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Marriage: arrangements must be made a few months in advance **Baptism:** by appointment
Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confessions: By Appointment

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. Aug. 29	4:00 pm	SM	For the People of the Parishes
Sun. Aug. 30	9:00 am	SM	For Rudy and Sofia Sousa by the Perkins Family
Sun., Aug. 30	11:00 am	SP	For Carmaline Arquiett by Maryjean Delpha & Mona Pelkey
Mon. Aug. 31	11:00 am **	SM	For Rita Noone by her Family
Tues. Sept. 1	8:00 am	SP	For William Carlisle by his Family
Wed. Sept. 2	8:00 am	SM	For Past Members of St. Theresa's Church by Kilcer Family
Thurs., Sept. 3	8:00 am	SP	For Betty Ligammari by Geno & Helen Martini
Fri., Sept. 4	8:00 am	SM	For Andy Kilcer by Jerry & Rose Perkins
Sat. Sept. 5	4:00 pm	SM	For Madilynn Nicole Lewelyn by Jim & Mary Ann Yuhas
Sun., Sept. 6	9:00 am	SM	For Mildred Voos by Cathy and Noel Voos
Sun., Sept. 6	11:00 am	SP	For the People of the Parishes

St. Monica/St. Augustine

Monica was an African, born near Carthage of Christian parents. She married and had three children, Augustine being the eldest. Augustine felt no attraction to Christianity which saddened Monica deeply. Instead, he sought the meaning of life in various other religions, but none gave him answers.

Monica prayed constantly for his conversion and wept over his sins until a sympathetic bishop consoled her by saying: "Go now, I beg of you; it is not possible that the son of so many tears should perish." Her prayers were finally answered when Augustine came under the influence of Bishop Ambrose. Augustine began to find in Christian doctrine a greater depth than he had realized and he asked to be baptized.

During the time before Augustine's baptism, Monica became ill. Just before she died, she confided that she had no further need for life: "there was one reason and one alone why I wished to remain a little longer in this life and that was to see you a Catholic Christian before I died. God has granted my wish...What is left for me to do in this world?"

Augustine returned to North Africa, hoping to pursue a monastic life, but was pressed to become Bishop of Hippo until his death in 430 at the age of 75.

Augustine was one of the great architects of Christian theology. His works were vast, leaving his mark on virtually every aspect of Christian doctrine. His autobiographical *Confessions* reflected on the meaning of his life in light of the pivotal turning point: his conversion and baptism into the Catholic Church, where he discerned the hand of God, caring for him and guiding him toward his eventual happiness. As he addressed God in one of his most famous lines, "You have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You."

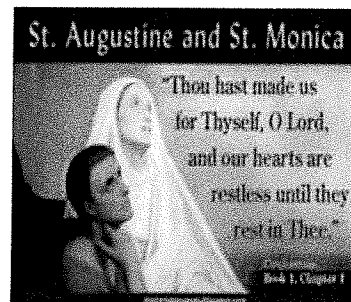
St. Augustine gave his mother special credit for his conversion: "In the flesh, she brought me to birth in this world; in her heart she brought me to birth in Your eternal life."

St. Augustine was recognized as a Doctor of the Church in 1298 by Pope Boniface VIII.

St. Monica's Feast Day is August 27. She is the Patron of Wives and Abuse Victims.

St. Augustine's Feast Day is August 28. He is the Patron of Brewers.

