

Live By Faith

The story of Abraham is one of extraordinary blessing. However, his story is also one of extraordinary faith. At major points of his life, Abraham had no idea what was in store for him or his family. He was directed to leave his home and become a wandering herder. He was an immigrant in a foreign land, bereft of social support structures. He was promised descendants but waited many years for that promise to be realized. Once he had an heir, he was then told to sacrifice that son of promise without any assurances of a favorable future. Time and again, Abraham was asked to live by faith.

The phrase “seeing is believing” is misleading. It is really an expression of skepticism that means, “I won’t believe it unless I see it.” However, true belief means that we accept something even though we don’t see it, don’t understand it. That is a very difficult way for most of us to live. Yet live like this we must, whether

we are believers or unbelievers, because so much of life is beyond our control or understanding.

So how do we learn to live by faith? We have something that Abraham did not have. We have his story to encourage us. In that story we see that again and again he stepped forward in faith, and God brought things together. If God did this in Abraham’s life, surely God can and will do it in ours. We must only live by faith.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ *Do you always need certainty before you act? Has that always worked?*
- ★ *Be grateful for the times when you stepped forward in faith and God brought things together.*

*So it was that there came forth
from one man, himself as good
as dead, descendants as numerous
as the stars in the sky.*

HEBREWS 11:12

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MASS TIMES

Daily Masses:

Monday, Thursday, Friday, 1st Saturday: 9am

Wednesday: 6pm

*30 minutes before Every Mass, we pray the Holy Rosary

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 4pm

Sunday: 9am

Confessions:

Saturday: 3pm

*1st Friday & 1st Saturday: After the Holy Mass, or
-by appointment

SACRAMENTS: ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RISEN CHRIST!

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered the First Friday and First Saturday after the 9am Mass, Saturdays at 3pm, and most any reasonable time by appointment. Your identity need not be known; your anonymity is respected.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is strongly encouraged for those seriously ill, the elderly, or those facing surgery. This sacrament of Our Lord's healing & comfort is usually available on the last weekend each month after every Mass, or by appointment.

The Sacrament of Marriage is a wonderful commitment of life and love, and the Church welcomes those who are called to this noble vocation. Christian marriage involves a couple's serious deliberation, prayer, and planning. The diocesan policy requires all engaged couples to contact the pastor at least 6 months before setting any wedding date.

The Sacrament of Baptism presupposes sufficient instruction according to the age of the candidate, and a desire to practice the faith. Expectant parents are encouraged to ask the Pastor for the Church's blessing for a safe and healthy delivery. Call the Church Office to schedule instruction and the service.

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NEW PARISHIONERS:

Welcome to St. Michael's! We're glad you're here! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Amal, and register by completing a registration form, then kindly return it to the Church Office. Get involved! Volunteer! Let us share with each other our God-given talents, love, and service to our neighbors.

The Week Ahead

Sat / August 6th The Transfiguration of the Lord

9 am Mass: *David Lewis † Bud and Anne Kootz*

1st Sat. Confessions *after Mass in the Library*

3-3:45 pm: Confessions, in the Library

4 pm Vigil Mass: *Nicholas Kocz (SI) by Mary Kocz*

Food Pantry & Monthly Maintenance Fund Collections

Sun / August 7th Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

9 am Mass: *Family of Dan and Angela Munroe by Jacinta DiCresce*

Food Pantry & Monthly Maintenance Fund Collections

Coffee & Donuts *after Mass, in the Parish Hall*

1 pm ~~B--I--N--G--O~~, in the Parish Hall

Mon / August 8th Saint Dominic, Priest

9 am Mass: *Elijah Kootz (SI) by Buddy and Anne Kootz*

Tue / August 9th

No Mass

Wed / August 10th Saint Lawrence, Deacon

6 pm Mass: *Edward Hettinger † by Mel Hettinger*

Thu / August 11th Saint Clare, Virgin

9 am Mass: *Dee Dee Kern † by Joe and Martha Decoster*

6 pm ~~B--I--N--G--O~~, in the Parish Hall

Fri / August 12th

9 am Mass: *For Our Dec. Family † by Bill and Aggie Budewig*

Sat / August 13th

4 pm Vigil Mass: *Marie Curry † by Matt and Mary Winston*

3-3:45 pm: Confessions, in the Library

Sun / August 14th Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am Mass: *Chris Conete † by G and L Curler*

KC'S BIG BREAKFAST *after Mass, in the Parish Hall*

Altar Flowers *this week* are compliments of:

Joe and Doris Waggoner *in honor of their Anniversary*

Tabernacle Roses *this week* are compliments of:

Sharon Williams *in honor of her Daughter's Birthday*

KC'S BIG BREAKFAST *next week*, August 14th, will be served by Knights of Columbus.

