



Holy Family Parish

A Parish in the Diocese of Greensburg

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Charitable Trust

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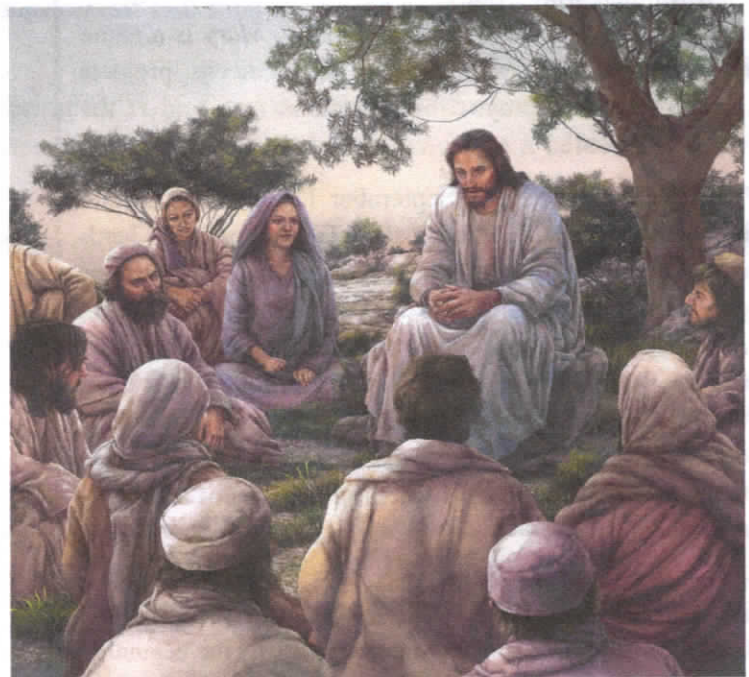
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For a Catholic to be a sponsor for the Sacraments of Baptism or Confirmation, one must be a practicing Catholic regularly attending Sunday Mass and receiving the Sacraments, a registered member of the Parish receiving contribution envelopes to support the Parish for a minimum of four months.

Young adults of parishioners who have earlier been under their parent's registration and who are now on their own and remain in the Parish must register as an adult parishioner and receive envelopes. All requests for a certificate should be made four weeks in advance of the designated date needed for sponsorship.

September 10, 2023—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Eucharistic Liturgies

Holy Family

Tuesday - 8:00 AM Wednesday - 8:00 AM

Saturday - 4:00 PM Sunday - 11:00 AM

Holy Days & Civil Holidays:

Consult the Mass Schedule in the bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday @ 3:00 PM or

Call Fr. Dave for an appointment

St Anne

Monday - 8:00 AM Thursday - 8:00 AM

First Friday - 8:00 AM (preceded by
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00 - 8:00

Saturday - 4:30 PM

Sunday - 8 AM & 11 AM

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Matters of Sexual Abuse - If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone - please contact PA Child-Line immediately at 1 800 932 0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the ChildLine number and make the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724 837 0901, ext 1221.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick & Holy Communion - are available upon request to those who are sick, elderly or homebound. Families are requested to call the Parish Office to arrange a visit.

Saints this Week

This week the Church has three celebrations honoring the Blessed Mother.

Sept 12 - The Most Holy Name of Mary - The feast of the Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary originated in Spain and was approved in 1513. In 1683, Pope Innocent XI extended the celebration of the feast day to the universal Church, to be celebrated on September 12th, four days after the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Mother.

Mary is a name of honor, since the faithful praise Mary as the Mother of our Divine Savior; she is rightfully called "Mother of God," for Jesus true God, second person of the Holy Trinity entered this world becoming also true man through Mary who had conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Second**, *Mary* is a most holy name, because the very mention of her name reminds us she is full of grace, has found favor with God, and is blessed among all women. **Third**, *Mary* is a maternal name, because she is our Mother, whom our Lord gave to us as He was dying on the cross (cf. John 19:26-27). Finally, *Mary* is a name of the mother who responds to all of our needs, protects us from evil, and prays "for us sinners now and at the hour of our death."

