



Holy Family

CATHOLIC CHURCH

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 30, 2023



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”
- Mt 13:44

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PARISH CALENDAR

Mon 07/31	Bustin Barriers Camp M-F 8am-4:30pm 7pm Adult Pickleball
Tue 08/01	
Wed 08/02	
Thur 08/03	9pm Men's Basketball
Fri 08/04	9am-12pm Adoration Parish Chapel 5:30 LaPieta—Chapel 7pm Auction Party Improv Night
Sat 08/05	
Sun 08/06	2pm YLI Meeting 3pm Adult Volleyball 6pm Trail Life

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Wed 08/02	9:15am Mass:	Suffering Souls in Purgatory +
Thur 08/03	12pm Mass:	Int. Tori Vigil
Fri 08/04	12 pm Mass:	Int. Oliver Greenlee
Sat 08/05	5:30pm Mass:	Charles Sparks, Sr. +
Sun 08/06	8:30am Mass:	Int. Nate Mullett
	10:30am Mass:	Souls in Purgatory and Our Beloved Dead +



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TUESDAY—FRIDAY, 8:30AM—3:30PM

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Falling Action and the Field

In my freshman year of high school, I was fairly miserable at identifying the five essential elements of plot (exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution).

To this day, the only reason I remember anything about them at all is because my English teacher used episodes of Scooby Doo to illustrate the different elements. Falling action vs. climax is where I got tripped up, the two are similar, and only discernible if you examine them relative to each other.

Every Scooby Doo episode has a big dramatic sequence (the climax) where the ghost/monster/zombie chases The Gang through the haunted mansion. The falling action is what comes immediately after: searching for her glasses that she lost during the chase, Velma bumps into a pulley wheel disguised behind a tapestry and realizes the ghost/monster/zombie is actually the janitor in a costume, hooked up to an elaborate cable system jerry-rigged throughout the mansion. Meddling kids.

I confused the two because, to me, they are *both* equally dramatic: the chase and the fallout.

It occurs to me that, if you look at the course of salvation history, we are living in the falling action, not the climax. Take the parable of the treasure in the field: we have found the treasure. But we haven't yet bought the field.

I often make the mistake of thinking I am still lost in the climax, searching for the truth. But I know exactly where the truth is.

What I need to be concerned with is this: am I doing what I need to do to buy the field?

"Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them. The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple." — Psalm 119

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do priests kiss the altar at the start of Mass?

Answer:

Our churches and chapels are filled with symbols. We might think of the more common symbols (like the crucifix, statues, stained-glass windows, vestment color and altar cloths) as well as major symbols (such as the paschal candle and the baptismal font). But there are some things that we can take for granted in our sacred spaces, because unfortunately, they seem to just be part of the building, including three of the main symbols of our liturgy: the ambo (lectern), the chair for the priest celebrant, and the altar.

These three objects are placed in a specially designated area called the sanctuary. They are the places where the Word of God is proclaimed, where the priest prays and presides at the celebration, and where the bread and wine are offered by the priest during the Eucharistic Prayer. Although each of these objects is sacred because of the role they play in our worship, the altar holds a special place. In a document containing the rules and instructions for the Mass — the "General Instruction of the Roman Missal" — we read: "The altar on which the Sacrifice of the Cross is made present under sacramental signs is also the table of the Lord to which the People of God is called together to participate in the Mass, as well as the center of the thanksgiving that is accomplished throughout the Eucharist" (no. 296).

One of the ways that we recognize the importance of the altar is when the priest and deacon kiss the altar at the beginning of Mass. Kissing is an ancient act of devotion. Remember, we also kiss the cross on Good Friday, and the deacon or priest kisses the "Book of the Gospels" after the Gospel is proclaimed. This act of devotion reminds us that the altar is a symbol of Jesus, the "living stone" (see 1 Peter 2:4), the foundation stone of our faith. It is a symbol gesture, but it is a powerful reminder of the One on whom our faith is built and in whose name we gather as the "household of faith" (see Galatians 6:10).

