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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 6 pm @ St. Isidore

Sunday: 8:30 am @ St. John

Weekday Mass Schedule

As stated in the weekly bulletin

Confessions Sunday: 8 am or by appointment

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:

8 am - 5 pm

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7 am - 3:30 pm

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*Working Together To
Build the Kingdom of God*



September 20, 2020
Catechetical Sunday

Faith Formation Information by Linda Hansmeier

"I received from the Lord what I handed on to you." Today, our St. John Catechists were formally commissioned for ministry to the community. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Today was not just a day for catechists to rededicate themselves to this mission but an opportunity for each of you to rededicate yourselves as a community of faith by virtue of your Baptism and the role you play in handing on the faith. Thank you for sharing your ministry.

September Faith Formation Dates:

September 23: 4-8th grade faith formation 6:00-7:15 p.m.

September 27: preschool during Mass, K-3rd grade 9:30-10:45 p.m.



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) is ready to roll. If you, or someone you know, are looking to complete a sacrament or sacraments, is interested in joining the Roman Catholic Church or would like to learn more about your Catholic faith...contact Fr. Andy at 319-895-6246 or Linda at 319-540-1190. Classes will begin in October

Youth Ministry by Deanna Wagner

The high school team enjoyed meeting with all the students who were able to come to our first Faith Formation Class of the year. We were blessed to begin our year with Mass. Next week we will be meeting with the freshmen and sophomore classes. We are planning a fun evening of outdoor activities. We are praying God will bless us with weather that will allow us to have our class outdoors. Come Wednesday evening at 7:00 ready for a night of prayer and activities. We look forward to seeing you. Juniors and seniors, we will be having our gathering with you the following week on September 30th.

FYI: Our first **Confirmation class** will be next Sunday, September 27th following the 8:30 Mass. We will be meeting in the parish hall in the lower level of the church.

To Be the Fragrance of Christ

Theresa Sundstrom

We continue to journey through Ordinary Time as we busily begin school and smell Fall in the air. This is a time to reflect on Jesus' life and ministry and come closer to living His love in our own lives. The lives of Saints give us clear examples of how the faithful have lived out the Scriptures through the ages.

On September 5th, we celebrated the feast day of Saint Mother Teresa. The following is a beautiful entry from The Commons Blog on the OCP Website (*OCP is the company that prints our Breaking Bread Hymnals*):

"Saint John Henry Newman's prayer, "Radiating Christ," was a beloved favorite of Saint Teresa of Calcutta and her Sisters of Charity, who recited the prayer daily after Communion. They in turn inspired Tom Booth to express this prayer, almost word for word, as a gentle, guitar-driven meditation that will inspire today's generation. To be the fragrance of Christ is the call of every disciple.

Dear Jesus, help me to spread your fragrance everywhere that I go.
Dear Jesus, flood my soul with your spirit and your love.

Penetrate and possess my being so utterly
that all my life may only be a radiance of you.

Shine through me and be so in me
that every soul I come in contact with
may feel your presence in my soul.



Make this Ordinary Time – Extraordinary!



With your help, we have the power to save lives!

The Blood Center is continuing to see countless cancellations and challenges brought on by the pandemic. By giving blood at our next **Mt Vernon Community Blood Drive**, you will ensure that patients at our local hospitals have the life-saving blood products they need. *All blood types are needed!* If you are available, please sign up today to give on **September 21**.

All presenting donors get a voucher to redeem for a color short sleeved, vintage-inspired shirt or a \$5 electronic gift card

Mt Vernon Community Blood Drive
Monday, September 21st
2:30 pm – 6:30 pm
St. John's Catholic Church – Lower Level

To sign contact Terese Pisarik at hiva33@sbcglobal.net
APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED. Walk-ins will not be accepted to allow for proper social distancing.

Please note the following safety protocols for our blood drive:

- **You must have an appointment on the schedule to donate at this blood drive.** We will not be accepting walk-in donations right now so we can ensure social distancing protocols.
- **Donors will be required to wear a mask or face covering. If you do not have one, one will be provided to you at the drive.**
- You cannot bring additional guests with you to the drive, unless they too are donating and have an appointment.
- Our staff will change gloves and sanitize hands between donors. Donation beds will be wiped down with disinfectant between donors.
 We are ensuring that frequently touched surfaces, like donor beds, chairs and lap tops are sanitized.

We are encouraging donors to complete the online medical questionnaire (EarlyQ) ahead of their appointment by clicking the EarlyQ link on our website www.bloodcenter.org, under the "Donating Blood" tab.



"I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you."

Weekly contributions needed.....	\$5,326.92
September 6, 2020	
Budget, Adult.....	\$2,176.00
Loose Coin/Currency.....	\$ 59.00
Total Collected	\$2,235.00

YTD collection needed.....	\$53,269.20
YTD collections received	\$44,660.00
YTD over/ short	\$ 8,609.20

Weekly contributions needed.....	\$5,326.92
September 13, 2020	
Budget, Adult.....	\$3,633.00
Loose Coin/Currency.....	\$ 167.00
Back Pack Program.....	\$ 370.00
Run for the Least	\$ 25.00
Total Collected	\$ 4,195.00

YTD collection needed.....	\$58,596.12
YTD collections received	\$56,521.00
YTD over/ short	\$ 2,075.12

<u>ACH September 11, 2020</u>	
Budget, Adult.....	\$5,890.00

Wednesday, September 23rd
 8:30 am - Faye Pitlik

Friday, September 25th
 8:30 am - Clarence & Nora
 Wilson



Sunday, September 27th
 8:30 am - Jim Schemmel

Readings for the week of September 20, 2020

- Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
- Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
- Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9
- Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 [1]/Lk 9:43b-45
- Next Sunday:
 Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32