

Getting to Know the Readings—Follow Directions

Follow directions. If you follow the directions good things will happen. But if you take short cuts or disobey the rules, you will fail.

When Moses read the statutes and decrees of God before the people, he told them to follow the directions. If they did, they would enter the Promised Land. They would give evidence of their intelligence. And God would remain close to them.

If the people did not follow directions, Moses could not promise anything.

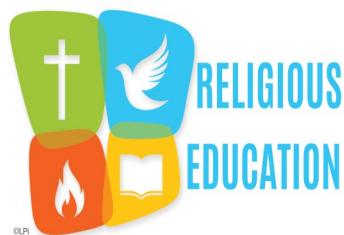
Throughout their relationship, God asked Israel only to keep the covenant. When Israel strayed, God sent prophets to remind the people. God never abandoned Israel, but remained in relationship with them.

Many times we do not follow God's directions. Sometimes we think they are too hard. Or that they won't give us the results we want. But the commands of God remain firm for a reason. They bring the best results.

The commands of God are not hard to find nor difficult to remember. They are as close as our Bible and as familiar as friends. They signify God's love for us. They demonstrate God's desire to be present to us.

When we follow directions, when we bend our will to match God's will, good things will happen.

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Classes will begin on September. 8.

Tuition is \$30 per child, with a \$60 cap per family. Families

can register by seeing Jena after mass or via email to jenaleerobertson@gmail.com or phone (812) 243—5070.

Classes will not take place on coffee and donut Sundays this year; however, Youth Liturgy will take place on those dates.

Family Challenge

In today's Gospel, Jesus lists things that come into a person's heart that "defile" them. These things enter our minds and hearts and leave little room for the things of God. This week get rid of the "garbage" in your life. Write on a piece of paper any mean or bad things that you hold in your heart. Get a garbage bag and invite each family member to put their garbage in the bag. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation as a family to receive absolution and forgiveness for any offenses against God.



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September 1, 2024

Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time



Weekend Worship Sunday 9:00 am

Parish Life Coordinator

Elizabeth Davis

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Secretary

Connie Fitch

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(502) 821—1022

We welcome new members. To enroll, call the Parish Office or contact Connie Fitch.

Coordinator of Religious Education

Jena Robertson

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Sacramental Minister

Fr. Darvin Winters

Fr. Darvin is available to hear confessions on Saturdays from 4—4:20 pm at Sacred Heart or before Sunday Mass by appointment.

The sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony are arranged by calling the Parish Office to schedule preparation.

Mass Intentions

September 1 Tony Perrelle Sr.
by Jim & Flo Callahan

September 8 Nidia Iris Carrasquillo
by Frances Faulkner



Name	Day
Leonardo LaComba	3
Lenny Leclerq	7
Kathy Schmidt	10
Janice Edwards	11
Caroline Artigue	11
Jadelin Skelton	13
Katie Miller	14
Charles Boyll	15
Ryatt Beasley	15
Easton Garzolini	19
Nicholas Savant	19
Barbara Black	23
Emma Bennett	23
Rebekah Richey	27
Allison Vest	28
John Klotz	28
Waylon Robertson	29
Carl Heck	29

“We have Him and nobody can take Him away from us.”

~ Mother Olga of the Sacred Heart
2024 National Eucharistic Congress

Ministries

Date	September 1	September 8
Lector	Steve Norris	Please check your E-mail for updates this week. Thank you!
Server	Dallas Thralls	
Gift Bearers	Ramsey Family	
Ushers	Tom McKinney Scott Thralls	
EMs	Carol Cummins Lana Thralls	
Counters	Tom McKinney Sarah Wyrick	
Cleaners		
Coffee & Donuts	Karen Harris & Family	

If you are live nearby, come for a night of fun and games on Friday, September 13 at 7pm at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Holy Family Center, 2322 1/2 N 13th St. Bring your favorite board game or card game along with a snack to share and meet other Catholics in our community. Hope to see you there!



Finance Report

	August 25	Budgeted
Sunday Collection	\$ 1958	\$ 2,308
Galvin Hall	\$ 0	\$ 115

Please Pray For Our Loved Ones

David Auterson	Roy Lucas
Regina Crowell	Joe Mangia
Ray Edwards	Clara Maywell
Jane Frazier	Tony Perrelle Jr.
John Heck	Dorene Rude
Barbara Hoffman	Dick Stultz
Jonnie Hooper	Jeanette Stultz
Sr. Jane Iannaccone	Joe Vest
Terry Jatczak	Lou Ann Wake
John Kirkham	

HUNGER BUST FUN RUN/WALK SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2024



REGISTRATION 9:00-9:45 AM
FUN RUN/WALK BEGINS AT 10AM (RAIN OR SHINE)

ENTRY FEE: \$15 ONE T-SHIRT TO EACH PRE-REGISTERED PARTICIPANT RECEIVED BY AUG. 21ST

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Questions?? Call or text 217-293-9156 email: jrjichey75@gmail.com



The Deanery Labor Day Mass will be held at St. Benedict's Church this year at 9 am on Monday, September 2.

Prayer for Labor Day

Dear Lord,

Bless and protect the men and women whose hard work provides food and shelter to them and their families, services to our communities, and care to our world. Be with them as they work, but also as they rest and recreate in Your care. Amen.

Celebrate Labor Day
at the
ST. MARGARET MARY ANNUAL YARD SALE
AUGUST 30, 31, & SEPTEMBER 2

Join us Friday, Saturday, and Monday for great deals on one of a kind items!

Hours for Friday & Saturday: 9 AM to 3 PM
Hours for Monday: 9 AM to 12 PM
Volunteers are still needed for a variety of roles to make this year's yard sale a success! Contact Melissa for details at (317) 232-8918