the members of the respective household. It was precisely because of his failure in this matter that Shebna was demoted and Eliakim placed in charge.

What about Peter? The Gospel tells us that the choice of Peter followed his remarkable statement of faith: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). These stories tell us that God chooses very ordinary people for positions of leadership. Why them? Are they the only ones left? Are they the oldest? Were they the best qualified? It was not because they were bullies. Obviously, God thought they could do the job. †

Bring Home the Word & Magnificat, August 2023

A Word from Pope Francis

Charity is always the high road of the journey of faith....But it is necessary that...works of charity...not divert us from contact with the Lord Jesus.



Christian charity is not simple philanthropy...it is looking at others through the very eyes of Jesus and...it is seeing Jesus in the face of the poor.

Angelus, Rome, August 23, 2020

Reflection Questions

The position of authority is meant to be exercised for the benefit of the members of the household.

- Do you pray for leaders, even those you wouldn't have chosen?
- Have you ever thought of volunteering to serve on a church committee?



Stewardship

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be

repaid?" – *Roman 11:35*

St Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything – He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

This week, be at service to someone in need. Check in on your elderly friends and family to make sure everything is ok.

For our parish, that we may spread God's love wherever we go.

We Pray to the Lord.

Prayer

For the Church: for the courage to preach the Gospel, to give voice to the voiceless, to stand with those treated unjustly, and to minister to those in need.

We pray in Jesus' name. AMEN

As members of Saint Peter's flock, we pray: In your kindness, be mindful of your people.



September 3, 2023 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Jesus Christ gives his life to us; let us pray for the grace to give our lives to him without reservation.

When Peter tries to deny the Lord his Passion—"God forbid that such a thing ever happen to you!"—the Lord rebukes him. Why? Because Christ's death on the cross would fulfill the "good and pleasing and perfect" will of the Father for our salvation. In union with Jesus, we offer our bodies as a living sacrifice to God. And

no matter how much our sharing in Christ's cross may make us an object of the world's laughter and mockery, the love of God is like a fire burning in our heart. "True glory is the glory of love because that is the only kind that gives life to the world" (Pope Francis). It is the life-giving glory of love which Christ reveals on the cross.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA -- In 1937, The Cost of Discipleship by a German Lutheran pastor, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, was published. The book reflected on the Sermon on the Mount, and the demands it outlined led to Bonhoeffer's arrest and eventual death at the hands of the Nazis. It can be very dangerous to be faithful to Jesus' way of life. This shouldn't surprise us. Jesus' teaching cost Jesus his life. Though the Gospel reading does not provide us with a program of action, it repeats Jesus' charge to take up our cross and follow him. This cross is different for each of us; it makes very personal demands. We are called to lose our life for his sake. This was true at the time of Jesus; it is true today.

This was true at the time of the prophet Jeremiah as well. He was called to proclaim God's word to his own people. They would not listen. Instead, "I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me" (Jeremiah 20:7). The prophet wants relief from his prophetic responsibility. Who wouldn't? What follows is quite moving. He makes up his mind that he will stop talking about God—but he can't. "The word of God is as if fire is burning in my heart... I grow weary holding back" (Jeremiah 20:9). That is the cost Jeremiah had to pay. The cross was the cost Jesus paid. And what of us? †

Magnificat and Bringing Home the Word, August 2023

Reflection Questions

The cross every person has to take up is different for each of us.

- What is the cost of discipleship for you?
- What in your life might be the cross you are being asked to bear?

A Word from Pope Francis

Let us make sure that the cross hanging on the wall at home, or that little one that we wear around our neck, is a sign of our wish to be united with Christ in lovingly



serving our brothers and sisters, especially the littlest and most fragile. The cross is the holy sign of God's Love.

Angelus, Rome, August 30, 2020

Prayer Glorious God, as we celebrate Labor Day, we pray, encourage us in our work, calm us in our rest, and inspire us in our prayer.

We pray in Jesus' name. AMEN

The Redemptorists

Stewardship



"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?

Matthew 16:26

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that there is nothing more important than God and His salvation.

As Catholics, we are called to put our faith into action. One way we can do that is by helping our brothers and sisters in need by donating to a parish food pantry or donating old clothes to families in need. We can also make a gift to the annual Catholic Ministries Appeal.

St Francs of Assisi said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." "We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to grain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

For all workers in our country, that they may give glory to God in their works and feel dignified in their work.

We pray to the Lord

Labor Day, Monday, Sept 4 Mass at 9:00 AM

Parish Support

August 13 Weekly 3,166.10 August 20 Weekly 1.506.00 Feast of Assumption 325.00



Mass Intentions Available. Please stop in the parish office, mail, call or drop in the collection basket to have a Mass said for your loved ones. Mass stipends are \$10

Sat	Aug 26	8:00 AM	Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Aug 26	5:00 PM	⊕ Phil Wittich
Sun	Aug 27	7:30 AM	⊕ Bill & Eddie Purdy
Wed	Aug 30	8:00 AM	Lou Michael Purdy First Birthday
Fri	Sept 1	8:00 AM	For the Parish
Sat	Sept 2	8:00 AM	Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Sept 2	5:00 PM	
Sun	Sept 3	7:30 AM	For the Parish
Mon	Sept 4	9:00 AM	Denise Douglas Gunter
Wed	Sept 6	8:00 AM	
Fri	Sept 8	8:00 AM	In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat	Sept 9	8:00 AM	Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Sept 9	5:00 PM	
Sun	Sept 10	7:30 AM	⊕ Betty Castner

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	September 2	September 3
Coordinator	Ron Miller	Mary Ann Westmeier
Greeter	Jill Jansing	Steve Mathis
Lector	Gary Payne	Jessica Gorman
Eucharistic M	Bob Green	Jessica Gorman
	September 9	September 10
Coordinator	Sharon Voegeli	Joan Carter
Greeter	Bob Voegeli	Jill Jansing
Lector	Jennifer Tunny	Andy Miller

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Rosemary & Idona Newhart Week of Sept 3 Ted Wissel & MJ Hunter Week of Aug 13 Sue Gridley & Margaret Jarvis Week of Aug 20 Mary Ann W & Susan Banta Week of Aug 27 Thank you all for your time and hard work!

<u>Special Collection – September 10</u>

Catholic University of America provides funding for academic scholarships at The Catholic University of America.

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

Any food and household cleaning items.





St John Ladies Bake Sale

Labor Day Weekend September 2 and 3 after all the Masses

St John Ladies Meeting – Tuesday -September 5, 5:30 PM. All Ladies are Invited!!

St John Ladies Rummage Sale October 5, 6, 7

Time to find all those precious, slightly used items to donate to the Sale. Contact Rosie Calhoun 812-621-1389 for Drop Off Information.



Thank you to all FOR LIFE those who supported the **Relay for Life**

this year!

Through our generous donations, by purchasing or donating bakes good through your prayers for a successful event, Catholics for the Cure was able to raise \$1,147.50 for the American Cancer Society! Your support truly means a lot to all those battling cancer and their family members!

God Bless You All!!



St Maurice Parish Mission September 16 - 20

Fr Bill Rhinehart "The Eucharist **New Evangelization** Making Choices for my

Parish Community Shift Happens" More Information in the next bulletin.

Amy Castner Tim Castner **Todd Castner** Elliott Elkins Peggy Fear Paul Graf Amy Graham Lily Handt **Todd Holzer Keith Jarvis** Larry Kendall Linda McCain Mark Meister Teresita Noah Tom Noah Eileen Ogden Pavi Pathak Family Randy Simon **Dolores Simon** Pam Thomas **Darin Toops** Sharon Voegeli Ben Zigan