Finally, the feast date of September 12th also has special significance. In 1683, the Moslem Turks, under the leadership of Sultan Mohammed IV, once again began their aggression against Christian Europe. Just a few years earlier, they had been stopped at Poland. A huge army of Muslim Turks, estimated at around 300,000, marched through Hungary (parts of which had been under their control for 150 years) towards Austria. They ravaged Hungary, and were partly successful because of a Calvinist named Thokoly.

In August, Sobieski began his campaign. As he and his troops passed the Shrine to Our Lady of Czestochowa, they begged the Blessed Mother's blessing and intercession. At the beginning of September, they crossed the Danube and met with the German armies. On September 11, Sobieski was outside of Vienna with an army of about 76,000 men. The hussars lured the Moslem Turks into thinking they were on retreat, and then with reinforcements attacked. The Moslem Turks retreated, but were followed by Sobieski's calvary. The vanquished Moslem Turks fled Austria (but only after slaughtering hundreds of hostages). Vienna and Christian Europe were saved. The Moslem standard proclaiming "Death to the Infidel" was taken by Sobieski and delivered to the Pope.

Sept 14 - Triumph of the Holy Cross - St Paul the Apostle spoke of the power of Christ's Cross. According to tradition, the Empress Helena discovered the Lord's Cross in Jerusalem on September 13, 320. Five years later, a great church was built on Mount Calvary by Emperor Constantine to shelter the holy relic.

Sept 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows - This Feast, popular in the Middle Ages, follows the feast of Mary's birth on September 8. It recalls the special bond between Jesus and Mary and reminds us of the torment and suffering of Jesus. Mary suffered greatly as the Mother of God, and the pain she felt was real. The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows recalls the succession of sorrows Mary experienced during her life: The prophecy she heard from Simeon, the flight into Egypt, the three-day loss of Jesus on the pilgrimage to Jerusalem, meeting Jesus on the way to Calvary, the hours she stood beneath the Cross, the removal of Jesus' body from the cross, and the burial of Jesus.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 9

4:00pm - Alma Jean Zima

By Bev & George Tomich

Sunday, September 10

11:00 AM - Frances Tekavec

By Vivian Lesko

MONDAY - FRIDAY

NO MASS

Saturday, September 16

4:00pm - Gene Saccani

By Anna Jean Saccani

Sunday, September 17

11:00 AM - Alferd Floriani

By Dolores



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - (Ezekiel 33: 7 – 9; Romans 13: 8 – 10; Matthew 18: 15 – 20)

Perhaps you have seen the commercial for a security company that shows a man inspecting a family home for termites. The conversation goes something like this. – “Yep, it’s termites.” Husband: Well, get rid of them.” Response: “Oh No, I’m not the exterminator, I’m a pest monitor.” Just then, a young girl comes romping down the stairs and falls through two of the steps.

I don’t think this is what God had in mind when He appointed Ezekiel watchman for the house of Israel. God basically tells Ezekiel He didn’t hire a monitor, He hired a spokesperson. As God’s spokesperson, Ezekiel will be held responsible if he does not care for God’s people as instructed. By doing what God expects of him, Ezekiel finds salvation.

St Paul’s message to the Romans and therefore his message to us, is also to do what God expects. St Paul paraphrases Jesus in telling the people they don’t need to remember all the commandments about how to get along with each other, as long as they remember to love one another. By being faithful to this great commandment about love, they will, in fact, be keeping the commandments passed down to them through Moses.

In today’s Gospel passage, Jesus is giving His disciples a primer on how to deal with someone who wrongs them.

Basically, all of our texts today lay out for us a right way and a wrong way to go about doing the work of the Lord. Yes, it is our responsibility, as it was for Ezekiel and St Paul, to bring others to the Lord.

