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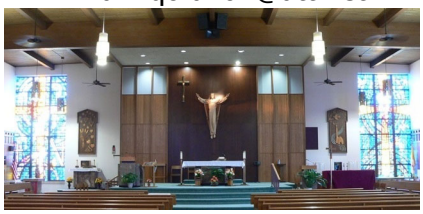

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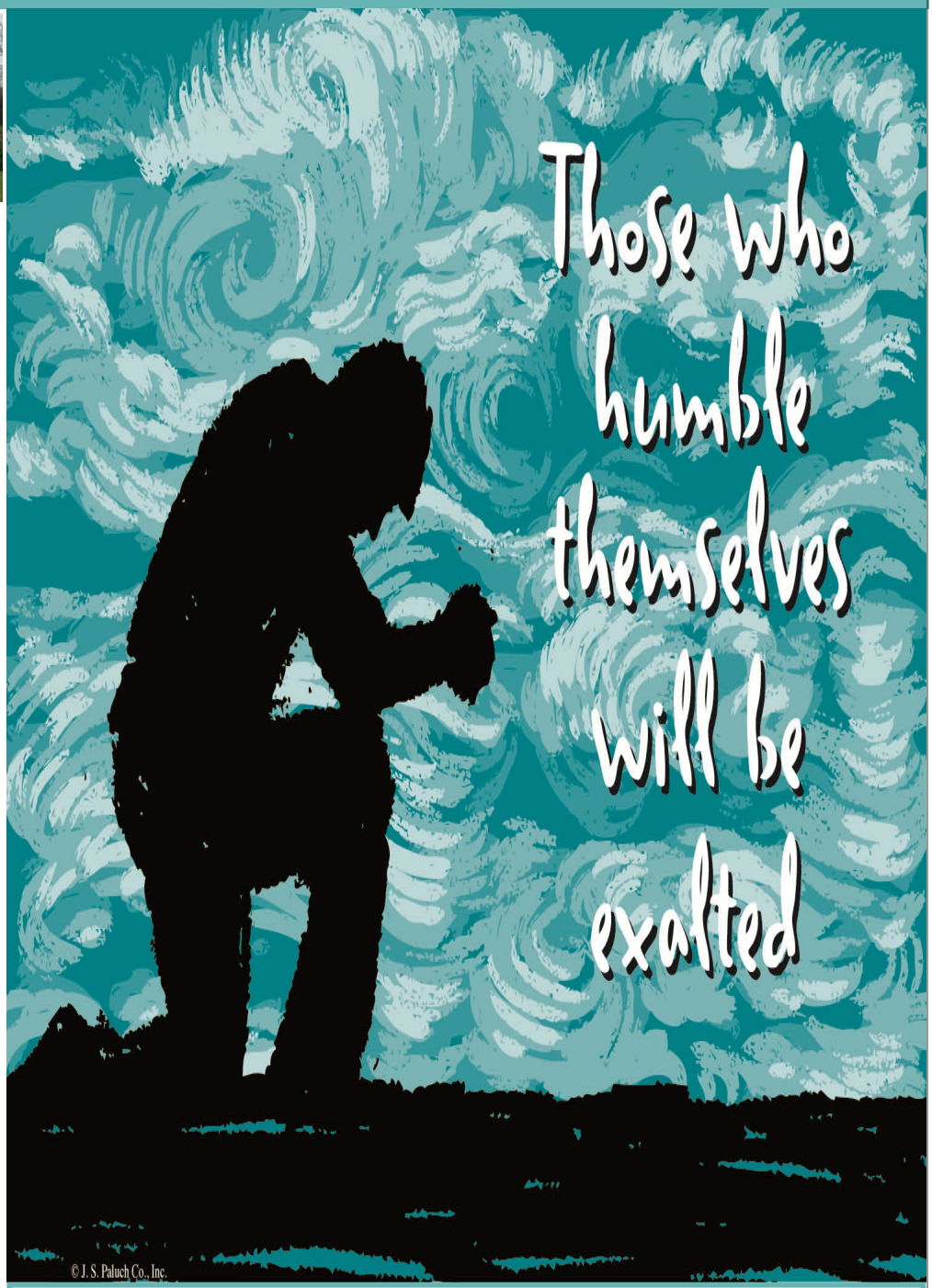

Twenty - second Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 1, 2019

We welcome you to our parish community of Holy Ghost and SS. Mary and Jude.
We trust that the message today will uplift you
and encourage you as we share in today's Eucharist.
Please know that our doors and our hearts are always open to you.
May God bless you and may His light shine upon you.

