



ST. ROMUALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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September 2, 2018 - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

dear Padre

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I enjoy going to the casino to gamble, but I have seen people gamble and lose all of their money. Is gambling considered a sin?

To play games of chance, to bet on horse or dog races, or to buy lottery tickets are, in and of themselves, innocent undertakings that can be sources of fun—and even financial returns. But circumstances can change an innocent game into something morally suspect, even downright wrong. When a person gets so involved with gambling that it becomes addictive, when the welfare of the gambler and the gambler's family is jeopardized, gambling ceases to be a harmless amusement. Instead, it becomes an irresponsible practice—indeed, objectively, a sin. The sin lies in the neglect of one's responsibilities to self, family, and God.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says this about gambling: "Games of chance or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for their needs or those of others. The passion for gambling risks becoming an enslavement" (CCC 2413).

A survey of a local group of Gamblers Anonymous highlights the potential destructive nature of this activity. Within this group, the gambling addiction has led 22 percent to divorce, 40 percent to lose their jobs, 49 percent to steal money with which to pay their gambling debts, and 63 percent to contemplate suicide. Hopefully, we and others will seek healthier ways to relax or seek out our fortunes. —Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



Masses for the Week

September 3rd - 9th

Mon	8:00 am	No Mass
Tues	1:00 pm	No Mass (Extended Care)
Wed	5:00 pm	NO MASS
Thurs	9:30 am	NO MASS (Medco)
Fri	9:00 am	Victor Henning
Sat	8:00 am	Joann Bruington
	5:00 pm	Pat Wheatley
Sun	7:00 am	St. Romuald Parishioners
	10:00 am	Joe Nimmo Shirley Oelze (MN)

Stewardship of Finance

Last Sunday's Collection

Sunday Collection.....	\$6,920.00
Children.....	\$0.00
Building Fund.....	\$55.00
St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$975.00

Parish Financial Summary

July, 2018

Total Income	\$49,000
Total Expenses	\$44,500
	\$ 4,500

Thank you for your financial stewardship!

Worship and Sacrament

Anointing of the Sick: Anointing of the Sick is celebrated with the parish community every first Wednesday at 5:00 pm Mass. Yet, anytime, anointing is available for illness, preparation for surgery or for recovery, by calling Fr Tony.

Baptism: Congratulations on the birth of your child! Your Church Family is excited about your family growing and our family growing! We look forward to celebrating your child's baptism! Preparation for new parents or those new to the parish is held by appointment. Call Fr Tony.

Marriage: Congratulations on your engagement! Your Church Family wishes to help you fully prepare spiritually and walk with you into this lifetime commitment to each other. In order to allow sufficient time, couples must contact the parish office at least 6 months before the anticipated wedding date.

Confession/Reconciliation: Every Wednesday 4:00-4:45 pm; every Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm, every first Saturday after 8:00 am Mass, or anytime by simply asking or calling Fr Tony for appointment.

Visitation of the Sick: Please notify Father or the office upon admission of a family member into nursing homes or hospital. Often we rely upon word from the family about illnesses of a member. Please call.

RCIA: Interested in the Catholic Faith? The RCIA process is a "spiritual journey" that fully initiates those who are not baptized or who have baptism from another tradition and wish to join fully the Catholic Church. Classes are offered through the year culminating at Easter! Please call the office for details!

Membership in the Parish: Welcome to all new families or persons moving into our parish. We are glad that you are joining the parish community. We want to visit with you and help you settle into the church. Please register in the parish office as soon as possible.

Ministers of the Liturgy - September 1st & 2nd

	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ushers	Servers	Rosary Leaders	Music Ministers
5:00 pm	Amy Flood Karen Huddleston	Jennifer O'Reilly Christi Tivitt	C-Arnold O'Reilly* C-Tony Critchelow S-Paul Shalosky S-Danny O'Reilly	Phillip Shalosky Emily Claycomb	Brenda Wheatley	Pippa
7:00 am	Cara Wilson Anne O'Reilly	Denise Smith	C-Tom Winchell* C-Michael Whitfill S-Mike Whitfill S-Scott Wilson	Brianna Laslie Trey Laslie	Crystal Greenwell	Pippa
10:00 am	Kathryn Ables Lori Carwile Sharon Hale Sandy Horsley	Betsy Anthony Nora Dailey	C-Justin Brown* C-Noah Matthews S-Jim Sils S-Mack Mattingly	Will Lewis Ryan Whitfill	Rosa Hockenberry	Deacon Tony
Radio Minister: Chuck Robbins		Children's Liturgy: NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY				



A JOURNEY IN FAITH

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or joining the Catholic Church, we would welcome an opportunity to chat with you before RCIA sessions begin on September 19th. Please call the office 756-2356 to speak with Marie Rose or Fr. Tony, or call/text Marie at 270-617-0538.



