

*Humble yourself the more,
the greater you are, and you will
find mercy in the sight of God.*

SIRACH 3:18

I'm Nobody! Who Are You?

This is the title of one of Emily Dickinson's most beloved poems. Did she really think she was nobody? Probably not. But neither was she eager to get bogged down by the approval of others. She seems to have been satisfied with who she was and how she lived her life.

Unlike Dickinson, many of us live for the approval of others. In fact, we almost glorify celebrities—and not simply for their accomplishments. Their taste becomes our choice in buying clothes; their opinions shape our thinking; their social life becomes our entertainment. This is a strange turnaround, for the only reason they are famous is that we have given them our approval. We made them celebrities.

We all know people who, in the eyes of the broader society, might be considered “nobodies” but who really are the “somebodies.” They are like Dickinson. They know who they are and do not pretend to be someone or something else. They do not put on airs; they do not expect to be treated better than others. They simply are who they are. These are the people described in today's readings. They have lived as Sirach counsels: “Humble yourself” (Sirach 3:18). This does not mean humiliate yourself or put yourself down. It means be who you are, the *you* that God made. Don't try to be someone else. The Gospel story shows what might happen if you think you are more than you really are. The proud man was literally put in his place.

So, who are you?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ *What do you do to gain other's approval?
Does that change who you are?*
- ★ *How often do you describe yourself as better
than others? Is it true?*

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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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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 27th Saint Monica

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

4 pm Vigil Mass: *Joseph Kocz † by Mary Kocz*

Anointing of the Sick after Mass, in the Church

Sun / August 28th Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am Mass: *E.F. Verdel † by B. Edmonds*

Anointing of the Sick after Mass, in the Church

Coffee & Donuts after Mass, in the Parish Hall

Mon / August 29th The Passion of St. John the Baptist

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

Knights of Columbus

Rosary 5:30 pm, Meeting 6 pm

Tue / August 30th

No Mass

Wed / August 31st Saint Bartholomew

6 pm Mass: *Healing For Our Country by Bill & Aggie Budewig*

Thu / September 1st

9 am Mass: *Marie Curry † by Matt and Mary Winston*

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

Fri / September 2nd

9 am Mass: *Leuty Schreiner † by Rollie and Sharon VanderZyl*

First Friday Confessions in the Library after Mass

Sat / September 3rd St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Food Pantry and St. Vincent de Paul Collections

9 am Mass: *Rollie and Sharon VanderZyl (SI)*

by Rollie and Sharon VanderZyl

****First Saturday Confessions in the Library after Mass**

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

4 pm Vigil Mass: *Joseph Kocz † by Mary Kocz*

Food Pantry and St. Vincent de Paul Collections

Sun / September 4th Twenty - Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Food Pantry and St. Vincent de Paul Collections

9 am Mass: *People Of Our Parish*

Coffee & Donuts after Mass, in the Parish Hall

**** Doors open at 12 pm B--I--N--G--O starts at 1:30 pm !**

Altar Flowers *this week* are compliments of:

Sharon Williams in honor of her daughter's Birthday.

Tabernacle Roses *this week* are compliments of:

Helen Oberding in honor of her Birthday

Coffee & Donuts *next week*, September 4th, will be served by SVDP & Group # 2.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

True humility is not
looking down on yourself,
but looking up to God!

🙏 *Wishing you a blessed week!* 🙏

August 21-22, 2022 Collection

Regular Collection - \$2,386.00

Catholic Home Missions - \$369.00

Many thanks to you for your sacrificial giving!

Birthdays For the

Cindy Raith 27th

Helen Oberding 28th

Glenda Kimbrell 29th

Dianna Welte 1st

We wish you many blessings on your birthday!

Anniversary For the Week: ♥

Dennis and Karen Burton- 30th

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.*

SINCERE CONDOLENCES

Rest in peace to Brother Knight, Sir Dan Bye who passed away Thursday August 18th, 2022. The Arrangements have not been announced at this time his services will be held in Mountain Home AR, at St. Peter The Fisherman Church. May the Lord give his family peace and consolation during this time.

May His Soul Rest In Peace

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
Dick Wargo

A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life — especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

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YOUR INVITED!!!

We invite all those interested in singing in the choir to a practice on Saturday afternoon at 3 pm beginning on August 27th. Contact Eric Orwoll for more information at eric.orwoll@gmail.com

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

Next Week's 2nd Collection for SVDP

Thank you for your past generosity to our quarterly collections. SVDP helps with the spiritual, emotional, & financial needs of the poor in our community. Your continued generosity is greatly needed. Please make checks payable to: St. Vincent DePaul. God bless you!

SHOEBOX CHRISTMAS

It is time to start thinking about Shoebox Christmas especially with the school supplies on sale. You can start to pick up items for your boxes. We will be getting the shoeboxes in the near future. Thank you for participating. Last year we did 87 boxes, so let's see if we can beat that number this year.

For more information contact Lori Templet at 870-856-2261.

Unwanted Calendars

It's that time of year when every bank, organization, and business wants to give you one of their calendars. We appreciated that you want to share your abundance of calendars with us, but we have no use for them at this time. Thank you for not leaving them here at church.

Holy Family Catholic Cemetery

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Contact Bernie Brandenburg
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Contact: Jim Wege
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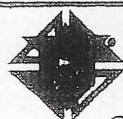
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MASS TIMES
Sunday & Friday—11:15am
Adoration: After Friday Mass
Confession after every Mass

Dear Padre,

Isn't natural family planning (NFP) a form of birth control? The couple still controls the potential of human life that God may have wanted to create at a particular moment.

Couples who use NFP aren't practicing contraception. By giving themselves completely to one another in body and soul, they're preserving the integrity of the marriage sacrament. In God's design, women



are naturally infertile for many days of the menstrual cycle. The marital act during these times promotes bonding and yet is open to new life. There is no sin in abstaining from the marital act. When a husband and wife use NFP appropriately, they share responsibility for living with their combined fertility. Neither spouse takes

the other for granted. NFP is a healthy and holistic way to plan for children.

Many couples find that living an NFP lifestyle gives them a better understanding of their fertility, frees them from fear of medical side effects, increases their communication, encourages a greater sense of sharing and a generosity toward life, fosters sexual self-control, and gives them the peace of following their spiritual, religious, cultural, or ethical beliefs. Periodic abstinence encourages couples to focus on aspects of their relationship beyond the physical, resulting in a "honeymoon effect."

NFP's most important benefit is that it enables spouses to live the mutual gift of self that is an essential element of marriage. The Church values marital sexual love. NFP helps couples to be authentic in the expression of that love.

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Jesus teaches this: "The one who humbles himself will be exalted" (Luke 14:11). God does not exalt us because of our gifts, because of our wealth, or because of our skills, but because of humility. God loves humility. God lifts up those who humble themselves; he lifts up those who serve.

ANGELUS, SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION, AUGUST 15, 2021

Calendar

Monday

AUGUST 29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

1 Cor 2:1-5

Mk 6:17-29

Tuesday

AUGUST 30

Weekday

1 Cor 2:10b-16

Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

AUGUST 31

Weekday

1 Cor 3:1-9

Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 1

Weekday

1 Cor 3:18-23

Lk 5:1-11

Friday

SEPTEMBER 2

Weekday

1 Cor 4:1-5

Lk 5:33-39

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 3

St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

1 Cor 4:6b-15

Lk 6:1-5

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 4

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18b

Phlm 9-10, 12-17

Lk 14:25-33



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