



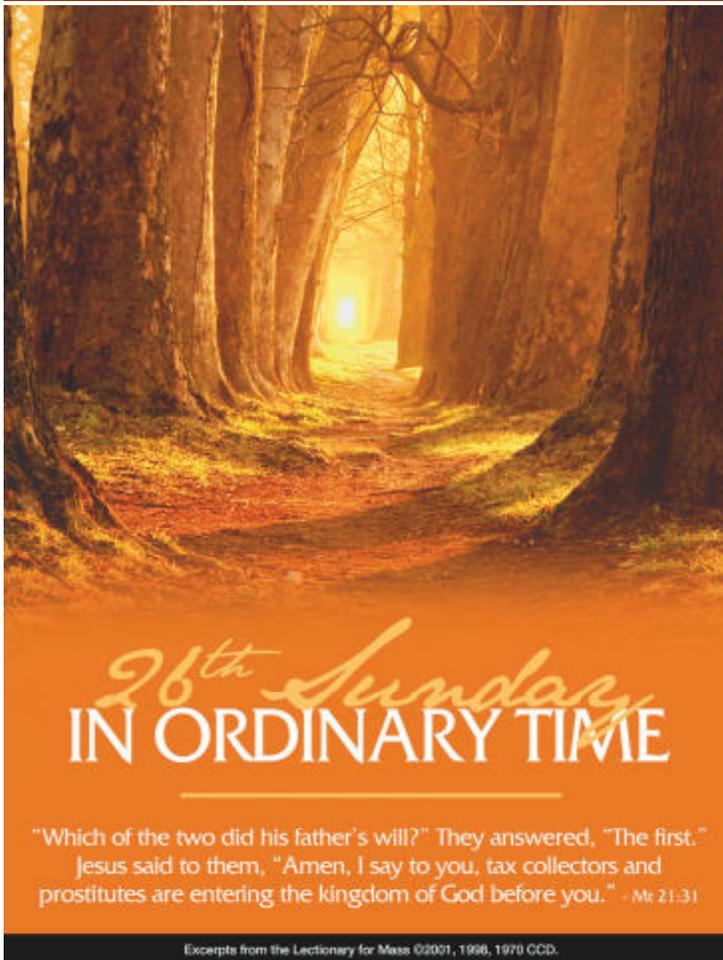
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 27, 2020

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THE BANE AND THE BLESSED



God helps those who help themselves.
The bible tells us that, right?

Wrong. Very wrong. In fact Scripture tells us the exact opposite. God helps those who cannot help themselves. He comes with his aid to the lost, lowly, forgotten and weak. "He has looked with favor on his lowly servant....He has lifted up the lowly." There is so much to be learned from the pandemic but one thing that we all must learn is that we cannot help ourselves. We cannot remain healthy when the world is sick. We have always been the lowly, the weak and vulnerable. It is that only now have we realized it. God didn't send the pandemic as judgement. God has not sent Corvid to punish us for our sins, as condemnation for the evil we have done. But the pandemic is a time of judgement about what matters and who matters. And as people of faith we realize in a deeper way, perhaps even a new way, that everyone matters, that every person is valuable. No human life matters more than another.

Presently we are in the part of the Church year we call Ordinary Time. By the term "ordinary" the Church does not mean common or routine. As you might suspect, the word comes from the Latin meaning order. Thus Ordinary Time is numbered, that is ordered. But the term is a reminder that we are ordered beyond ourselves. We are ordered to each other. We cannot flourish alone. And we

are ordered to the Kingdom of God, in which we will all flourish together. I think of the Stations of the Cross we pray during Lent here in the parish. At one of the stations St. Catherine of Siena tells us the words God spoke to her: "I could well have made human beings in such a way that they each had everything, but I preferred to give different gifts to different people, so that they would all need each other."

God didn't give us the pandemic to teach us that. But God is always bringing forth light from darkness, always bringing from the tomb the gift of life.

