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Saturday-5 PM Sunday-8 & 10:30 AM

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## **AUGUST 24, 2025 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Dear friends,

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned.

These words are at the very core of trying to be the heart and mind of Jesus in our world today. In a world where words are used to vilify people and leaders are quick to divide people into those who are for us and those who are against us, these words of Jesus to be compassionate take on an even more

important role. How does one "be compassionate?" Consider this story.

Come with me to a third grade classroom.... There is a nine-year-old kid sitting at his desk and all of a sudden, there is a puddle between his feet and the front of his pants are wet. He thinks his heart is going to stop because he cannot possibly imagine how this has happened. It's never happened before, and he knows that when the boys find out he will never hear the end of it. When the girls find out, they'll never speak to him again as long as

The boy believes his heart is going to stop; he puts his head down and prays this prayer, 'Dear God, this is an emergency! I need help now! Five minutes from now I'm dead meat.'

He looks up from his prayer and here comes the teacher with a look in her eyes that says he has been discovered.

As the teacher is walking toward him, a classmate named Susie is carrying a goldfish bowl that is filled with water. Susie trips in front of the teacher and inexplicably dumps the bowl of water in the boy's lap. The boy pretends to be angry, but all the while is saying to himself, 'Thank you, Lord! Thank you, Lord!'

Now all of a sudden, instead of being the object of ridicule, the boy is the object of sympathy. The teacher rushes him downstairs and gives him gym shorts to put on while his pants dry out. All the other children are on their hands and knees cleaning up around his desk. The sympathy is wonderful. But as life would have it, the ridicule that should have been his has been transferred to someone else - Susie

She tries to help, but they tell her to get out. You've done enough, you klutz.

Finally, at the end of the day, as they are waiting for the bus, the boy walks over to Susie and whispers, 'You did that on purpose, didn't you?' Susie whispers back, 'I wet my pants once too.'

Imagine what would happen if we acted out of this kind of compassion in our day to day lives. We would do well to spend our time and energy trying to stand in the shoes of others rather than defending the rightness of our particular position

Leaning into the journey of life, Fr. Gene Schroeder



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### THE WORST THING

The worst thing we ever did Was put God in the sky out of reach pulling the divinity from the leaf sifting out the holy from our bones insisting God isn't bursting dazzlement

through everything we have made a hard commitment to see as ordinary, stripping the sacred from everywhere to put in a cloud man elsewhere.



prying closeness from your heart.

The worst thing we ever did was take the dance and the song out of prayer, made it sit up straight and cross it legs removed it of rejoicing, wiped clean its hip sway, its questions, its estatic yowel, its tears.

The worst thing we ever did is pretend God isn't the easiest thing in this Universe available to every soul in every breath

Chelan Harkin



### CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM MASS: Joseph Grider, Sylvester & Irene Happe, Fran, Ron & Bob Happe, Darlene & Don Baumgart, Joan Schoenstein, Maria Haberlach (1860), Leonard Effinger (1887),

Through the narrow door! Theresa (1983) & Louis Folz

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

#### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**8:00 AM MASS:** Sr. Elizabeth Ann Koberstein, Ivan & Lila Simon, Jim & Dolores Niemeier, Norbert Niemeier, Robert & Margie Hartman, Dean Trowbridge, Alex Trowbridge

10:30 AM MASS: Irene Happe, For the needs of all the people in our parish, Joseph Effinger (1861), John Schmitt (1870), Ludovicus Brack (1885), Franz Bernendes (1910), Henrietta (1952) & Wilfred Baehl, Ruth (1993) & Charles Waters, Estelle (2017) & Jerome Schneider

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 25 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**6:30 PM MASS:** Leoda (2003) & Bill Kempf, Bill, Janice & Ron Kempf, Chris Clark (2009), Fran & Bob Wigger

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 26 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM MASS: Joseph Baehl (1877), John Beyer (1878), Valentine Seib (1878), Anna Beckerle (1887), Al Frick (1904), Daniel Spaetti (2001), David Spaetti

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27 SAINT MONICA

**7:30 AM MASS:** Annie & Earl Chandler, Pete & Erick Chandler, Henry Hillenbrand (1952), John Wolter (1970), Lue (2010) & Delores Montgomery, Ruth (2020) & Tom Rice

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 28 ST. AUGUSTINE

NO MASS: Bernardin Rexing (1862), Anna Lang (1941), Infant Fechtmeister (1977)

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 29 JOHN THE BAPTIST

**7:30 AM MASS:** Moni Weinzapfel, Linus Weinzapfel, John Will (1884), Neacie (2020) & Don Singleton, Cathy Luigs

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
5:00 PM MASS: Elmer Goedde, Elisabeth (1024) & Louis
Happe, Charles (1980) & Ruth Waters, Sr. Venantia O.S.F.
(Catherine Mayer) (1945), Merl (1985) & Delores Hoefling

(1985), Margaret (2003) & Everett Baylor, Bub & Charlie Baylor, Carolyn Seib, Erna Stradlemann, For the needs of all the people in our parish

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

#### TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM MASS: Candy & David Knight, Dottie Happe, Basil,

Marie, Allie, Luke & Dennis Mehringer

10:30 AM MASS: Leroy, Cecelia, Sr. Mary "Anisia OSB, Sister Mary Leah OSB, Vincent, Daniel, Stephen & Shirley Baehl, Melvin Goedde, Norma Goedde William Tuley, Katharin (1995) & Joseph Schenk, Edwin (1965) & Mary Englert, Cindi Conaway (2022)



#### STEWARDSHIP: The Lord's Way

Today's reading from Isaiah, describers the Israelites bringing their offering to the Lord "in clean vessels."

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and fidelity to the will of God—is as important as the monetary gift I offer.