To learn more, see the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" (no. 1382-1383).

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of July 30, 2023

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/
Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Observances for the week of July 30, 2023

Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Tuesday: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

Thursday:

Friday: St. John Vianney, Priest

Saturday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Next Sunday: The Transfiguration of the Lord



Replacing the roof has been completed on the church, but work will continue for the next two weeks with work on the eaves and painting the exterior walls.

Heart-felt thanks for all your generosity to help get this work accomplished!

STEWARDSHIP

Holy Family Parish Offertory

07/23/2023

	Actual	Budget	% of Goal
July 17-23, 2023	\$ 5,175	\$ 10,500	49%
July, 2023	\$ 32,792	\$ 42,000	78%
YTD	\$ 32,792	\$ 525,000	6%

As we move into a new fiscal year, would you consider increasing your tithe by 5% to help offset the reality of increased costs? Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!



Coffee & Donuts ~ Thank you Bergmans for hosting Coffee and Donuts this week-end... next Coffee and Donuts ~ August 6th hosted by Wolkerstorfers after the 8:30 Mass.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE ~ August 5-6, 2023

	Altar Server	Greeter/Usher	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Sacristan
Saturday 5:30pm	Jack Kiesel (sub req.) Danny Schenk	Will & Crystal Gwyn	Tim Dooley	LeAnn Dooley - Lector	Joyce Holohan-Bell
Sunday 8:30am	Stella McEnery Owen Sokol	Philip Glander Christine Glander	Claire Bauman Joy Hunt Alli Williams	David Bergman - Lector	Joy Hunt
Sunday 10:30am	First Communion Kiele Kaopuiki-Delaney	Malia Kaopuiki-Delaney Noa Kaopuiki-Delaney	Michael Dominguez	Gene Dieringer - Lector	

A Wise and Understanding Heart



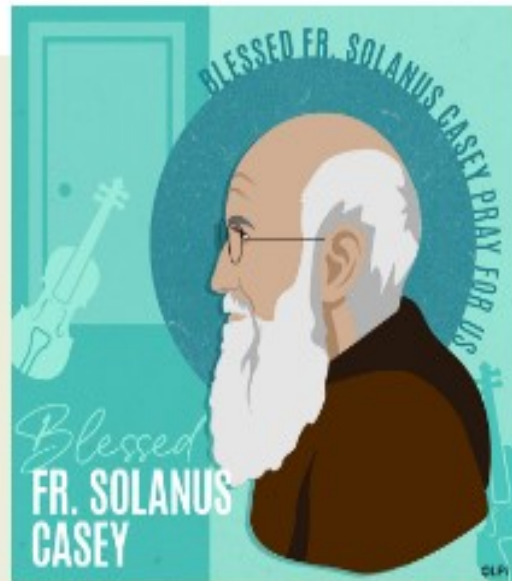
GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGING DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 30, 2023
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our culture seems more polarized and divided than ever. Into this wounded situation, our Catholic faith has a healing remedy to offer: the gift of wisdom. When the Lord offers to give King Solomon anything the monarch desires, he requests “an understanding heart” (1 Kings 3:9). In his polarized situation, the King doesn’t ask for power to defeat his enemies. He asks for a wise and understanding heart to judge right from wrong. This wisdom is elevated and fulfilled in Jesus who teaches us to bring forth “both the new and the old” (Matthew 13:52).

In our fractured society, we Christians should stop pining for political power to crush our perceived enemies. That often just makes things worse. Rather, it’s much more useful to beg for the grace of true wisdom which transcends both sides of the aisle. This places us in a fresh position from which we can help our culture see what is true and good all across the ideological spectrum. Sometimes we’ll look like liberals (e.g., in our love for the poor and marginalized) and other times like conservatives (e.g., in our sexual ethics and views on religious freedom). Because this wisdom is free from ideological narrowness, it will help to heal these painful fractures. Lord Jesus, this week, pour into us your healing wisdom.