Thought for the week

"Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

🙏 *Wishing you a blessed week!* 🙏

July 30 - 31, 2022 Collection

Regular Collection - \$1,805.34

Many thanks to you for your sacrificial giving!

Birthdays For the Week: 😊

Stephen Martin, 3rd

Wade Munroe, 7th

Elijah Kootz, 8th

Chuck Williams, 8th

Anniversary For the Week: ❤️

Michael and Kimberly Epperson, 6th

We wish you many blessings on your Anniversary!

Open Adoration Hours

Friday: 4 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm,

Thursday: 6 pm

*If you are interested in one of the above hours
(or any hour), call Rose, 870-994-2744, or Anne,
870-847-1985. Please Note: substitutes are always
needed, please call and volunteer.*

Interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith?

CCD and RCIA registration will take place before and after
Masses on Saturday, August 13 and Sunday, August 14 and
also on Saturday, August 20 and Sunday, August 15.

Birth certificates are required for new students.

For more information contact

Lori Templet (870-856-2261) or

by email: ltemplet2507@yahoo.com.

I am looking forward to this New Year

The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Season A.B.V.M

**The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Season on
Sunday August 14th, 2022 We will celebrate
Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary and on (Monday August 15th
,2022 is not a day of Obligation)**

MONDAY NO OBLIGATION OF THE FEAST

Pastoral Advisory Committee

We did not hold a election for the Pastoral Advisory Committee Chair, because there were no volunteers, in spite of constant appeal in our Bulletin and also kept a signup sheet in the vestibule for over a month and no one came forward in time. Then we had a need, to assign the position, Buddy Kootz alone, generously came forward to help and to serve us in the time of need.

We thank and appreciate Buddy for his
service as a PC Chair

Prayer Warriors

We appreciate you for generously praying
for those who are Home Bound, in the
Nursing Home and all the others who are
suffering with illness at this time. We ask
that you especially pray for

Sharon Williams
Chuck Wolff
Richard Wargo

**Join Us NEXT Sunday for an
All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast after Mass!**

Adults/\$8; children 6-12/\$4, under age 6/free

WANTED

If anyone has any religious statues that you want to donate, the Knights of Columbus are looking to take them in and refurbish them and place them at nice home.

For more Information Contact: Chuck Wolff at 870-257-4999

Let Us Have our Love, for the, Holy Eucharistic Lord !

I kindly remind You All that the COVID restrictions are now completely lifted in our Diocese.

You can no longer get credit for attending the Holy Mass by watching It on EWTN or YouTube.

You have to actually attend a live Mass and encouraged to receive Holy Communion and to spend a little time in adoration in the presence of Blessed Sacrament.

So we will be more happy to see, more of you on the weekdays and Saturdays and Sundays.

I appreciate and thank you all, for All Your kind Prayers and loving support and generous Sacrifices, for our St. Michael's Community.

God Bless You and
Bless All Your Dear and Near Ones.
Fr. Amal Punganoor 07/01/2022

FULL TIME YOUTH MINISTER POSITION

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Pocahontas is seeking a devoted, faith filled Catholic to become the full time Youth Minister of our parish. While working primarily at St. Paul Church, candidate will also serve the youth of St. John the Baptist Parish in Engelberg and St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Corning. Deadline for Applications will be September 30, 2022.

To apply or inquire, contact Fr. Stephen Elser.
frstephenelser@gmail.com

REMINDER

EVERY LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH AFTER
MASS WE HAVE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

July 29, 2022

Dear Church Friends:

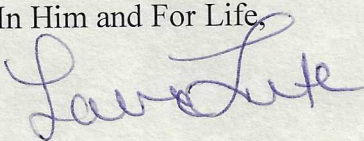
God has blessed our ministry through the generosity of wonderful friends like you!