If you are willing to serve on a RCIA refreshment

team *one time* between September 2018 - May 2019, please call Marie Rose at 756-2356 or 270-617-0538 to be placed on the schedule. We need you!! Thank you for volunteering for this ministry!!!

For You Information:

Servers training for all public school students will be held on Saturday, September 8th at 10:00 am

Confirmation will November 7th at 6:00 pm

There will be a short meeting for all Catholic School Parents after the Masses the weekend of September 15th & 16th.

Congratulation to Jim and Gail Pollock as recipients of the Sophia Award for St. Romuald Parish. They will receive their award from Bishop Medley on Sunday, September 9th, 2:00 pm at St. Stephen Cathedral.

This Week at St. Romuald

Sun	6:00 pm	Women's Jail Ministry
Mon		Labor Day (Office Closed)
	8:00 am	NO MASS
	1:00 pm	Blue Army Rosary
	7:00 pm	Al-Anon
Tues	1:00 pm	NO MASS
	4:00 pm	Rosary
	6:00 pm	St. Vincent de Paul
Wed	5:00 pm	NO MASS
Thur	9:30 am	NO MASS (Medco)
	6:00 pm	Men's Jail Ministry
Fri		First Friday
	9:00 am	School Mass
	11:00 am	24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration
Sat	10:00 am	Servers Training (Public School Students)
Sun	8:15 am	K-6 Religious Education Breakfast
Upcoming		
Sept 10	5:00 pm	RCIA Team Meeting
Sept 13	5:15 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
Sept 16	2:00 pm	7-12 Grade Deanery Youth Activities

Around and About

Pray to end abortion: Join other Catholics and those from other faiths that gather each Saturday at 2nd and Market in Louisville from 7:00-8:00 am (EST) to pray for families entering the abortion clinic. Many children have been saved and mothers spared future grief by this prayer action and support. With God, all things are possible! Archbishop Kurtz is known to show up and pray with everyone too!

Abortion Update: Last week 65 women went into EMW Clinic for abortions at 2nd and Market Street in Louisville. **Please pray to end abortion.**

Al-Anon Meeting: Mondays 7:00 pm St Romuald Parish Hall. Come find support and understanding to recover a sense of serenity in your life.

Dishes: Several dishes have been left in the parish hall from funeral meals. Please pick up dishes as soon as possible. Thank you!

"Hospitality" theme of Ursuline dinner/presentation Sept. 4

"Hospitality" will be the theme of the Tuesday, Sept. 4 Evening with an Ursuline dinner/presentation. Sister Pam Mueller will explain what hospitality means and how we can extend it to others. Hospitality is not done to change people but to offer them space where change can take place. The dinner and presentation is from 5 p.m.—6:30 p.m. at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). The cost is \$20. Preregistration is required by contacting Lisa Sills at 270-229-0206 or lisa.sills@maplemount.org or register online at ursulinesmsj.org

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day; Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) 5779 begins at sunset

Tuesday: Patriot Day

Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

Thursday: St. John Chrysostom

Friday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saturday: Our Lady of Sorrows

Knights of Columbus

Rotisserie Chickens: The Knights of Columbus will be selling rotisserie chickens on the 9th of September at St Romuald's, St Mary's and St. Anthony's after Sunday Mass. For Knight of Columbus Members: If you can help cook chickens please text or email me @ 270-617-0754 or jpat_oreilly@yahoo.com respectively. Cooking starts at 3:30 am at St Romuald's Pit. Thank You, Grand Knight Pat O'Reilly

FOOTBALL FRENZY.

Once again the Kentucky Knights of Columbus are selling Football Frenzy tickets. Membership Card Cost-Buy 2 Get 1 Free: Membership Card is \$10. By purchasing the Membership Card, the card holder is automatically entered into the Football Frenzy Game. By purchasing two membership cards you can go to www.footballsweeps.com/FREE to get a FREE third ticket! Free Tickets) will be emailed to you (while supplies last, valid until 10/24/2018. Contact a KofC Member or Pat O'Reilly at 270-617-0754 to get your ticket(s).