Judy Pearson



Pease Pray for the Sick & Homebound, Especially: Josh Allen; Mary Ann Bach; Amanda Burnard; Don Briant; Susanne & John Bush; Randy Butler; Bernadette Call; Aubree and Joyce Dogan Jim Decker, Caroline Demers, Madeline Drake; Steven Garceau; Karen Hall; Suzanne Hall; Nicholas Heldt; Dillon Hesse; Terrie Kirk, Barbara Lawler; Jacqueline May, Leslie McKeever; Robert M^cKeever; Jill McMahon; Deborah Nichols; Laurie Pickert; Monine Rodriguez; Addison Rounds; Bruce Simmons; Jeanne Watson, Alice Wood; Alice Young.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time -- Humble yourself and you will find favor with God. Are you being called to be a priest or deacon, brother, or sister? Humbly ask the Lord. Talk to Father Vicente Jazmines or Fr. Christopher Carrara at (315) 393-2920, ext. 1340/ ccarrara@rcdony.org or Cathy Russell, the Diocesan Vocation Coordinator at (315)393-2920, ext. 1450/ crussell@rcdony.org. See us at www.myvocation.net.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: SCRIPTURE IN LITURGY
We resume our COVID-interrupted exploration of Old and New Testament readings from the Liturgy, focusing on daily Masses of Ordinary Time. Please join us, six Wednesday nights, 6:30, at St. Mary's Parish Center, Evans Mills, beginning Sept. 23. Course materials will be provided free of charge. We ask that both returning and new students register by Sept. 16 at 315-767-1065. SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE OBSERVED. MASKS ARE A REQUIREMENT.

Faith Formation - Please complete and return to the parish the survey mailed to you so proper arrangements can be made for the program this fall.

Collection 8/23/20 \$1,130.00

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP: The Season of Creation begins on September 1 - with the World Day of Prayer for Creation - and continues thru until October 4, St. Francis of Assisi's Feast Day. During this coming year, we as members of the Church are urged to "be united in showing mercy to the earth as our common home and cherishing the world in which we live as a place for sharing and communion." (Pope Francis' Message, World Day of Prayer for Creation, 2016) Let us work and pray.

The Bishop's Fund Appeal provides us the opportunity to share our blessings with others as we continually serve those who most need our help throughout the Diocese of Ogdensburg. We have great hope that together we will be successful in our 2020 Bishop's Fund Appeal. Please respond as generously as possible when you receive your request from Bishop LaValley asking for your support of this year's Appeal.

AUGUST 30 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Readings: Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27 "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." Jesus reminds us that to follow him leads to the cross. We are called to imitate him. We are called to give of ourselves. Jesus did not sugarcoat the call. He did not say it would be easy. As disciples, we are called to share in his passion. But he did remind us that he would be with us always. So we too, are to be truthful with - and accompany- those to whom we witness our faith. No one is called to walk this pilgrimage alone.

Of course attending Mass is best and most proper, but while we cooperate and continue to slow the spread of coronavirus, you can participate via television, internet and radio. Bishop LaValley has extended the dispensation for Sunday Mass until further notice. Here are some options for you, if you choose to not attend Mass at your Parish at this time.

- EWTN: Mass is aired at 12am, 8am, 12pm and 7pm on Spectrum channel 460, DirectTV channel 370, Dish Network channel 261 and is available via streaming at <https://video.ewtn.com/>
- CatholicTV Network: Internet live streaming at <https://www.watchthemass.com/>.

A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic*

Most Merciful and Triune God,
We come to You in our weakness.
We come to You in our fear.
We come to You with trust.
For You alone are our hope.

We place before You the disease present in our world.
We turn to You in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors.
Give understanding to scientists.
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.
Bring healing to those who are ill.
Protect those who are most at risk.
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.
Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal Home.

Stabilize our communities.
Unite us in our compassion.
Remove all fear from our hearts.
Fill us with confidence in Your care.

Jesus, I trust in You.
Jesus, I trust in You.
Jesus, I trust in You. Amen.

St. Mary's will be participating in the village wide Rummage Sale on Sept. 12. Any items you wish to donate, drop off at the Parish Center.

Dear Padre,

I feel guilty about putting my mother in a nursing home. Have I abandoned her?

