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Sept. 17, 2023

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## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM

Daily Mass: Monday - Thursday 8:00 AM

Adoration: Thursdays after 8am Mass to 6pm

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

8:30 am to 1:30 pm

Friday, Saturday, Sunday - Closed

(Office is closed on all Civic Holidays)



# MASS INTENTIONS

Having a Mass celebrated for a person or a specific request has a long history in the Catholic Church. Requesting a Mass is not only a sign of your own faith, but of your heart for those who say these Masses. The offering you make when requesting a Mass will go to support the work of our church.

**Saturday September 16, 2023 4pm - No Intention**

**Sunday September 17, 2023 10am - Robert Zamburo, requested Ginny DiMasi**

**Monday September 18, 2023 8am - For St. Joseph's Parish Family**

**Tuesday September 19, 2023 8am - No Intention**

**Wednesday September 20, 2023 8am - No Intention**

**Thursday September 21, 2023 8am - No Intention**

**Friday September 22, 2023 - No Mass**

**Tabernacle Lamp - Sept. 17th to Sept. 23rd  
No Intention**

**Saturday September 23, 2023 4pm - Madeline Manco, requested Lynn McElroy**

**Sunday September 24, 2023 10am - Antoinette Nunes, requested by Ginny DiMasi**

**Monday September 25, 2023 8am - For St. Joseph's Parish Family**

**Tuesday September 26, 2023 8am - No Intention**

**Wednesday September 27, 2023 8am - No Intention**

**Thursday September 28, 2023 8am - No Intention**

**Friday September 29, 2023 - No Mass**

**Tabernacle Lamp - Sept. 24th to Sept. 30th  
No Intention**

## WEEKLY OFFERING WEEKEND Sept. 10th

Mass & Mail-In Budgets: \$1148.00

Online Collection: \$437.00

Maintenance: \$160.00

Wedding Stipend: \$650.00

**Total: \$2395.00**

## READINGS & OBSERVANCES 2023

24 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME Sept 17	Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/ Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
MONDAY Sept 18	1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10
TUESDAY Sept 19	<i>Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr</i> 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17
WEDNESDAY Sept 20	<i>Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Priest, Paul Chõng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs</i> 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35
THURSDAY Sept 21	<i>Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i> Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
FRIDAY Sept 22	1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
SATURDAY Sept 23	<i>Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest</i> 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15
25 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME Sept 24	Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/ Mt 20:1-16a



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED WE NEED YOUR HELP!

God calls each of us to serve one another according to the gifts He has given us. We can answer that call in many ways.

One way to offer our gifts is to serve in the context of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Lector: Ministry of the Word. God speaks to us through the readers, who proclaim Scriptures at our liturgies.

Ministry of Altar Server: Become an integral part of our worship by participating in the Ministry. People of every age can become an Altar Server!

Ministry of Sacristan: A sacristan performs various duties; among them the preparation of the Altar and Communion vessels.

Our experienced Lectors, Altar Servers and Sacristans are enthusiastic about training all new volunteers and welcome your participation.

Team up with a friend or your spouse and train together for one of our Liturgical Ministries!

Please call Sue in the office at 401-421-9137 and she will provide additional information and make arrangements for instruction and training.

