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Weekday Masses: Mon, Wed & Fri 5:30pm - Tue & Thurs 7:30am
Weekend Masses: Sat. Vigil - 6:00pm; Sun. 8:00am, 10:00am, & 12:00noon (Spanish)
Confessions: Sat. 4:30pm-5:30pm in the Church & 15 min before Weekday Masses in Church Office

Liturgies for the Week

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| Mon | Sept 21 | 5:30pm | +Johnnie and Emily Wagner |
| Tues | Sept 22 | 7:30am | +Deceased Classmates of Bishop Forrest High School Class of 1966 |
| Wed | Sept 23 | 5:30pm | +Joyce Gordy |
| Thur | Sept 24 | 7:30am | +Hedwig Jendry |
| Thur | Sept 24 | 8:15am | +Victor Ibrom |
| Fri | Sept 25 | 8:15am | +Joe Potter |
| Fri | Sept 25 | 5:30pm | +Sue Gassmann |
| Sat | Sept 26 | 6:00pm | +Charles Moeller |
| Sun | Sept 27 | 8:00am | +Josephine Meisner |
| Sun | Sept 27 | 10:00am | +Leroy Sebesta |
| Sun | Sept 27 | 12:00noon | +Teodora Rosales |

*"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways, and my thought above your thoughts."
 (Isaiah 55:8-9)*

Sunday, September 20, 2020

Catechetical Sunday / Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways" (Isaiah 55:8). There's no doubt about it--there are times when we just can't understand why God doesn't see things our way. Why doesn't He just give us the job we want or the healing we are asking for or the reconciliation we long for? It would make so much sense, Lord, just to do what I'm asking. But we also know that, in this life at least, we won't always understand God's ways. They are as far above us as the heavens are to the earth (Isaiah 55:9).

Today's Gospel illustrates this point exactly. Who would pay the same wage to the laborer who arrived early and the one who arrived an hour before quitting time? Only God can be so generous as to want to care equally for all those who come to Him, whether they arrive early or come later.

And that's why we can be thankful that God's ways are so far above our own. Look at how the Lord cared for His chosen people over the centuries. Even though there were many occasions when He could have abandoned them, He never did, no matter how far they strayed. They only had to seek Him to find mercy (Isaiah 55:6-7).

Each week at Mass, we are privileged to witness God's mercy in action, when He transforms ordinary bread and wine into Jesus' Body and blood. What a God we have, who loves us so much that He gives us not only His mercy but His very self in the Eucharist! This is so much beyond anything we could ever expect or imagine.

Yes, God's ways are above our ways. He gives His love and mercy without measure, without cost, to anyone who comes to Him. Early bird or latecomer, sinner or saint--all are welcome. As we are nourished by Jesus in the Eucharist, may our ways grow to become ever more like His.

"Father, I praise You for Your mercy, which knows no bounds!"
(from "The Word Among Us")

PLEASE NOTE:
The Church Office has a new email address:
sec.stanthony@gmail.com

Meat Donation Envelopes can be found at the entrance of the church. Please use these envelopes to help defray the cost of the meal at our church picnic. Every little bit helps!

Don't forget about donating to the Fathers' Cakes!! Envelopes for your donations are at the back of the church!!

Bishop Brendan Cahill invites everyone in the Diocese of Victoria to join him and others across the nation for a National Day of Prayer and Fasting on Thursday, Sept. 24.

Calendar for the Week

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| Tues | Sept 22 | TNT Quilters, 8:00am at Columbus Hall Rosary led by SAS 4th Grade, 9:30am in Church |
| Wed | Sept 23 | Youth Group, 6:30-7:45pm at St. Roch Hall in Mentz |
| Thurs | Sept 24 | SAS Mass for ECH, 1st, 2nd, & 4th grades, 8:15am in Church |
| Fri | Sept 25 | SAS Mass prepared by the 7th grade, 8:15am in Church |
| Sun | Sept 27 | KC Drive Thru Dinner to Benefit SAS Divine Mercy and Adoration, 3:00pm in Church |

Last Weekend's Collection

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| \$ 2427.00 | Envelopes |
| \$ 876.00 | Loose |
| \$ 272.00 | Paving the Way |
| <u>Donations Made Last Week</u> | |
| \$ 70.00 | Capital Campaign Donations & Pledges |
| \$ 80.00 | Capital Campaign Memorials |
| \$ 1125.00 | A/C Donations (Total Donated \$57,488; \$130,000 needed) |
| \$ 380.00 | Picnic Meat Donations (Total Donated: \$795) |
| \$ 775.00 | Donations for new Liturgical Vestments (Total Donated: \$1,040; \$13,000 Needed) |

"Thank you for your generosity!"

"Building on our Legacy, Building for Christ!"

Your donations are appreciated. Construction of our beautiful school is complete, but we still have a loan with the Diocese, which to date totals **\$1,201,598.23**. (The loan started at \$1,300,214.50, with an interest rate of 4%.) If you would like to make a donation, please see Tracey in the church office. No gift is too small! Thank you!

Registration Forms for the XXXIII Annual Catholic Conference can be found at the entrance of the church. This year's conference will be on Saturday, October 17.

LOCAL CHURCH PICNICS THIS WEEKEND :

St. Joseph, Moulton ~ September 20

CANONICAL BANNES in Anticipation of ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE for the Diocese of Victoria in Texas

After the proper period of formation and discernment, the following men have presented themselves to Bishop Brendan Cahill to be considered for Ordination as Permanent Deacons:

John Glueck & Rusty Theut

Before these candidates are called to the Order of the Diaconate by Bishop Cahill, the People of God are to be asked about their worthiness. Therefore, if you are aware of a reason why any of these men should not be ordained, you are asked to

please contact:

Deacon Chuck Glynn, Ed.D.
 Director of Formation, Office of the Permanent Diaconate
 Diocese of Victoria in Texas
 979-253-9616 ~ cglynn@victoriadiocese.org

The names of those expressing concerns will not be shared with any of the candidates, though the nature of the concern may be shared with them as part of the discernment and evaluation process.

Please see the insert from the Diocese of Victoria in today's bulletin on how to vote Catholic this November.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I humbly request you to contact the church office and update your current email address so we can reach you more easily with updated picnic details and other church information throughout the year. Thank you for your cooperation. May God continue to bless you and your families. We thank you for all that you do for the church and the school.

~Fr. Augustine Asante

CHURCH PICNIC RAFFLE TICKETS

Please pick up an envelope of raffle tickets at the back of the church and sell or buy them. Feel free to take more, but we are asking every family to sell at least one packet. ***This year, more than ever, selling raffle tickets is essential as it is the only picnic event not affected by the COVID restrictions, so sell as many as possible!!*** Return your packet(s) in the Sunday collection, to the church office, or the drop box outside of the office with the money and filled-out tickets inside and put your name on the outside.

The flowers on Mary's altar this weekend were donated by Miss Pete Mikulenko in honor of Pat Bodungen's birthday.

On this Catechetical Sunday, a Prayer for Catechists:

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank You for their gift of ministry in Your Church.

Grant them Your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of Your Word. Grant them also Your love that they may be fruitful heralds of Your Word and lead others to love You.

Pour forth Your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with Your Son.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Please keep the repose of the soul of **Rosemary Peters** in your prayers. Her funeral was on Thursday. May her soul rest in peace.