The Lord be with you.
Father John Parr

SEAS STEWARDSHIP

In today's second reading, we hear "Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others." (Phil 2:3-4)

As Christian Stewards, we are called to look out for one another, to take care of one another, to LOVE one another. It takes a great deal of generosity (the opposite of selfishness) to live the stewardship way of life. All we have is gift from God...and we must use our gifts to support our sisters and brothers in Christ. Each of us needs to take stock of how we are using the time, talent, and treasure we have been gifted by God. Are we "looking out not for our own interests, but also for those of others"?

SEAS ELIZABETH MINISTRY



Elizabeth Ministry supports families during times of infertility, pregnancy, pregnancy loss, birth, adoption, or infant crisis. Please contact Carol Reider at (608) 526-4424 or email: carol@seasholmen.org if we can be of any assistance to you, especially during this time when you may be

isolated from family members. As your parish family, we are here to support you in any way we can.

SUICIDE AWARENESS MONTH

September is National Suicide Awareness Month. It can feel overwhelming when you or someone you love is struggling with mental illness. But you are not alone. Check out these two books as resources for those dealing with mental health issues in the home. ***The Catholic Guide to Depression*** by Dr. Aaron Kheriaty and ***Let Me Sow Love: Living with a Depressed Spouse*** by Amy Viets and Bernadette Stankard.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Band of Brothers

October 6th 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Want to dive deeper into the Sunday readings before next Sunday and get to know other men at SEAS? Weather permitting we'll meet outside around a fire (using social distancing protocols) at 701 S Cherry Ln, Holmen. All men are welcome to join us as we read and discuss the Sunday readings for October 11th. To RSVP please contact Emil Meindl at kc9385@seasholmen.org or 952-204-5146.



FOR YOUR MARRIAGE



Once married, couples too often forget the importance of continuing to encourage one another. You need to keep the love notes and flowers coming. You need to dress up for each other and to set up date nights. You need to compliment each other and listen soulfully to one another. Remember that you are each other's beloved. Always, always treat your relationship like the priority that it should be.

INFO REGARDING MASS

Returning back to Mass for the first time – We do not have an offertory collection. A basket has been placed in the gathering place for you to drop off your envelopes. Also a reminder that when we have second collections, please put a separate check in an envelope specifically labeled for that collection, example– 5th Sunday. Thank you for your Stewardship.

PRAYER REQUESTS



Lorraine Atkinson
Sara (Wozney) Balaker
Judy Bockenbauer
Rebecca Chatfield
Paul Collins
William Alan Davis
Ethan William Doe
The Donaldson Family
Wesley Frana
Sherry Hanson
June Kukovec
Angela LaFleur

Bob Langer
Deanna Mason
Ken Proctor
Cindy Rittman
Bailey Rohrer
Mary Roerkohl
Barry Schaller
Sascha Stephens
Phyllis Thaldorf
Colleen Tisil
Addison Quinn Usitalo

Please remember, the sick, hospitalized, military members, homebound and anyone needing of our prayers.

May they experience the healing power of God.

WHEN REQUESTING THAT AN INDIVIDUAL BE ADDED TO OUR PRAYER LIST, YOU MUST HAVE THE CONSENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL OR THEIR FAMILY FOR THEIR NAME TO BE PUBLICIZED.

ALSO, PLEASE REMEMBER TO INFORM US WHEN SOMEONE SHOULD BE TAKEN OFF THE LIST

FAITH FORMATION

Lamenting

2020 has been extremely difficult for many of us to find anything to be optimistic about, and we know that life as we know it is not quite going to be the same again. One also can't help but also wonder: where has God been in all of this? If you have or currently have these questions in your mind and heart -where life right now feels quite overwhelming, and nothing makes sense, please know that your questioning is valid and even has a name. Dear reader, you have been lamenting. A lamentation is also a form of prayer, often referred to as a prayer for help that comes from a place of deep suffering and pain. The Bible has many examples of laments: the book of Lamentations openly expresses the Jews' feelings of sorrow after Jerusalem was destroyed at the hands of the Babylonians. Lamenting to the Lord does not mean that your faith is diminishing or that something is wrong with you or your faith. In fact, the opposite is true. Lamentation is an act of faith where we actively and fully acknowledge the pain we experience or have experienced. We take all the emotions and confusing questions we carry in our hearts and minds and express them openly to the Lord. Your time of suffering, whether physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, or all of the above, your "darkness," is a mysterious link that unites you to Jesus and deepens your relationship with Him. Mother Teresa described suffering with the Lord (lamenting) as follows:

"...if you look at the cross, he [Jesus] has got his head bending down – he wants to kiss you – and he has both hands open wide – he wants to embrace you. He has his heart opened wide to receive you... when you feel miserable inside, look at the cross... pain, suffering, humiliation – this is the kiss of Jesus... Suffering is a gift from God. It is between you and Jesus alone."