We do this by guiding our children down the right path; not so much by our words – though our words are important. But more importantly we guide them by our actions. Our kids are smart. They can tell if we are hypocrites- saying one thing and doing another.

We also lend guidance by loving our neighbor/ caring for them – regardless of the circumstances. We do this most importantly when we believe we have been wronged, by first lovingly bringing it to a person’s attention, and trying to reconcile.

God’s expectations are not easy. They are downright difficult. Embracing the cross of Christ requires a spiritual stamina that is only possible because Jesus has promised to be always yoked to us. We are also promised eternal life.

With Ezekiel as our watchman, St Paul cheering us on and Jesus ever at our side – how can we fail? We dare not, for a lot is at stake. Not just for us, but for our children, their children, and their children’s children. Make no mistake about how to love one another. How we treat one another is at the very heart of who we are as faithful servants of the Lord.

Let Us Pray for the Conversion of the World & for Peace!

Minister Schedule

4:00 PM - Saturday - September 9

Lector - Materkowski

Eucharistic Minister - Page

11:00 AM - Sunday - September 10

Lector - Beneccio

Eucharistic Minister - Luzi

4:00 PM - Saturday - September 16

Lector - Hughes

Eucharistic Minister - Quinn

11:00 AM - Sunday - September 17

Lector - Keegan

Eucharistic Minister - Schehr



UPCOMING EVENTS

9/10 9:30 am Holy Name
 9/17 Catechetical Sunday
 9/24 Faith Formation First Day

Readings for the week of September 10, 2023

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
 Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11
 Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19
 Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26
 Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
 Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
 Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49
 Next Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Observances for the week of September 10, 2023

Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;
 Grandparents' Day
 Monday: Patriot Day
 Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Mary
 Wednesday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and
 Doctor of the Church
 Thursday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 Friday: Our Lady of Sorrows
 Saturday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian,
 Bishop, Martyrs
 Next Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
 Catechetical Sunday

Financial Report for

September 5, 2023

Offertory:	\$2,506.00
Loose:	\$62.00
Candle:	\$55.00
Monthly:	\$205.00
Parish Income:	\$2,828.00
 Catholic University:	 \$55.00
Seminarians	\$25.00
Mission Co-op	\$526.00
Accent:	\$5.00
Total Income:	\$3,439.00



While Catechetical Sunday is a day to recognize and celebrate the faithful who have received a particular calling from God to the service of parish catechetical ministry, it is also an opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

*With your fatherly blessing, Lord,
 strengthen these servants of yours
 in their resolve to dedicate themselves as
 catechists.*