Our Pastoral Staff

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MASS TIMES

Monday	7:30 AM **HG** 8:30 AM **SJA**
Tuesday	7:30 AM **HG** 8:30 AM **SJA** **9 :00 AM Holy Hour**
Wednesday	7:30 AM **HG** 8:30 AM **SJA**
Thursday	8:30 AM **SJA** **Prayer Service** 7:30 AM **HG** **6:00 PM Holy Hour**
Friday	7:30 AM **HG** 8:30 AM **SJA**
Saturday	4:00 PM **SJA** 4:30 PM **HG**
Sunday	8:30 AM **SJA** 10:00 AM **SMQA** 10:30 AM **HG** 10:30 AM **SJA**
Holy Days	Watch bulletin for schedule
Rosary	Monday - Friday 8:00 AM **SJA**
Confessions	Saturday 3:30 - 4:15 PM **HG** Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 PM **SJA**
Baptisms & Weddings	Please contact your rectory office

A Prayer For Labor Day

Lord on this Labor Day, we thank You for the blessing of work. We ask for strength to complete each day. We ask for rest when we are weary. We ask for Your guidance and hope for everyone seeking employment. We ask that You be with those who work tirelessly each day for the good of all of us. Amen.
Have A Blessed and Safe Labor Day.

	MASS	INTENTIONS
Sat., Aug. 31	4:00 PM St. Jude the Apostle	Bernie & Marie Russell by Marilyn Lanigan Essie
Sun., Sep. 1	8:30 AM St. Jude the Apostle 10:30 AM St. Jude the Apostle	People of Our Faith Community Art Nylen by Joan Elliott Tim Springer (70th Birthday) by Family Carrie M. Mitchell by Sondra Watts Fr. John Harvey People of Holy Ghost
Mon., Sep. 2	8:30 AM St. Jude the Apostle 9:00 AM Holy Ghost	People of Our Faith Community Judith & Robert Wolny (57th Wedding Anniversary)
Tues., Sep. 3	7:30 AM Holy Ghost 8:30 AM St. Jude the Apostle	People of Holy Ghost Joan Metzger
Wed., Sep. 4	7:30 AM Holy Ghost 8:30 AM St. Jude the Apostle	Purgatorial Society Sandra Durish by Linda & Gene Petner
Thur., Sep. 5	7:30 AM Holy Ghost 8:30 AM St. Jude the Apostle	Tom & Marcella Quinn by Mary Ellen Quinn PRAYER SERVICE
Fri., Sep. 6	7:30 AM Holy Ghost 8:30 AM St. Jude the Apostle	Charles Todd (4th Anniversary of death by sister, Barbara Schmidt Phyllis Palmer Purgatorial Society
Sat., Sep. 7	4:00 PM St. Jude the Apostle 4:30 PM Holy Ghost	Essie Peter Herman & Family Lauren Ashley Tufo Bussie (anniversary of death) by Tufo Family Marion T. Norman by Tufo Family Joe Nazimek (in memory of 61st wedding anniversary) by Ann Nazimek Kathleen Kwiatkowski (in memory of her 66th birthday) by Family
Sun., Sep. 8	8:30 AM St. Jude the Apostle 10:00 AM St. Mary Queen of Apostles 10:30 AM Holy Ghost 10:30 AM St. Jude the Apostle	Ekwo Chizitalm by Ekwo Vicharie Kathleen Sheeran by Jim & Diane Sheeran Carrie M. Mitchell by Sondra Watts People of the Parish Carol Slawinski by Harry Jann Family Patricia Dwyer by Mary Simms Jerry Klein (40 yr. Remembrance) by Klein Family

Pastor's Corner

Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled

My friends, there is genuine and false humility; if we have musical or artistic talents we should openly share them with others and not have a false humility that causes us to withhold what we can create for others. Hiding our light under a bushel does not give honor and glory to God, to our heavenly Father who gave us our talents so that we might brighten and build up the lives of those around us. That's why from time to time, I encourage those who have big smiles not to hide them, those who have good voices and can read well to be lectors and so forth.

So, to be honest, there are forms of pride that are healthy and beneficial not only to ourselves but to others as well. Healthy pride helps us to take care of ourselves, to use the talents that God has given us in service to others. Negative pride pushes everyone else out of our way as we try to climb to heights of importance even beyond our means. This form of pride cuts us off from others and isolates us. This kind of pride comes from the delusion that tells us we're totally self-sufficient and we do not need anyone's help.

So in this parable of Jesus about the invited guests at a wedding banquet, Jesus isn't merely talking about nice table manners. No. He's talking about the way you and I live our lives. He's talking about the way we treat our selves, others, and God.

Let's talk about one form of pride that keeps people away from going to confession. Catholics who don't go to confession just can't bring themselves to admit to God through a priest the nature of their sins. They say to themselves "I can confess to God without needing to go to a priest." Such people are delusional – they end up striking their own bargains with God, setting their own terms for His forgiveness, deciding for themselves that they can take care of sin their own way. No help needed from *you*, Father.