Mudiwa, Varaidzo. *Learning to Lament*. web.<https://lifeteen.com/blog/learning-to-lament/>

Important Faith Formation Dates

Sunday, Sept. 27 - 10th grade meets with sponsor in church at 6:30pm

Wednesday, Sept. 30 - 9th grade meets in church at 6:30pm

Wednesday, Oct. 7 - 2nd grade meets in church at 6:30pm

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



Whether it is serving the homeless and others in need in the Diocese of La Crosse, or offering assistance to those in the southeast affected by Hurricane Laura, Catholic Charities responds with material assistance and the love of Jesus Christ. To learn more and to volunteer or to make a donation, visit cclse.org.

LECTORS NEEDED



We are in need of Lectors at the 5:00 pm Mass. If you are interested in this ministry and would like training, please contact Carol Reider at 526-4424 or email: carol@seasholmen.org. If you are an "experienced" lector and

would like to serve occasionally at the 5:00 pm Mass, please let Carol know. We appreciate your stewardship of Time and Talent.

MARRIAGES AT SEAS



Are you recently engaged? Is there a wedding in your future? If so, prayerful congratulations on your engagement!

What an exciting time for you as you prepare to spend the rest of your lives together! Your love for each other and your desire to publicly commit yourselves to each other in lifelong love and faithfulness is a great gift that you offer to each other...and a great gift you offer to the Church. If you would like information about marriage preparation here at St. Elizabeth's, please contact Carol Reider at 526-4424 or at carol@seasholmen.org. Even during these most unusual times, we are able to meet and prepare for your future marriage. And, again, congratulations and God bless you on your journey together!

Due to Covid19 we have made the decision to cancel this year's annual Bazaar. Continue to pray that next year we will all be back to normal.

PARISH INCOME (FISCAL YEAR 7/1/20-6/30/21)

	Last Week's Collections	Weekly Budget	Difference	Annual Budget
Envelopes/Plate.....	\$4,374	\$11,638	-\$7,264	\$605,176
Fiscal Year-to-Date.....	\$99,647	\$139,656	-\$40,009	

ST. JEROME



Cave of St. Jerome
in Church of Nativity
in Bethlehem

On September 30th we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Jerome. St. Jerome was born in 345 CE in Dalmatia (on the eastern coast of the Adriatic Sea). When he was a young student, he became ill and had a vision in which he saw himself standing before Christ. From then on, Jerome devoted himself solely to the study of Scripture. He devoted himself to prayer and study,

traveling and setting himself upon the task of mastering Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. After these preparatory studies, he traveled extensively in Palestine, marking each spot of Christ's life with an outpouring of devotion. Mystic that he was, he spent five years in the desert of Chalcis so that he might give himself up to prayer, penance, and study. Finally, he settled in Bethlehem, where he lived in the cave believed to have been the birthplace of Christ. He spent years in study, writing and translating Scripture. He died on September 30, 420 and was buried under the church of the Nativity at Bethlehem, although his remains were said to have been transferred to the church of Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome.

Jerome is best known for his translation of the New Testament from Greek into Latin, the edition known as the Vulgate. The Vulgate is a fourth-century Latin translation of the Bible, produced primarily by St. Jerome. Working from ancient Greek manuscripts, the original Hebrew, Aramaic texts, and existing Latin translations, Jerome aimed to create a translation that the church could confidently say preserved the original Scriptures. Jerome completed his work in 405 AD, but continued to revise the Latin Vulgate for years. For centuries, the Latin-speaking church relied on this translation, especially for scholarly studies of Scripture. More than 1,000 years after it was finished, the Vulgate became the official Latin Bible of the Catholic Church, which it remained until Pope John Paul II replaced it with the New Vulgate in 1979.