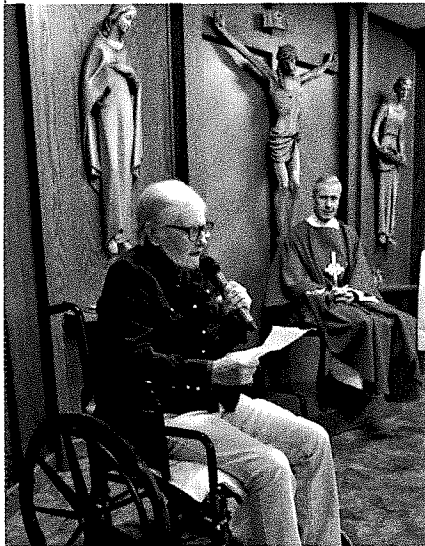
Caring for aging, fragile parents is a responsibility that is increasing as people live longer due to advances in medical technology. Accompanying longer lives, however, is often poorer health. Frequently family members conclude that they don't have the wherewithal to care responsibly for their parents. So, they seek a nursing facility where parents may be properly cared for in terms of their physical, psychological, and even spiritual health. Nursing homes with staff that understand the needs of the elderly are a great assistance. They have experience with many elderly residents, while our experience may be limited to our own loved one.

The situation becomes more complicated when parents ask their children to "never put me into a nursing home." As difficult as it is to refuse this request, neither you nor your parent knows how much care will be needed, so a guarantee isn't fair to the family. The best response would be: "We'll look after you as long as we possibly can, and we would only consider a nursing home if your needs become more than we could handle, or if it were the only place where you could be safely cared for."

Sometimes guilt arises when we haven't had the best relationship with a parent, and regret things from our past. The best response then is to learn from the past and move forward. Commit to being more attentive, even though our parents no longer live with us. The worst abandonment would be depriving them of our love and affection.

—From *Life, Death, and Catholic Medical Choices*, © 2011 Liguori Publications

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Homes for the elderly...should be the "sanctuaries" of humanity where one who is old and weak is cared for and protected....It is so good to go visit an elderly person! Look at our children: sometimes we see them listless and sad; they go visit an elderly person and become joyful!

—MEETING WITH THE ELDERLY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2014

Calendar

- Monday**
AUGUST 31
Weekday
1 Cor 2:1-5
Lk 4:16-30
- Tuesday**
SEPTEMBER 1
Weekday
1 Cor 2:10b-16
Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday**
SEPTEMBER 2
Weekday
1 Cor 3:1-9
Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday**
SEPTEMBER 3
St. Gregory the Great,
Pope and Doctor
of the Church
1 Cor 3:18-23
Lk 5:1-11
- Friday**
SEPTEMBER 4
Weekday
1 Cor 4:1-5
Lk 5:33-39
- Saturday**
SEPTEMBER 5
Weekday
1 Cor 4:6b-15
Lk 6:1-5
- Sunday**
SEPTEMBER 6
Twenty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Ez 33:7-9
Rom 13:8-10
Mt 18:15-20

Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 30, 2020

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Jer 20:7-9
Rom 12:1-2
Mt 16:21-27

The Cost of Discipleship

In 1937, *The Cost of Discipleship* by a German Lutheran pastor, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, was published. The book reflected on the Sermon on the Mount, and the demands it outlined led to Bonhoeffer's arrest and eventual death at the hands of the Nazis. It can be very dangerous to be faithful to Jesus' way of life. This shouldn't surprise us. Jesus' teaching cost Jesus his life.

Though the Gospel reading does not provide us with a program of action, it repeats Jesus' charge to take up our cross and follow him. This cross is different for each of us; it makes very personal demands. We are called to lose our life for his sake. This was true at the time of Jesus; it is true today.

This was true at the time of the prophet Jeremiah as well. He was called to proclaim God's word to his own people. They would not listen. Instead, "I am an object

of laughter; / everyone mocks me" (Jeremiah 20:7). The prophet wants relief from his prophetic responsibility. Who wouldn't? What follows is quite moving. He makes up his mind that he will stop talking about God—but he can't. "It [the word of God] is as if fire is burning in my heart... / I grow weary holding back" (Jeremiah 20:9). That is the cost Jeremiah had to pay. The cross was the cost Jesus paid. And what of us?