*Grant that they will strive to share with
 others*

*what they themselves derive from
 pondering your Word*

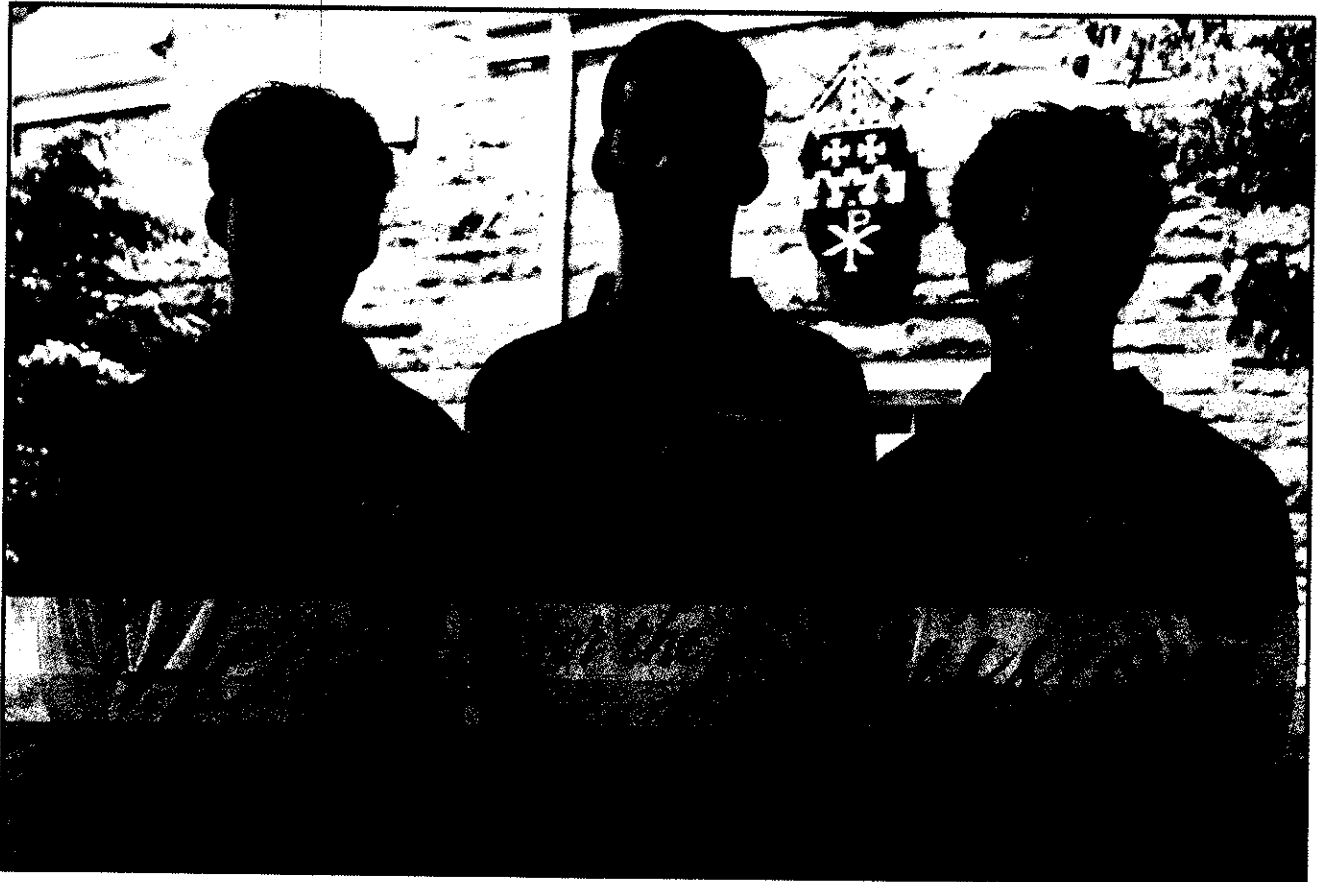
and studying the Church's teaching.

*And let them gladly join those they teach
 in honoring and serving your name.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord.



September Faithful Challenge: Pray for Vocations



The clergy shortage in the Diocese of Greensburg is widely known. In fact, in the next eight years, we will have fewer than 15 native-born priests to serve the Diocese of Greensburg. Without priests, there is no Eucharist. Without the Eucharist, there can be no Eucharistic Revival. This month, Bishop Kulick's Faithful Challenge is to pray for vocations. He encourages you to join him in prayer to spur the renewal of the Church.

This year, Bishop Kulick accepted three more men into the priestly formation program for the Diocese of Greensburg: Matteo Arcara, Thomas Oldenburg, and Ryan Scavnicky. They are now in what is termed the Propaedeutic Stage, a new stage just recently added to the priestly formation program. During the Propaedeutic Stage, Arcara, Oldenburg and Scavnicky will live in community with other seminarians. While introductory in nature, the Propaedeutic Stage is time for the three to grow in their relationship with Christ, trust in God and knowledge of the Catholic Church and Her teachings. This time helps seminarians to lay a foundation for a new way of life centered in Christ and in communion with his Bishop, presbyterate, and his local Church.

Our seminarians have a heart for the mission of our Church! Supporting the Seminarian Collection on September 23 and 24 helps to spur the renewal of our Church. To learn more about the formation of our future priests or donate visit **DioceseofGreensburg.org/seminarian-clergy-formation-collection**