Thank you



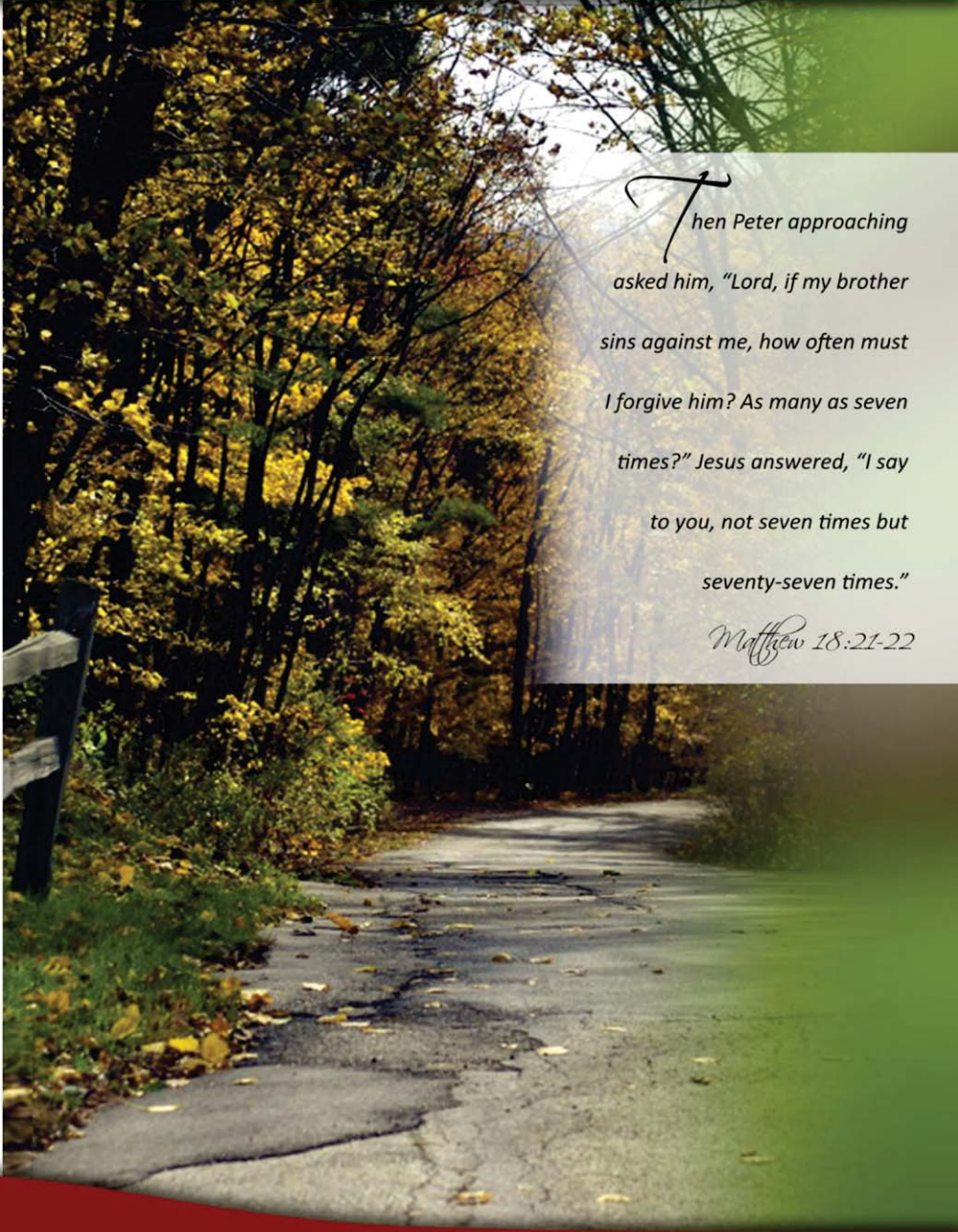
# Journey OF Faith

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## In Word & Deed

Sheila, our fifth grade teacher's 8-year old daughter, wanted a puppy and she was begging at every opportunity and promising to take care of it. Knowing full well it would end up being her responsibility, the teacher made arrangements with her brother to dog-sit for a week while he was on vacation. The first few days went pretty well, but by the fourth day 'doggy fatigue' was setting in. It seems that the young dog enthusiast failed to account for multiple daily walks, feedings, bathing, playtime and 'cleaning up'. At the end of the week, Sheila informed her mom that she had changed her mind and would prefer a goldfish instead.

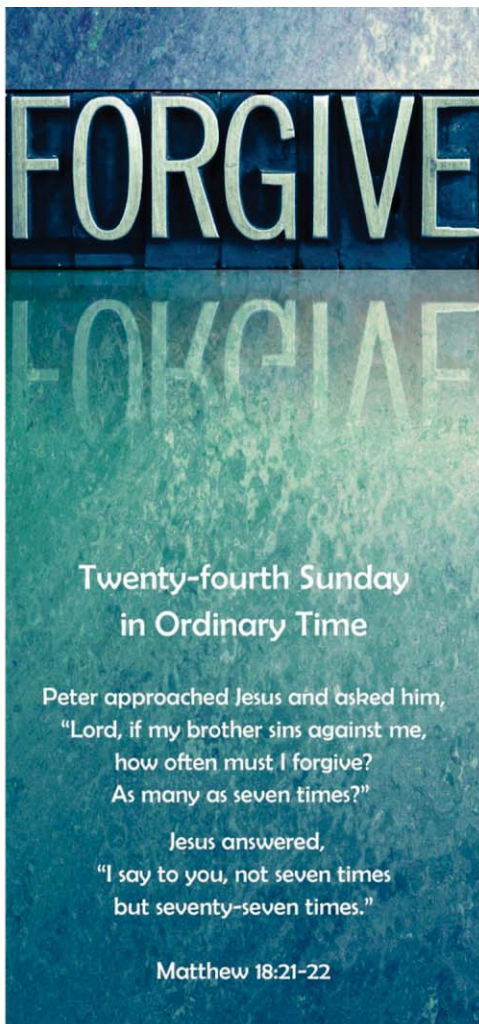
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Then Peter approaching asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."