The Kentucky Knights of Columbus over the last few years have disbursed over \$40K to charity; we have supported Stewards of Appalachia, the Wheelchair Program and Food for the Poor to name a few.

BECOME A KNIGHT:

Earlier this year I talked about "Why Join the Knights of Columbus-Lead with Faith". The second part of Why Join the Knights of Columbus is to "Protect Your Family". Discover the Catholic difference; as a member of the Knights of Columbus you get exclusive access to our top quality portfolio of financial products, backed by ethical and Catholic business practices, that can help secure your family's future and give you peace of mind. As a member you get:

- A dedicated brother Knight field agent assigned to you and your family
- Complimentary, comprehensive annual financial review
- Exclusive eligibility to purchase K of C life insurance, disability income insurance, long-term care insurance and retirement products
- Access to free family fraternal benefits

Become a Knight. Join today. Visit KofC.org/JoinUs or contact James O'Reilly at 270-617-0754, Hardinsburg Council 2499



Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom?
— James 2:5

SEE BEYOND OUTWARD APPEARANCES

The phrase "Sunday best" has lost much of its meaning in our society today. Some lament the loss of people dressing up for church on Sunday; others think it's a healthy sign that we're as casual in attire gathered before the Lord as we are elsewhere. No matter which school of thought on this topic we belong to, James would probably chastise us. In either case, we are still focused on external appearance, mistaking it for some sort of favored position before God. True, James criticizes the community that favors the rich and well-dressed while ostracizing the poorly clothed, but even more he criticizes the making of distinctions, making choices based on criteria that having nothing to do with the reign of God. James might turn our attention to the reign of God described by Isaiah, in which people are healed and the earth becomes ripe to bear fruit. Jesus today is focused on this reign of God, healing a Gentile man in a region hostile to his Jewish faith, not mindful of the man's origins or clothing or status or ability to repay. Isaiah, James, and Jesus in Mark's Gospel all call us to look more deeply to find where the will of God needs to be done, and has been done, on earth as in heaven.

Men's ICON Retreat

Join men from around the diocese for a men's retreat at Gasper River Retreat Center on Saturday, Sept. 15 through Sunday, Sept. 16. The retreat will dive into, unpack and process the topics of prayer, who you are as a man made in God's image ("icon") and your mission to love. Cost is \$75 and includes lodging and meals. Find out more information, a schedule and online registration at <https://owensborodiocese.org/mens-icon-retreat/>.



Blessing of new drivers

Readings for the Week

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- Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11
- Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38
- Friday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
- Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
- Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

Eastbridge Arts Festival @ The Mount Sept. 8-9



Don't miss the Sept. 8-9 Eastbridge Arts Festival @The Mount! The former East Bridge Art Festival that began in downtown Owensboro now becomes a new event at Maple Mount (12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56) to benefit the Ursuline Sisters, sure to be a fun time for all. Saturday

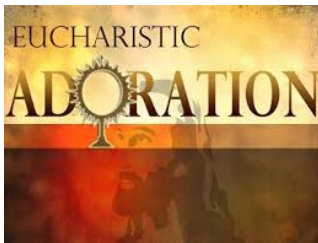
hours are 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sunday hours are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission is free. There will be arts and crafts and food for sale and music. The Ursuline Sisters will be selling quilts, crafts, jams and jellies as well as \$5 tickets for their \$10,000 grand raffle (you can also win \$3,500, \$1,000, \$500, \$250, \$100 and a handmade quilt valued at \$1,000). To get your raffle tickets in advance, go to ursulinesmsj.org/mountraffle. A limited number of booths for artists and food vendors are still available. Apply online at www.eastbridge-at-themount.com. For more information, call 270-973-1810 or email eastbridge-at-themount@maplemount.org.

Parish Office will be closed
Monday, September 3rd.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We Pray For:

Frank Adkins, Charles Alloway, Keith Androski, Frank Baker, Baby Barr, Roy Bennett, Pat Bland, Debbie Bowlds, Becky Brown, Ava Bruner, Juanita Burch, Kathy Burns, Mike Clark, Anna Carrico, Elias R. Carter, Ashley Carwile, Donnie Claycomb, H.L. DeJarnette, Pat Driskell, Debbie Dubree, Davye Duggins, Sammy Duggins, Glenda Farris, Tessa Farris, Bonnie Gail Fentress, Ginny Flood, Don Ford, Dorothy Greenwell, Linda Greenwood, The Henry Family, Henry Grey, Austin Harris, Kay Harris, JoAnn Henning, Patricia Miller Henning, Joe Hess, Kitty Himmelhaver, Bill Hinton, Jacqueline Huddleston, Mary Hurt, Robert Jackey, Alfred Jarboe, Joe Jarboe, Virginia Jeffries, Mary Ann Johnson, Ashley Jones, Becky Keenan, David Lane, Daniel Lewis, Rebecca Logsdon, Mary Ann Flood Lynch, **Jim Mattingly**, Jimmy Mattingly, Walter Manning, Bevan Michael Miller, Joe Miller, Richard Miller, Joe & Sharon Morgan, Anna Christine Mundt, Eddie O'Bryan, Joe Oelze, Patsy Oelze, Janet O'Reilly, Peggy Phillips, Jason Pirtle, Bobby Potts, Joan & Tom Powers, Marilyn Preher, Joe Priest, Mary Jo Rankin, Rita Roach, Kimberly Rolan, Suzanne Rose, Darcy Satterly, Dale Severs, Max Sharp, Bob Smith, Deborah Sue Stevens, Casey Sturgeon, Pam Sturgeon, Adalee Taul, Gina Thornsberry, Rufus Tivitt, Raymond Wethington, **Charles Whitehead**, Diane Whitney, Darrell Whitfill, Leona Whitworth, Madelyn Whitworth, Carolyn Wilcheck, Kevin Wilcheck, Tom Winchell, Anne Wolfe, Brandy Young **Serving in the Armed Forces:** Mandie Adams, Kevin Arnold, Fred Barham, Austin Brown, Timothy Cashen, Ryan Critchelow, Cody Garst, Parker Findlay, James Hanor, Christian Hansen, Jack Hayes, Charles Kuhlman, Bradford O'Reilly, Jordan Pate, Jeff Smith, Lane D. Taul, Liana Tindle, Chase Upchurch, Garrett Wadsworth

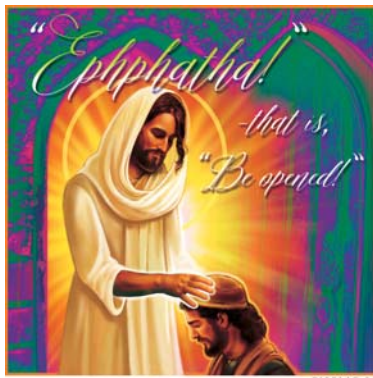


First Friday 24-hour Adoration: September 7th at 11:00 am we begin the 24 hour adoration until Saturday morning mass at 8:00 am. We are blessed with dedicated adorers for each hour, but can use extra people for some hours. Please call Minnie Nimmo 270-617-0297 or Patsy Whitfill 270-617-2557 to volunteer spending an hour in prayer with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Celebration

BIRTHDAYS:

Linda Rhodes, September 6
Rita Williams, September 8



PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY



GOSPEL MEDITATION

September 2, 2018
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Judgment tends to have a bad reputation. We often associate it with condemnation, and in the Gospels, we associate it with the Pharisees. Today's Gospel features the Pharisees doing exactly what we expect. "They observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands." The Jewish people had strict purification laws that applied to all areas of life. The Pharisees attempt to accuse Jesus of not following the ancestral traditions. Jesus doesn't take offense at their judgments per se. He instead points out the hypocrisy of their words. "You hypocrites? this people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."

From there, Jesus turns his attention to the concerns of the heart. "The things that come from within are what defile." He lists off a number of sins, including some the Pharisees were likely struggling with, including evil thoughts, envy, and arrogance. When we examine the list, perhaps we're reminded of our own trips to the confessional! As we strive to follow Jesus and live with integrity, we must be aware of our hearts. We must judge our own actions. Are they leading us closer to God or away from Him? Are we growing in love of our neighbor, or are we becoming more closed in on ourselves?

As we move into this week, consider the state of our own heart. Perhaps you are overly scrupulous in less important areas. Perhaps there are large areas of overlooked sin that you've excused for too long. Whatever it is, the judgment of God need not cripple us. He offers us a share in His mercy as soon as we turn to Him. This week, allow your heart to be transformed!



Sunday, Sep 02, 2018

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Law is good, love is better**

It seemed like such a good idea at the time: carve the law of the nation in stone. We citizens of another land and millennia can appreciate how final the Ten Commandments must have felt—and yet how inadequate they turned out to be. We too have laws and rules, Declaration and Constitution, rights and amendments. But a community doesn't emerge from stone or paper, from documents and words and promises. We may give lip service to high ideals, but only love leads to the common good. Do we really love our neighbor as ourselves?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (125).* "What great nation has statutes and decrees that are as just as this whole law?"

