

Welcome to the

# Tri-Parish

## Catholic Community

### September 3rd, 2023



*Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish - St. Mary's Ridge ~ St. Augustine of Hippo Parish - Norwalk  
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish & School - Cashton*

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### *From the Pastor*

Dearest Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

This past week started beautifully with three nights of Catholic Family Camp. I want to thank our director of religious education, Lisa Steger, for the work she put in to developing and leading this experience for our young people and their families. I would also like to thank the families who participated. It isn't easy to prioritize and give up time for a program that is unknown in one's own experience. I trust these three evenings will continue to benefit the families who took part as they share and live their faith with one another for many years to come.

Wednesday evening we had our annual back-to-school "Meet & Greet". While we lost some families over the summer, we've also gained some. As always, my staff and I stand ready to serve those who come. While all will enjoy the Labor Day weekend, it will be a joy to welcome our young people to a new school year Tuesday morning.

Speaking of Labor Day, I hope that all will give thanks to God for the joys and benefits of labor. We live in a culture that is only now beginning to appreciate the good of an honest day's labor.

I'm grateful that we have come again to a time when those in the trades are recognized for the important part they play in our world and in our lives. Without carpenters, plumbers, electricians, mechanics, heavy equipment operators, and so many more, we couldn't live as well as do – and too often take for granted.

As we celebrate this Labor Day weekend there are thousands in Florida, Georgia, and elsewhere who are cleaning up from this past week's hurricane. Politicians and others are sure to use this latest weather event to beat the drum on climate change, the policies of the present administrations – both state and federal. While the talking heads are beating their drums and spilling ink, tradesmen will be striving to get electricity back up, and other essential services.

May God bless those who make their living by the sweat of their brow and are responsible beyond our understanding for the quality of life we all enjoy.

*Fr. Klos*

#### The Week at a Glance...

##### Tuesday, Sept. 5th

–Mass 8:00am SH  
–First Day of School  
–SM/SA Finance 7pm SM

##### Wednesday, Sept. 6th

–Confessions 8am SA  
–Mass 8:30am SA

##### Thursday Sept 7th

–Adoration 6:30pm SM  
–Mass 7:30pm SM

##### Friday, Sept. 8th

–Mass 8am SH  
–Adoration 9am-11:45am SH  
–Adoration 2:30 SH  
–Work on Fall Fest Float  
–Adoration 5:30 SA  
–Mass Patronal Feast 7:30pm SM

## On Living the Vocation to Holiness

### Sacramental Life

**Baptism:** Because we believe in the ordinary necessity of Baptism for salvation, it is customary that newborns be baptized as soon as is practical, usually within a month after birth. Parents need to attend baptism preparation with Deacon Sam prior to scheduling a baptism. Please contact the parish office for details or to register.

**Marriage:** Couples should contact the Pastor at the time of formal engagement or at least eight months prior to the desired date of the wedding. In the case of a mixed marriage, the non-Catholic party must arrange to receive instructions about the Catholic faith prior to the celebration of the sacrament.

**Penance:**

Saint Augustine	Thursday after Mass
Sacred Heart	Friday 7:30am
Sacred Heart	Saturday 3:00 p.m.
Saint Mary	Sunday 7:00 a.m.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Those who are seriously sick, have been ill for a long period or are to undergo surgery should receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion. Please contact the Pastor or the parish office.

**Visitation of the Sick:** If you become hospitalized, institutionalized or homebound because of illness and would like communion brought to your home or just to be visited, please call the parish office.

**Catholic Education:** Sacred Heart School offers Christian formation to children in grades 4K through 8. Call the school, 654-7733, to visit or request an application for enrollment.

**Bulletin Deadline:** Please submit items for publication in the weekly bulletin before 8am Wednesday.

Last week we left off with the recognition of the example God has given us in the “work” of creation and in the Sabbath “rest”. In Genesis 2:3 we read, “*God Blessed the seventh day and made it holy*”.