This year's Baby Bottle fundraising goal is set at \$31,000.00 by being a generous participant in our "Baby Bottle Boomerang" celebration this year; **you have helped us tremendously toward achieving that goal!** We have just completed the both phases of our Campaign and the Center collected **\$29,667.26 from 40 churches** that participated. **Your church's contribution was \$826.45.** We look forward to what God is going to do! Especially in light of the recent Roe V. Wade being overturned, we give thanks for the generous spirit and hearts of all the churches that support this ministry in the cause of life.

The Baby Bottle funds collected this year will continue to help us greatly in enabling our Center to meet the increased financial needs involved in offering women free ultrasounds. Our ultrasound service has been available since May, 2007, allowing us to see an increase in the number of baby's lives saved through the provision of ultrasound services and one-on-one counseling. This year alone we have had several women choose life for their baby. God is changing lives, through our staff and their commitment to share the truth in Love to each and every person who enters our doors here at New Beginnings PHC. Because of you and your congregation we can offer these services. Please come visit us and see the fruits of your labor.

Thank you for your involvement in the ministry of New Beginnings Pregnancy Help Center and for the part you have played in helping women in crisis in our community. Precious lives will be saved because of your generosity, and my prayer for you is that God will richly bless you for helping to make this precious ministry of life a reality in our community.

In Him and For Life,



Laura Lute,
Executive Director

Holy Family Catholic Cemetery
Burial Plots
Contact Bernie Brandenburg
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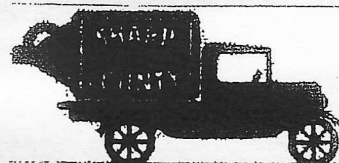
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MASS TIMES
Sunday & Friday—11:15am
Adoration: After Friday Mass
Confession after every Mass

Dear Padre,

When I was young, we never had eucharistic devotions. Why are they so popular now?

Prior to the Second Vatican Council, many Catholics found solid food for their spiritual lives in eucharistic devotions, which include visiting the Blessed Sacrament (eucharistic adoration), attending Forty Hours devotion, and assisting at benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

However, as the modern liturgical movement began picking up steam, scholars and theologians began questioning the amount of energy and attention going toward eucharistic devotion. They urged us to focus our spirituality more clearly on the Mass—the action of the sacred liturgy and the Eucharist itself—and to understand that all eucharistic devotions outside of the sacred liturgy are meant to direct us back to the action of the Mass, the eucharistic sacrifice, and its high point of Communion.

The drop-off in eucharistic devotions after Vatican II can be positively understood as an attempt to take the insights of liturgical reform seriously and develop a more liturgical piety. At the same time, the resurgence of eucharistic adoration is a worthy retrieval of a beloved practice that both scholars and the faithful understand as complementing a full, conscious, and active participation in the sacred liturgy that is the “source and summit” of our lives.

Fr. Matthew Allman, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

We do well to spend time in adoration before the Eucharist....Let us allow Jesus the Living Bread to heal us of our self-absorption, open our hearts to self-giving, liberate us from our rigidity and self-concern, free us from the paralyzing slavery of defending our image, and inspire us to follow him wherever he would lead us.

HOMILY, BUDAPEST, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021



Calendar

Monday

AUGUST 8

St. Dominic, Priest

Ez 1:2–5, 24–28c

Mt 17:22–27

Tuesday

AUGUST 9

Weekday

Ez 2:8–3:4

Mt 18:1–5, 10, 12–14

Wednesday

AUGUST 10

St. Lawrence,
Deacon and Martyr

2 Cor 9:6–10

Jn 12:24–26

Thursday

AUGUST 11

St. Clare, Virgin

Ez 12:1–12

Mt 18:21–19:1

Friday

AUGUST 12

Weekday

Ez 16:1–15, 60, 63

or 16:59–63

Mt 19:3–12

Saturday

AUGUST 13

Weekday

Ez 18:1–10, 13b, 30–32

Mt 19:13–15

Sunday

AUGUST 14

Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Jer 38:4–6, 8–10

Heb 12:1–4

Lk 12:49–53



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throughout 2022.

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