Monday, Sep 03, 2018

MEMORIAL OF GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

The law of love

The Pharisees criticized Jesus for letting his disciples pick grain on the sabbath to eat. The disciples were desperately hungry, or they would not have been breaking the sabbath rules. Jesus' radical idea is that the sabbath is made for people, not the other way around. As Lord of the sabbath, Jesus recognizes that if religious observance hurts people, something's wrong with our priorities. Religion can seem to focus on the do's and don'ts, but rules are not ends in themselves. They serve to bring about love and justice, not give us opportunities to oppress or exclude one another. In his Book of Pastoral Rule, Pope Gregory, celebrated today, says, "The law of Christ is charity." Try to keep the rules in perspective when you apply them to yourself or others.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Luke 4:16-30 (431).* "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place."

Tuesday, Sep 04, 2018

O little town of Capernaum

You've probably heard the saying, "All politics is local," suggesting that people are mostly concerned about the quality of life in their neighborhood or town. The same might be said of religion. Though Christianity now counts more than 2 billion believers worldwide, it all began in Capernaum, a small fishing village on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee. Reportedly the home of the apostles Simon Peter, Andrew, James, John, and the tax collector Matthew, Jesus selected this hamlet as the center of his public ministry after he left the mountainous town of Nazareth. Think of Capernaum as the mustard seed from which a great world religion sprung forth. And never underestimate the power of your own "small" life to bear great fruit as well.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Corinthians 2:10b-16; Luke 4:31-37 (432).* "Jesus went down to Capernaum, a town of Galilee."

Wednesday, Sep 05, 2018

Faith comes first

A major part of Jesus' active ministry was as a healer. Those who came to him had faith that he could heal them; they believed in his power and were changed because of it. Scripture scholar Father Donald Senior, C.P. writes, "If there was faith, then the miracle had already begun: the miracle of a transformed life . . . physical cures were simply dramatic

illustrations of the fundamental restoration Jesus worked in everyone whom he touched and who believed in him." Faith drew people to Jesus for healing, not the other way around. Believing opens your life to God and allows for transformation that's nothing short of miraculous.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Luke 4:38-44 (433).* "He laid his hands on each of them and cured them."

Thursday, Sep 06, 2018

Reach beyond patience

In the confessional recently, a friend admitted she lacked gratitude. "I hate my life!" she told the priest. To her surprise he accepted her frank admission. "Some people suffer from poor health, others from a poverty of peace in their circumstances," he observed. Then he advised her: "Pray for peace. Not for patience to simply bear your life, but peace to fully live it." Many of us endure seasons when our days feel unfertile, our efforts seem purposeless. We lower the nets, again and again, and come up empty. In these hours, pray not for patience but for an enlivening peace.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Luke 5:1-11 (434).* "We have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets."

Friday, Sep 07, 2018

Reserve judgment

Two very old titles for Jesus are *King* and *Judge*. His kingship over the universe is one of the "offices" or aspects of his divinity in which believers share, the other two being the priestly and prophetic. Jesus is also the ultimate judge of the world—only God can judge, and Christ is God revealed. Hand in hand with Jesus being the Judge is that the rest of us are not. The biblical message is clear: Judging others calls down God's judgment on yourself. Another downside to judging is that it sets people over one another—"I'm better than you and so I can judge you"—when in fact all are equally subject to God. Leave the ruling and judging to God and get to work loving your neighbor.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Luke 5:33-39 (435).* "Do not make any judgment before the appointed time, until the Lord comes."

Saturday, Sep 08, 2018

**FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Unbroken chain**

Birthdays are great stopping-off points on life's journey; they are days to look backward and forward. We marvel at the patterns of our lives that are visible only from a distance. We look ahead to the future with hope. On Mary's birthday, we recall the extraordinary circumstances leading to her birth—an aging, barren couple, a surprise visit from an angel, a prayer answered—and we look forward with wonder at the life of the child who became the Mother of God. Scripture offers a long genealogy of Jesus—another reminder that life is an unbroken chain of births and deaths, deeds and consequences. Today ask yourself, "What might the action I'm contemplating set into motion? Will it be for good or ill?" and then act accordingly.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23 (636).* "She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

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