When it comes to “Sunday”, the first question that comes up quite often is the issue of “why Sunday”? In the Bible we are told that God rested on the *seventh* day, hence (in Latin based languages: Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, French, and Romanian) the day we call “Saturday” is a derivation of the word *Sabbath*, i.e. *Sabado* in Spanish or *Sabbatum* in Latin. However, something happened one Sunday morning – Jesus Christ was raised from the dead! As the Holy Father says – the “day of the Lord” becomes the “day of Christ”! Thus, (in those same Latin based languages) the first day of the week, the day after the Sabbath, comes the new and eternal Sabbath now called *Domingo* or *Domenico* (in Spanish and Latin successively). So, now we know why the new Sabbath falls on Sunday. But, what does it mean? What IS the Sabbath and how do we imitate God’s rest on that day?

Our Holy Father points out, it would be silly and foolish to see the Sabbath of the Lord as a day of divine inactivity. He tells us that the act of creation is, by its nature, an eternal, unceasing act. It “does not allude to an inactive God, but emphasizes the fullness of what has been accomplished. It speaks, as it were, of God’s lingering before the ‘very good’ work which his hand has wrought, in order to cast upon it a *gaze full of joyous delight*.”

This “gaze” of the Lord “enjoys the beauty”, and especially the beauty which is mankind. It is a *nuptial*” gaze as our Holy Father puts it. A gaze which denotes the relationship which “God wants to establish with the creature made in his own image”. In this gaze He calls us to a “pact of love”.

Our Holy Father then goes on to discuss both the distinction and the close connection between the “order of creation” and the “order of salvation”. This is emphasized, he explains, in the Old Testament link between the commandment to “rest” after the days of creation and the salvation offered to Israel “*in the liberation from the slavery of Egypt*.” “The God who rests on the seventh day, rejoicing in his creation, is the same God who reveals his glory in liberating his children from Pharaoh’s oppression. Adopting an image dear to the prophets, one could say in both cases “*God reveals himself as the bridegroom before the bride*.”

Thus, the Lord’s Day is a day of rest, a day of renewal, and a day of rejoicing, which only reveals its fullness in reference to God who has sanctified it and makes it “his day”.

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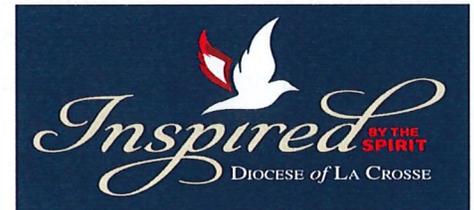
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## Inspired by the Spirit Campaign Updates

	<b>Saint Augustine</b>	<b>Saint Mary's</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>
<b>Goal</b>	\$50,000	\$145,000	\$195,000
<b>Total Pledged</b>	\$58,240	\$104,780	\$237,300
<b>Annual Appeal Goal</b>	\$12,785	\$18,035	\$22,785
<b>Total Cash</b>	\$16,335	\$44,385	\$58,997
<b># of Donors vs # of Registered Families</b>	26/46	46/115	67/190



### STEWARDSHIP FOR THE OPERATION OF OUR PARISHES

### August 27th, 2023

#### SAINT AUGUSTINE

ADULT ENVELOPES	\$425.00
OFFERTORY	\$41.00
DEBT	\$1.00
FUEL ENVELOPES	\$120.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$587.00</b>

#### SAINT MARY'S

ADULT ENVELOPES	\$1513.00
OFFERTORY	\$40.00
FUEL ENVELOPES	\$100.00
ASSUMPTION	\$10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1663.00</b>

#### SACRED HEART

ADULT ENVELOPES	\$1410.00
OFFERTORY	\$78.00
FUEL	\$20.00
SCHOOL SUPPORT	\$5.00
CCD	\$5.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1518.00</b>

## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Reading Reflection

Let's be honest. It will not be easy to strive to live the stewardship way of life. Dying to self and living for Christ and others is challenging. It's the work of a lifetime. But in the end, it's the only work that matters and the only life that truly satisfies. Our Gospel passage from Matthew reflects this challenging reality. Jesus tells His disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." This sounds harsh. Why would anyone want to do this? Our Lord has the answer, of course. "Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." It's all about love. Jesus loved (and loves) us totally, giving us all of Himself on the Cross, in His Word, and in the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist. And so we must choose the love of self or love of God and others – which is demanding but fulfilling and leads to the eternal reward of heaven. Jesus promises He "will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct." Let us make the tough choice to lose our life for Christ's sake in grateful response to His love. Honestly, what better life could there be.