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HAPPY

**BIRTHDAY** 

HAPPY

AUGUST 24: Kal Kelly, Madison Traylor, Rebecca Whitehouse, Leonard Elpers,

Pat Freeman, Ella Muensrterman

AUGUST 26: Imogene Baehl, Alyssa Grigsby

AUGUST 27: Jackie Hughes,

Jeff Kempf, Jennie Puckett

AUGGUST 28: Isaiah Nisley, Tucker Rickey

AUGUST 29: John Bittner, Maggie Couch, Jake Gretencord,

Jim Heidorn, Mel Hobbs, Matt Voelker

AUGUST 30: Shelly Elpers, Tess Freeman, Aimee Gerth,

Mary Goedde, Jerry Happe, Kristen Lappe,

Jeff Puckett, Jacob Raben, Gracelynn Stoltz

AUGUST 24: Donna & Dave Dippel, Gary & Debra Gries

AUGUST 25: Corey & Katie Loehr

AUGUST 26: Steve & Becky Jung

AUGUST 27: Greg & Amy Elpers AUGUST 28: Connie & Vernie Gries, Ko

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AUGUST 29: Richard & Judy Fehrenbacher

### BLOOD DRIVE--TODAY AUGUST 24 8 am -- Noon in the gym



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WEEKEND OF AUGUST 23-24 S.I.M. (L.)
Toni Askins, (EM) Mary Loehrlein, Carolyn Ministración Hutchinson, Sis & katy Jarboe 8 AM (L) Dave

LECTOR (L) EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (EM) Schmitt, (EM) Terry Drone Lisa Cook, Rodney and Paula Baehl 10:30 AM (L) Chad Martin, (EM) Sally Kempf Cecelia Koch, Kitty Deig Paul Hillenbrand

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 30-31 5PM (L) Susie Schapker, (EM) Donald & Brandon Werner, Mary Kay Fehrenbacher, Donna Niemeier 8 AM (L) Tom Folz (EM) Darlene Appler Jalane Weber, Kylie & Stephanie Frey 10:30 AM (L) Jane Scheller (EM) Amy Cody Jena Wessel, Rachael Scha-



INFO & RSVP 5:30 pm Gather for Mass with Bishop Siegel 6:30 pm Dinner & Door Prizes 7:30 pm Yard Games & Social 8:30 pm Night Prayer

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A HUGE thanks to all of you who donated rosaries, purchased rosaries, and donated money for the purchase of rosaries. St. Joe is such a supportive and thoughtful community! Thank you for continuing to support the ministry of our St. Joe school in all of the ways that you do! - Jessica Reckelhoff

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Christ the King (Ferdinand)-August 24 St. Wendel-September 6 & 7 St. Mary (Ireland)—September 7

St. Bernard (Snake Run)—September 7

St. James Harvest Fest-September 13

## THE LOVE OF THE HEART OF JESUS

We continue reading from Pope Francis' recent letter to the church "On the Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ." AN OFFERING TO LOVE

With her great spiritual insight, Saint Therese discovered that we can offer ourselves in another way, without the need to satisfy divine justice but by allowing the Lord's infinite love to spread freely: "O my God! Is your disdained love going to remain closed up within your

heart? It seems to me that if you were to find souls offering themselves as victims of holocaust to your love, you would consume them rapidly; it seems to me, too, that you would be happy not to hold back the waves of infinite tenderness within you".

While nothing need be added to the one redemptive sacrifice of Christ, it remains true that our free refusal can prevent the heart of Christ from spreading the "waves of his infinite tenderness" in this world.



Again, this is because the Lord wishes to respect our freedom. More than divine justice, it was the fact that Christ's love might be refused that troubled the heart of Saint Therese, because for her, God's justice is understood only in the light of his love. As we have seen, she contemplated all God's perfections through his mercy, and thus saw them transfigured and resplendent with love. In her words, "even his justice (and perhaps this even more so than the others) seems to me clothed in love".

This was the origin of her Act of Oblation, not to God's justice but to his merciful love. "I offer myself as a victim of holocaust to your merciful love, asking you to consume me incessantly, allowing the waves of infinite tenderness shut up within you to overflow into my soul, and that thus I may become a martyr of your love". It is important to realize that, for Therese, this was not only about allowing the heart of Christ to fill her heart, through her complete trust, with the beauty of his love, but also about letting that love, through her life, spread to others and thus transform the world. Again, in her words, "In the heart of the Church, my Mother, I shall be love... and thus my dream will be realized". The two aspects were inseparably united.

The Lord accepted her offering. We see that shortly thereafter she stated that she felt an intense love for others and maintained that it came from the heart of Christ, prolonged through her. So she told her sister Léonie: "I love you a thousand times more tenderly than ordinary sisters love each other, for I can love you with the heart of our celestial spouse". Later, to Maurice Bellière she wrote, "How I would like to make you understand the tenderness of the heart of Jesus, what he expects from you!"

Sisters and brothers, I propose that we develop this means of offering the heart of Christ as a gift to our world. The most fitting way to do this is for our love to offer the Lord a possibility of spreading, in amends for all those occasions when his love has been rejected or refused. This involves more than simply the "consolation" of Christ of which we spoke in the previous chapter; it finds expression in acts of fraternal love by which we heal the wounds of the Church and of the world. In this way, we offer the healing power of the heart of Christ new ways of expressing itself.

TO BE CONTINUED



Please remember in your prayers *Clem Baehl*, the brother of Bob Baehl, and Moni Weinzapfel, the sister of Beth Spaetti, and Karen (Schroeder) Woodruff, the daughter of the late Donald Schroeder, who died this past week. May God grant them eternal rest and may His peace be with all the members of their families and friends.

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