Going to confession requires humility. Pride has to be put aside. Prideful refusal to confess our sins blocks God's graces from entering into us through the Sacrament of Penance. And pride affects our relationships with those around us. Living a prideful and self-centered life brings us into a hell on earth in which my ego pushes God aside and causes me to dominate, manipulate, rule and control others. Pride, we must always remember, was Lucifer's downfall. The opposite of pride is humility which helps us to accept others the way they are, makes us forgiving people knowing that others make mistakes as we do, helps us to put others first before ourselves, makes it easier for us to apologize whenever we make mistakes and so forth.

May the Lord bless us with humility and help us to lower our mountains of pride.

Fr. Gosbert Rwezahura.

CHURCH

The Greek word for church is ekklesia, which means a people called out. The Church is **US** with the power of Jesus bringing the love of Jesus to all we meet. The church is not a brick building. It is the living, breathing children of God building God's kingdom here on earth. Church is not the people being on their best behavior for one hour a week. The Church is us, God's children who are willing to take off our masks and be ourselves. Our church must be transparent and at times vulnerable. When Christians fight among themselves it is Jesus who is battered and bruised. God has called us out to be His children, to gather together to worship and glorify Jesus. We all come with baggage and we are all trying to find our way. Our church family may not be perfect but in our church family all will be treated equally, all will be accepted and all will be loved. That's the Gospel and that, my brothers and sisters, is **JESUS.**

Deacon Jim Renwick

SPOTLIGHT ON: Nnedi Okabuonye

Nnedi has been a parishioner at St. Jude all of her life. She has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation at St. Jude Church. Her family includes her parents Eucharia and Romanus, her twin sister Nneayo and her older twin siblings, Nneoma and Nnamdi.

She is a junior at Marian Catholic H.S. where she is a member of the volleyball team. Her plan is to major in Computer Technology in college.

She is currently a lector, member of the youth group and works with the younger children of the parish. Nnedi is looking forward to attending the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis this November.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- Conduct your affairs with humility (Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29).
Psalm -- God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor (Psalm 68).
Second Reading -- You have approached the city of the living God (Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a).
Gospel -- Those who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 14:1, 7-14).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please pray for the physical and spiritual well-being of parishioners and friends who are ill and recovering.
If you would like to add a name to the list fill out a form at the back of church and return in the basket provided.

Robert Kelliher	**Tom Sheeran**	**Eleanor Sheeran**
Joyce Musial	**Dolores Cox**	**Kathleen Bauer**
Ann Herman	**Daniel Mendez**	**Ann Dobias**
Walter Komanski	**Richard Mebane**	**Barbara Ryan**
Beth Handy	**Linda Powell**	**Bonnie Jackson**
Gerald Dewitt	**Vicente Zamora**	**Joan Metzger**
Mary Faulkner	**Earline Mebane**	**Delores Jerome**
Ruby Ingram	**Marian Kelliher**	**Angela Johnson**
Teresa Spruiell	**Margo Harvey**	**Anna Szuts**
Karen Murdaugh	**Dolores Vanco**	

Please pray for the men and women in the armed forces.

Lord, hold our military men and women in your loving hands…
Protect them as they protect us…

Brian Blackmore, Army
Adam Crisman, Army
Jeffrey Crisman, Army
James Dorch, Army
Jenea Eskridge, Air Force
Stephanie Gay, Army
Brittany Gierucki, Air Force
Zachary Humbert, Navy
Michael Ntamere, Navy
James Schassburger, Army
Matthew Tardy, Navy
Jason Wexelberg, Navy
Mark Wojciechowski, Army National Guard
Jeremiah Wolf, Army
Lindsey Wolf, Army

May God bless you with every heavenly blessing and give you a safe journey; wherever life leads you, may you find Him there to protect you.

SHED**SOME**LIGHT

Christ Our Savior Catholic School

BACK TO SCHOOL BARBECUE

With the cooperation of beautiful, near perfect weather, Christ Our Savior families gathered on the west lawn of the school on the evening of Friday, August 23, to enjoy a Back to School Barbecue with games and activities for the students. After our parents, guardians, grandparents and students enjoyed delicious grilled hot dogs and picnic goodies, they proceeded to the classrooms to meet their child's teacher and learn about the expectations of the curriculum for the school year. It was a wonderful evening of shared information and a great kick off to our new school year.