### Patronal Feast Day Mass

Join us in celebrating St. Mary's Patronal Feast Day this Friday September 8th at 5:30pm.



### "Well Read Moms" Group to form

Ladies, do you like to read? Interested in a book club? If you're interested or would like more info, there will be a local "Well Read Moms" group starting. You don't have to be a mom to join. Contact Lisa Steger (dre@smash3p.org) for more info.

### Iced Coffee for sale

Be on the look out fall fest weekend for Sacred Heart School's iced coffee stand across from Central Express



When you think of someone suffering, what do you think of? Do you think of someone who is sick, or a person without a food? These are

what we call physical sufferings. Many of the saints suffered physically before they died. But there is another type of suffering too: spiritual suffering.

Aside from Jesus, no other person has spiritually suffered as much as the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary, called upon by God to bring Jesus into the world, witnessed all of the hurtful things that happened to Jesus. Mary knew that God had sent Jesus here to teach people to avoid sin and to work toward pleasing God. But because so many people rejected Jesus, Mary's immaculate heart grew weary and sad that people were rejecting God.

To this day, we continue to witness many things that add more pain to Mary's immaculate heart. We are all sinners and in God's eye, a sin is a sin no matter what the sin may be. Even if we think a certain type of sin might not be "as bad" as another sin, all sins are displeasing to God and cause Mary's heart to weep for us today. Mary only wants us to grow closer to Jesus. We can do this by asking her to pray for us that, by the grace of God, we might be able to overcome our own temptations.

### The Seven Sorrows of Mary

- The Prophecy of Simeon
- The Flight of Jesus, Mary and Joseph into Egypt
- The Loss of Jesus in the Temple
- Mary Meets Jesus on the Way of the Cross
- Jesus dies on the Cross
- Mary receives the Dead Body of Jesus
- Jesus is placed in the Tomb

### Healing Service

Are you suffering from physical, spiritual, or psychological distress? God's will is for you to be whole! A Healing Service will be held September 11th at Sacred Heart Church - Cashton. The evening begins at 4:30 pm with Adoration & devotions, Confessions, and Mass (5:30 pm), followed by prayers for healing using exorcised & blessed salt, oil, and water, with intercessory prayers by our clergy and lay prayer teams.

# Around and About

### Pilgrimage to Sister Wilhelmina

The 2 day pilgrimage to Gower, MO to view the incorrupt body of Sister Wilhelmina was blessed & joyful. 18 adults and 17 teenagers met many dedicated, faithful & humorous nuns, priests & monks enroute, including Fr. Hansen, a loyal Packer fan originally from Racine. This apparent miracle of the foundress of the Benedictines of Mary (discovered in May) is worthy of our contemplation.

### Family Camp Success!

Thanks to all the participants who joined us for the first year of Family Camp. It was a great success with ages ranging from 1-70! We played games, danced, did crafts and learned



### Day of Creation and Brunch

All are invited to join the crafters of St. Mary's for a Day of Creation craft retreat September 16th in the Saint Mary's church basement. Bring your favorite craft, a sandwich and join us for a productive crafty day!



all about our three parishes. Special thanks to Mrs. Steger for all the planning and time she devoted, and to Father Klos for the continued catechesis.

Mark your calendars for the next pot-luck brunch at St. Mary's. September 17th is the date after the 8am Mass. Bring your favorite dish to pass and join us for fellowship!



## For Youth and Young Adults

We are back again with our virtue cycle in the Year of Faith. Our program has a three-year cycle that focuses on the three theological virtues of faith, hope and love. And within each yearly program there are virtues for each month September-May with a new Saint for different age groups. When I write about them you get a glimpse each week of all the saints for that months across the ages!