*Matthew 18:21-22*





## FAMILY LIFE:

# TO WALK AS ONE



It's amazing how the smallest home improvement can make someone feel so much better. A room gets cleaned, a new shelf is installed, an old door gets fixed or a room gets painted and suddenly everything looks different and feels better. Those small changes can make a big difference in our attitude and the way we look at things. A simple home improvement can make a huge impact and change our whole perspective.

If a physical change can be so dramatic, a better relationship or a more positive attitude or improved communication can be even more dramatic. There are always bumps and bruises in a family. We live together and in such close contact there are sure to be moments of disagreement,

irritation and conflict. But when we add forgiveness, tolerance and love, everything changes. We feel better, relieved and relaxed and our whole perspective changes. A little improvement goes a long way in changing our perspective about ourselves and about those we love.

So what holds you back? How difficult can it be to say "I forgive you" or "I'm sorry"? Does it really matter whose fault it is, or how you got off track. A fresh start—a little in-house improvement—is free for the asking, free for the accepting and priceless for the results. Upgrade your house today. Everyone will benefit.

~Jim Gaffney

*For if we live, we live for the Lord,  
and if we die, we die for the Lord;  
so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.*

♦ Romans 14:8 ♦

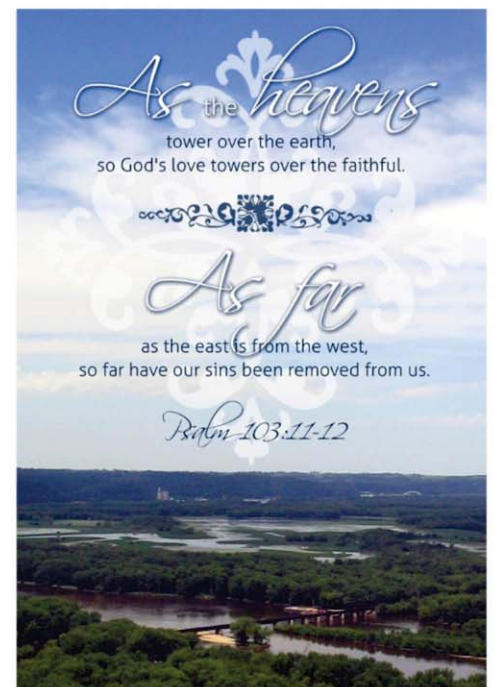
## In Word & Deed

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Faith is a commitment to a way of life, not just a set of intellectual beliefs. More than just accepting the idea that Jesus is the Savior, faith means that we continue to forgive so that we live by God's standards, even when it is demanding, inconvenient or difficult. Forgiveness and reconciliation are the basis of the Christian life and if we compromise them, we compromise our life, both temporal and eternal.

We live our faith when we follow the teaching and example of Jesus, when we reach out to those who have hurt us and offer forgiveness over and over and over. We have the Church, the sacraments and the example of the saints—all of which are part of our community of faith that strengthens and supports our baptismal commitment to follow the Lord. There can be no 'faith fatigue'. Our God sets the example, our faith is renewed and strengthened when we put it into practice.

~Jim Gaffney





## Experience God's Mercy

# CONFESSION SCHEDULE

**Sunday 9:15 am to 9:55 am**

**Thursday 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm**

Reconciliation (also known as Confession or Penance) is a sacrament instituted by Jesus Christ in his love and mercy to offer sinners forgiveness for offenses committed against God. In Reconciliation, we acknowledge our sins before God and his Church. We express our sorrow in a meaningful way, receive the forgiveness of Christ and his Church, make reparation for what we have done, and resolve to do better in the future.

*"Every time we go to confession, God embraces us."  
- Pope Francis -*

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Very important information for those that use on-line giving to make their contributions.

We have **ended** our services with the current on-line giving platform. If you have your contributions set up as an auto-pay you must go into your account and deactivate it. Once you have deactivated your account please register with our new provider by going to the link provided below. For those that do not have their account setup as auto-pay you will simply go to the link below to begin on-line giving with our new provider.

Our new platform for on-line giving is provided through "Our Sunday Visitor (OSV)"

You will use the following link to register with our new provider:

[www.osvhub.com/st-joseph-providence/giving/funds](http://www.osvhub.com/st-joseph-providence/giving/funds)

If you have questions call Sue at the office: 401-421-9137



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## **Eucharistic Adoration**

**THURSDAYS FOLLOWING 8AM MASS TO 12PM**

*Answer Christ's invitation to "spend an hour with Him" by becoming a Scheduled Weekly Adorer or Substitute.*

If you become a scheduled adorer, you will have a set hour period that you will be present at the chapel. If you are unable to make your scheduled hour in a given week, you are free to call the coordinators to find a substitute.

If you aren't sure whether you can commit to an hour a week, consider teaming up with a friend or family member to share the hour with or be each other's dedicated substitute and go every other week.

Contact the Parish Office for details.





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