Weekly/Regular Giving

To give online go to: seasholmen.org and click on the Online Giving button
If you have any questions, please contact Sandy in the parish office at 608-526-4424.
Thank you for your stewardship of treasure.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend: Sat. 5:00 pm and Sun. 8:00 & 10:15 am

Weekday: 8:30am

Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 8am-4pm, Fri. 8am - noon

Gluten Free Hosts: St. Elizabeth's has gluten free hosts available. Please contact Fr. Parr, and he will make the necessary arrangements.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00 pm or by appointment.

Baptism: Baptism involves membership in the church. Parents are to attend a session early in the pregnancy.

Marriage: Our church is trying to create successful marriages. This takes some time. Arrangements for a wedding date are to be made at least six months before the anticipated date.

Anointing of the Sick: Individual celebrations upon request. Please call the office when family members are hospitalized.

Confirmation: Two year preparation program in grades 9 and 10.

PASTORAL VISITATION

Anyone who desires a personal home visit is invited to call the parish office.

CATECHUMENATE

Anyone wishing to become a full member of the Church is invited to visit the parish office.

Parish Council Members

Alyson Haugen
Jennifer Fisk
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CALENDAR

Sunday, September 27		26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am	Mass †	<i>Loucille Delaney</i>
10:15 am	Mass	<i>People of SEAS</i>
6:30 pm	10th grade Confirmation Session	
Monday, September 28		Weekday
8:30 am	Mass †	<i>Marian McKenzie</i>
Tuesday, September 29		Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
No Mass		
Wednesday, September 30		St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
8:30 am	Mass †	<i>Angeline Haug</i>
Thursday, October 1		St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
8:30 am	Mass †	<i>Maybelle Haas</i>
Friday, October 2		The Holy Guardian Angels
8:30 am	Mass †	<i>Marian McKenzie</i>
Saturday, October 3		Weekday
4:00 pm	Sacrament of Penance	
	Vigil:	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM	Mass †	<i>Lorraine Novy</i>
Sunday, October 4		27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am	Mass	<i>People of SEAS</i>
10:15 am	Mass †	<i>Jerome Malin</i>

RCIA BEGINS IN OCTOBER



The Church welcomes all adults interested in the Roman Catholic faith. This process of RCIA prepares adults for initiation into the Church through the reception of

Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in knowing more about a Catholic Christian way of life with the possibility of becoming a member of the Church, please contact Fr. John Parr, or Patrick Brueggen at the parish office 608-526-4424. Email: youth@seasholmen.org. Sessions begin in October following all safety protocols due to Covid.

SISTER BRIDGET UPDATE



We've promised to keep you updated on Sr. Bridget's health and this time we've asked her to share with us her own thoughts.

My Dearest Most Wonderful Parishioners,

First and foremost I am so very appreciative of your support through prayer...I am certainly in need of your powerful prayers. Those prayers are being answered. My journey of health continues to be a challenge. However, on Thursday I received the results of my PET scan noting I still need to take chemo to keep my cancer in remission...Praise God. From one of my chemo's I acquired a lung disease. This condition is now a priority for the Doctors. From the bottom of my heart I am deeply grateful for all the cards, notes, phones calls and the delicious food items that keep surprising us. On the weekends I sorely miss seeing you and receiving your tender, supportive and loving hugs. Likewise I miss giving you my hugs. Know for certain that you are my thoughts and prayers each day. With profound gratitude I am asking Our Holy Family to continue to grace you and your family with good health, joy, peace, laughter and above all an awareness of God's everlasting mercy and love.

Gratefully in God who Loves Us Unconditionally,
Sister Bridget

IMPORTANT RE: WEEKEND MASSES



IMPORTANT

Thank you for remembering to call in your reservations for Weekend Masses. All three Masses have been quite full the past couple weekends.

If you have "permanent" reservations, please call us if you are not going to attend or if the number attending changes so we can give your spot to someone else.

Also, we **ARE** still in need of Hospitality Ministers for each of the Masses, so please contact Carol Reider if you are willing to serve in this capacity. We cannot have Mass without individuals willing to step up for this most important ministry. Thank you.

WEDDING BANNIS

II. Briana Hornberg and Travis Elam

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