Before we jump into what faith is we should take a moment to learn what theological means from above. When we talk about theological virtues we mean they come from God. When do we first receive these virtues? At our baptism! These virtues are strengthened every time we receive a sacrament.

Some of the other virtues we study we receive through practice much like an athlete or musician or artist gets better with practice. If you pray for more patience, God will give you a lot of opportunities to practice.

So what is faith? Faith is believing in God and all He has revealed. Sounds easy enough right? But do we believe in ALL God has revealed? Sometimes it's most difficult to believe when things don't make

sense. It's harder to believe when bad things happen. It's harder to believe when a teaching of the Church means sacrifice or a loss of friendship. This is why faith is a virtue. Virtues are not always easy or a "we got it so we're good" type of thing.

Over the next several weeks we will be looking at three saints who we can look at as an example of faith. Of course, all the saints could be said to have this virtue but we will look at three. The great thing about the saints is that they were just like us. They had human struggles and emotions too. But they kept praying, kept persevering, and they won the race. They achieved sainthood.

### *Upcoming Dates*

Catechist needed for either grades 6/7 OR 8/9. Please contact Lisa Steger if you might like more info or have questions or can help!

New This Year-6th grade CCD students will be attending the evening program starting at 7 pm. They will NOT be attending in the afternoon.

1. Spreading gossip is against which commandment? (A.) the seventh commandment (B.) the eighth commandment (C.) the ninth commandment
2. To think deeply about God's Word is an example of what kind of prayer? (A.) meditation (B.) Vocal Prayer (C.) petition

## Mass Intention Schedule

Sat. Sept. 2nd	8am at St. Mary's	Celebrant's Intention
	4pm at Sacred Heart	† Charles & Eltita Leis
	6pm at St. Augustine	In Honor of Louis Melby
Sun. Sept. 3rd	8am at St. Mary's	† Rita Hemmersbach
	10am at Sacred Heart	For the People
Tues. Sept. 5th	8:00am at Sacred Heart	† Donald Pieper
Wed. Sept. 6th	8:30am at St. Augustine	Katrina & Ella Baker
Thurs. Sept. 7th	6:30pm at St. Mary's	† Helen Steihl
Fri. Sept. 8th	8:00am at Sacred Heart	† Gerald Barry
Sat. Sept. 9th	4pm at Sacred Heart	† Robert & Amelia Allen
	6pm at St. Augustine	In Honor of Zach & Beth Brown's 20th Wedding Anniversary
Sun. Sept. 10th	8am at St. Mary's	For the People
	10am at Sacred Heart	† Rita Barry

## Lector/Serving Schedule September 10th

<u>St Augustine</u>	<u>Saint Mary's</u>	<u>Sacred Heart</u>	<u>Sacred Heart</u>
6pm Saturday	8am Sunday	4pm Saturday	10am Sunday
Pam Leis	Paul Klinkner	Pat Hansen	Ruth Wolf
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Hunter Kabat, Thaddeus Slattery & Jeffery Menn		Ethan, Jonathan & Ben Haris	

## Weekly Readings

**Sunday:** Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27 (124)  
**Monday:** 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30 (431)  
**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37 (432)  
**Wednesday:** Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44 (433)  
**Thursday:** Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11 (434)  
**Friday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23  
**Saturday:** Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5 (436)  
**Next Sunday:** Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20 (127)

## Please pray for these Intention

- Dale Dewitt
- Gene Degenhardt
- Michael Agneessens
- Sheila Vukovich
- Jeff Mullenberg
- Grace Fowler
- Pope Francis
- Bishop Callahan
- Barb Scholl
- Margaret Jothen
- Nancy Karis
- David Schwarz
- Sandy Von Ruden
- Alice Schmitz
- Mary Leuck
- Bobbi Baker
- Dennis Hemmersbach
- Mike Metzler
- Joshua Mack
- For Vocations to Holy Orders and the Consecrated Life and all the seminarians of the Diocese of La Crosse including our own seminarian Thomas Cummings.



### —For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance. (Pope's September Intention)

Please call the parish office or Thea Von Ruden to add or remove names from the list.

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