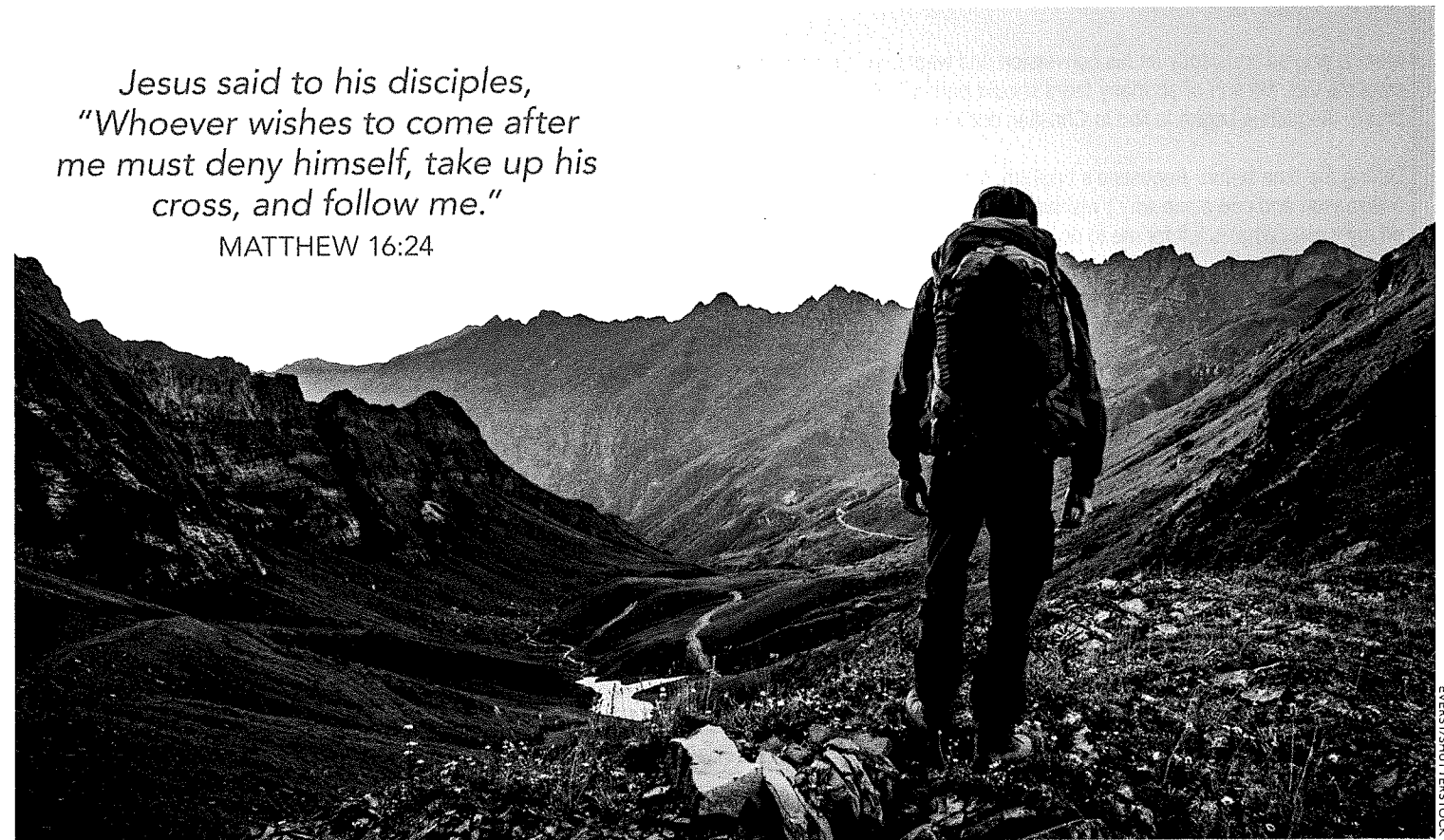
—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- * What is the cost of discipleship for you?
- * What in your life might be the cross you are being asked to bear?

Jesus said to his disciples,
"Whoever wishes to come after
me must deny himself, take up his
cross, and follow me."

MATTHEW 16:24



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