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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 14, 2022



May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ to the World!

Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

Confessions:

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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Monday - Thursday

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Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Why did Jesus link fire from heaven with costly division on the earth (Luke 12:49-53)? Did he expect his followers to take his statement of "father against son and son against father" and "mother against daughter and daughter against mother" literally? Or was he intentionally using a figure of speech to emphasize the choice and cost of following him above all else? Jesus used a typical Hebrew hyperbole (a figure of speech which uses strong language and exaggeration for emphasis) to drive home an important lesson. We often do the same when we want to emphasize something very strongly. Jesus' hyperbole, however, did contain a real warning that the Gospel message does have serious consequences for our lives. When Jesus spoke about division within families, he likely had in mind the prophecy of Micah: a man's enemies are the men of his own household (Micah 7:6). The essence of Christianity is loyalty to Jesus Christ, a loyalty that takes precedence over every other relationship. To place any relationship above God is a form of idolatry.

Jesus challenges his disciples to examine who they love first and foremost. A true disciple loves God above all else and is willing to forsake all for Jesus Christ. Jesus insists that his disciples give him the loyalty which is only due to God, a loyalty which is higher than spouse or kin. It is possible that family and friends can become our enemies if the thought of them keeps us from doing what we know God wants us to do. Does the love of Jesus Christ compel us to put God first in all we do (2 Corinthians 5:14)? Let us Pray: Lord Jesus, may the fire of your love consume me and transform my life that I may truly desire nothing more than life with you. Fill me with the power of your Holy Spirit that I may always seek to please you and do your will.

Readings for Next Sunday,

August 21, 2022

Isaiah 66:18-21

Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13

Luke 13:22-30

† Saint of the Week: St. Clare of Assisi

As a young girl, Clare dedicated herself to prayer, and by 15 had refused to marry. She was moved by the dynamic preaching of Francis of Assisi whom she heard at a Lenten service. He became her lifelong friend and spiritual guide.

At 18 Clare escaped from her father's home and was met on the road by friars carrying torches. In a chapel called Portiuncula she received a rough woolen habit, exchanged her jeweled belt for a rope with knots in it, and sacrificed her long golden tresses. Francis placed her in a Benedictine convent. Others soon joined her, including her sister Agnes, and thus the Second Order of St. Francis was founded: the Poor Clares. They were housed in the church and convent of San Damiano near Assisi. Clare became abbess there in 1216.

The Poor Clares went barefoot, slept on the ground, ate no meat, and observed almost complete silence. St. Clare spent her days serving the sick and washing the feet of the other nuns. She came from prayer, it was said, with her face so shining it dazzled. She suffered serious illness for the last 27 years of her life. Her influence was so powerful that popes, cardinals and bishops often came to consult her.

St. Clare is the patron saint of protection from eye disorders. She is often pictured carrying a monstrance to commemorate the time she warded off the soldiers at the gates of her convent with the Blessed Sacrament.



Feast Day: August 11

Source: franciscanmedia.org



Patricia Ansel, Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Judy Davis*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Barbara Grubbs*, Larry Hinkle, Kathy Jenkins, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott*, Pam Launi, Craig Leibig, Amber Linkswiler, Debbie Pappas, Cathy Pardee, Eileen Passauer*, Caroline Reeves, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Sue Ann Spotts*, Bill Stine, Maleigha Taylor and Courtney Whiteman.

Special Collection for Flood Relief

As a reminder, a special collection is being taken today across our diocese to support recovery efforts for those in southern West Virginia and eastern Kentucky who have been affected by the recent heavy rain and flooding. A separate basket is available for this drive.



Fr. Thomas was welcomed back to Keyser last week with these special signs and balloons from a very thoughtful parish family!



We will celebrate the
*Solemnity of the Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
with Holy Mass on Monday, August 15, at
6 p.m. Mass will be followed by a light
reception hosted by the Ladies Guild in
St. Mary's Hall to welcome Fr. Thomas back
from his vacation. Everyone is welcome!

*Mary is taken up to heaven;
a chorus of angels exults!*

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, August 13	4:00 p.m.	Intentions of Brent & Meredythe Barrick	Howard & Karen Barrick
Sunday, August 14	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Jane & Charles House.....	Rene Trezise
		Soul of Domenick Greco	Sue Greco
Monday, August 15	6:00 p.m.	Assumption Parish Family	Assumption Parish
Tuesday, August 16	No Mass		
Wednesday, August 17	5:00 p.m.	The Alt, Cobb and Kuh families.....	Dean Alt
		Souls of Larry & Carmela DeMasi.....	Dena Turner
Thursday, August 18	12 noon	Soul of Angela Dorsey	Marion Dorsey
		Intentions of Joseph Jordan	Assumption Parish
Friday, August 19	9:00 a.m.	Soul of Helen Holder.....	Margaret McGee
		Souls of Frank & Mary Calemine	Carole Rhodes
Saturday, August 20	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Herman Wise.....	Jean Harber
		Soul of Mickey Calemine	Rosalee Freeman
Sunday, August 21	8:30 a.m.	Souls of AnnaVenetta & Don Smith.....	Rene Trezise
		Living & Deceased Members of the Dunn family	Dave Dunn



Knights of Columbus

Knight of the Month

Charles (Doug) Minnich has been chosen as the July 2022 Knight of the Month for Assumption Council.

Doug has quietly acted as the council's Church Director by setting up and leading monthly Rosary services as well as coordinating the liturgical roles for the quarterly Knights Mass. He serves as a lector and is a member of the church cleaning team. He is always willing to do any task asked of him. Doug has also served the community for many years as Committee Chairman of the Keyser Boy Scout Troop. Congratulations Doug!

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, August 20

Lector: Celia Cole
Servers: Sommer & Micah Alt
EM: Sue Harber
Cantor: Anita Tetreault
Greeters: Sue & Jean Harber

Sunday, August 21

Lector: Mike Landis
Servers: Rudy & Pippa Dolechek
EM: Mike Landis
Cantor: Julie Alt
Greeters: Jeff & Kelley Kuhn

Saturday, August 27

Lector: Kerri Wittman
Servers: Celia & Evelyn Cole
EM: Jean Harber
Cantor: Linda Marsh
Greeters: Mike & Robin McDowell

Sunday, August 28

Lector: John Bogdan
Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis
EM: Rosie Landis
Cantor: Nancy Starcher
Greeters: Denny Dolechek & Marvin Whetzel

Collections & Attendance

August 6-7, 2022

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes\$3,265
Loose Donations..... \$876
Votive Candles\$49
Poor Box\$61
Total..... \$4,251

Attendance

Saturday, 8/6..... 59
Sunday, 8/7..... 57
Total..... 116

July Balance Sheet

Income..... \$23,342
Expenses \$ 9,705
Balance\$13,637

Upcoming Diocesan Collection

A Diocesan collection is scheduled for next weekend for the Education of Seminarians in our Diocese. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Piano Lessons Being Offered

Our Parish Music Director, Linda Davis-Kyle, is accepting students for piano lessons beginning this fall. Students can be any age and the lessons can be taught in St. Mary's Hall.

Linda is a retired teacher and has been involved in church music ministry since she was a young girl. For more information, contact Linda at 301-707-4215.



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