CUB SCOUTS AT COS

We are in the process of starting a new Cub Scout Pack for ages Kindergarten through Grade 4 that would meet at Christ Our Savior School. Across the nation the Cub Scouts have elected to allow girls to join the organization as well. You do not have to be a student at Christ Our Savior to become a member of this pack. If you are interested or have neighbors who may want to be part of this longstanding tradition, please contact Garry Polodna, Boy Scouts of America, at 312-421-8800 Ex.236 or email him at: Garry.Polodna@Scouting.org.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We now offer many after school activities that appeal to our students with their vast array of interests. There is quite a list of exciting and creative opportunities for our students to explore. Students can elect to join our Praise Dancing Ministry, Mime Ministry, Drama Club, Chess Club, STEM Program (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), Cooking Class (new), Girls/ Boys Pee Wee Basketball, Creative Minds Art Program (new), Cub Scouts for Boys and Girls or Sport Teams. If you know of someone who may be considering COS as their educational setting for their child, we enroll students all year long. Pass on the good news of Christ Our Savior Catholic School!

CRAFT/VENDOR FAIR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

SEEKING - CRAFTERS AND VENDORS

We are seeking crafters and vendors for our annual Christ Our Savior Catholic School Craft Fair and Vendor Show. The show will be held on Saturday, November 9 in the school gym from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The show will feature a food concession stand, raffles, bake sale and more. The fee for an 8 x 8 space is $30. If you would like to participate, please contact Karen Brodzik at 708.333.8173 ext. 24 or at Iteachkb@aol.com. An application will be sent to you.

In Christ's Love,
Karen Brodzik Principal

Our Weekly Offering

Holy Ghost Worship Site
8 - 25 - 2019 $ 2, 285.95

St. Mary Queen of Apostles Worship Site
8 - 25 - 2019 $ 1, 205.00

St. Jude the Apostle Worship Site
8 - 25 - 2019 $ 4, 841.00

We thank you for your financial support of our parish community.

The wine used at St. Jude Church for the Eucharist for SEPTEMBER is in memory of Emilio Mendoza From The Cruz Family.
We are grateful for their donation.

Bible Study at St. Mary Queen of Apostles
When: Every Tuesday
Time: 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Where: Rectory Conference Room

RCIA

Are you interested in becoming Catholic and:
Have never been baptized
Were baptized in another Christian denomination, or
Were baptized Catholic, but never received the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation

The RCIA program is just what you need. The RCIA, or Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, is a process of conversion and preparation for full initiation into the Catholic faith which includes a period of prayer, study and fellowship. The program will begin in the early fall.
Call the rectory at 333-3550 if you are interested.

We rejoice at the Baptism of Oluomachukwu Ohiri.

May God bless this child and her family.

"MAKING DISCIPLES OF CHRIST"

Religious Education will begin at the St. Jude worship site on September 30, 2019. Registration will begin on Sunday, September 1st. Classes will be held for students in Grades 1-8 continuing their faith formation and sacramental preparation on Monday evenings.

SMQA ANNUAL PICNIC

St. Mary Queen of Apostles site final Annual Picnic will be **Saturday, September 14, 2019**. We can still use "White Elephant" items for Bingo and the Raffle prizes.

List of Picnic Items Needed

Hot Dog & Hamburger Buns	Barbeque Sauce
Mayonnaise	Potato Chips
Bottles of Water	Candy / Piñata
Ketchup	Plastic Silverware
Juice Boxes/Pouches	Garbage Bags
Mustard	Onions
Gift Cards	Relish
Plates	Donations
Lettuce	Cups
Napkins	Tomatoes

Side Dishes (Enough to feed 10 or more people)
Non-Perishables Groceries Items
(for the Bowling for Groceries game).

The day of the picnic we need help cleaning up the park space after our fun day. The sign-up sheet is in the back of church. Thank you in advance.

The Holy Name Society will meet on **Tuesday, Sept. 3rd at 7:30 PM** in McMahon Hall.
All men of our parish community are invited.

What are you doing September 6th?

Teens of our parish community are invited on **Friday, September 6th at 6:30 PM** to get together at the St. Jude worship site.

Seniors will meet for lunch at 12:00 PM on **Thursday, September 12th** at J.J. Kelley's at 2455 Bernice Rd, Lansing. All are welcome.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Saturday, **Sept. 14th at 10 AM.** Experienced and new people that enjoy knitting and crocheting are welcome to join the group.

SAVE THE DATE SUNDAY, Sept. 22, 2019
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MEXICAN FIESTA

CELEBRATING ST. MARY QUEEN OF APOSTLES CHURCH 2011 - 2019
FINAL MASS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019 10:00 AM
Rev. Gosbert Rwezahura will deliver the final homily.
Please share this information with present and former St. Mary Queen of Apostles parishioners.

HOLY GHOST CHURCH LAST MASS

The last Masses at Holy Ghost Church will be celebrated on **Saturday, September 28, 2019, at 4:30 PM**, and on **Sunday, September 29, 2019, at 10:30 AM**.
Our official closing will be September 30, 2019.
If you know former parishioners who would want to be aware of these last Masses, please spread the word.

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