— Father John Muir



Saint of the week

Blessed Fr. Solanus Casey would have up to 200 people a day visit him for prayer and counseling while he worked as a doorkeeper at his various postings. He also co-founded the Capuchin Soup Kitchen during the Great Depression. It still serves people in Detroit to this day.

Prayer

“Let us, therefore, not weaken. Let us hope when darkness seems to surround us. Let us thank Him at all times and under whatever circumstances. Thank Him for our creation and our existence. Thank Him for everything — for His plans in the past, that by our sins and our want of appreciation, have so often frustrated — and that He so often found necessary to change. Let us thank Him for all His plans for the future — for trials and humiliations as well as great joy and consolations; for sickness and whatever death He may deign to plan; and with the inspired Psalmist let us call all the creatures of the universe to help us praise and adore Him Who is the Divine Beginning and the everlasting Good — the Alpha and the Omega.”

(Prayer Source: An exhortation by Fr. Solanus Casey)

CRAWFISH Boil

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH *ALL YOU
CAN EAT* CRAWFISH BOIL**

**Saturday August 12th 6pm-8:30PM,
Parish Field**

**Crawfish - Potatoes - Sausage -
Carrots**

Corn on the Cob -Garlic Bread

**Adults: \$25 * Kids: 13-18 \$10 * Kids
5-12: \$5 (Pizza option!)**

Beer/Wine @ \$5

Soda/Water @ \$1



Save the Date!



Saturday, September 23rd
Holy Family Catholic Church

YOUTH MINISTRY

**REFLECTIONS FROM
STEBENVILLE NW**

DOMINIC PIENOVİ:

I attended the Steubenville Youth Conference in Spokane, Washington. The theme of the weekend was "Refuge". I heard multiple speakers give their testimonies of how they found Jesus as their refuge. Listening to them really made me think of my own life and the presence of God in it. It was wonderful to see so many teens gathered in one spot, praising the name of Jesus Christ. One night, they had adoration, and it was unlike anything I have ever seen before. A priest walked between the rows, holding the Blessed Sacrament, and as He passed, everybody reached out, trying to touch Him. To end the conference, Bishop Daly of Spokane celebrated mass with us. As the final words of the mass were spoken, I felt truly sent to do God's work, to bring more people to the faith, and to show more people that Jesus is truly our refuge.

SOFIA BURGHER:

I love attending the Steubenville conferences because they are an opportunity to experience the sacraments in a new way and be surrounded by other high school students who share the faith. The trip also brings our group closer together and allows us to connect and share on a deeper level.

It's such an awesome trip! Thank you for supporting us so we can experience it together!



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AUGUST 4TH 7PM-9PM

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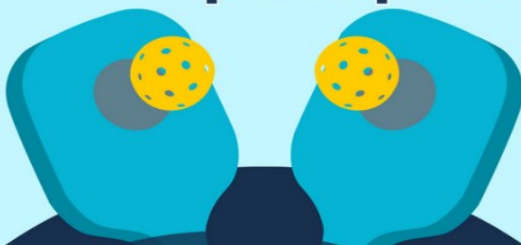
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Saturday
October 7th
4pm-6pm
@ HF Gym

Grab your racquets and competitive spirit and join hosts Jeanne & Blair Loftis for a pickleball tournament you don't want to miss! Who will take the coveted title of Holy Family Pickleball Champion? Pizza, pints and plenty of fun to follow! Space is limited to 24 so don't wait to grab your spot!



AUGUST 24TH-27TH

FAMILY CAMP

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Elena de Mesa	Katie Lawrence	All special intentions
Doree D'Angelo	Marioris Oliverio	All grieving loss of loved ones
Mary DeSousa	Sabas Quiray	Mental Health of all HF Parishioners
Tim Evens	Matt Rast	Ukraine
Jean Goerl	Anne Templeton	Barb Regan for healing
Per-Olof Jarnberg	Marilyn Walstrom	Mary deSousa for healing
Sam Johnson	Leasa Wiebke	Doug Sinclair for healing
Kathy Kaopuiki	Patricia McEvoy	
Bonnie Kilwein	Julie Reiersgaard	
	David Hart	

For prayer support, contact
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