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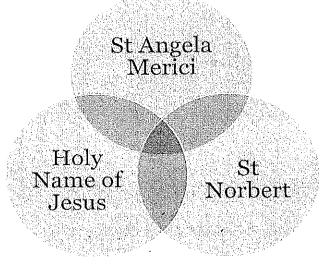
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# FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY, 23, 2023

See, I am doing "Something New." Now it is springing forth, do you not perceive it? (Isaiah 43:19)



#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday

Wis 12:13, 16-19/ Rom 8:26-27/

Mt 13:24-43

Monday:

Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday:

2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday:

Ex 16:1-5,9-15/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday:

Ex 19:1-2,9-11,16-20b/Mt 13:10-

17

Friday:

Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday:

Ex 24:3-8/jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-

42

Sunday:

1 Kgs:3-5, 7-12/Rm 8:28-30/Mt

13:44-52 or 13:44-46

# Monthly Candlelight Community Peace/Social Justice Vigil

Our monthly candlelight community peace/social justice vigils are held outdoors on the front steps of our church on the last Sunday of each month. Our next vigil will be held on July 30, at 7 pm. In case of inclement weather, we will gather in the Church vestibule. This monthly vigil is sponsored by the Holy Name of Jesus Social Justice group, Justice Grows, and lasts 30 minutes. The purpose of these monthly vigils is to pray for unity in our community, to raise awareness of social justice issues in our greater metropolitan community, and to pray for an end to violence, especially gun violence. These vigils consist of music, a time of silent reflection, and group prayer. All are welcome to join us every month or whenever you're available to pray with us. We hope to see you on July 30, 7:00pm

# IOLY NAME of JESUS PARIST

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## COME SERVE WITH US & COME PRAY WITH US

#### PLEASE GIVE THIS YOUR ON-GOING ATTENTION

The Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic continues to affect many parish life activities and our worship together. Our Parish Directory reflects our hope for schedules to return to something more normal.

Continue to consult the Parish Bulletin for more specific real-time information as well as listen for the most recent information being announced by St. Louis County and the State of Missouri.

#### HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH

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Human development is primarily a vocation, every person's calling from God 'to be more'.

Therefore, the Church teaches that the essential quality of 'authentic' development is to promote the good of every man (person) and of the whole man (person).

#### CELEBRATING MASS & **SACRAMENTS**

Liturgy of the Eucharist (Weekend & Weekday Masses)

Saturday 4:00 pm (CST) / 5:00 pm (DST) Sunday 9:30 am

Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am

Holy Days of Obligation 9:00 am & 7:00 pm Civil Holidays See Bulletin Mass Intentions for Time

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays

2:30-3:30 pm

3:30-4:30 pm (Daylight Savings Time)

Day & Evening Times during Advent & Lent Weekdays Anytime by Appointment with Fr. Mike at Home / Church

#### Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

1st Saturday of Every Month—After Evening Mass 3rd Sunday of Every Month—After 9:30 am Mass Anytime by Appointment with Fr. Mike at Home / Church

#### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Tuesday 8:30 am -12:00 midnight

#### **Perpetual Help Devotions**

8:30 am—After Tuesday Morning Weekday Mass

#### **Parish Rosary**

8:30 am—After Weekday Mass

3:30 pm CST / 4:30 pm CDT—Monthly on 3rd Saturdays

7:30 am & 10:00 am—Monthly on 3rd Sundays

THE ONGOING PRIORITIES OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

MEMBERSHIP \* PARTNERSHIP \* STEWARDSHIP

#### Hearing Sunday's Scriptures as a Community, July 23, 2023

We have many resources for applying Scripture's messages to our personal lives. This column applies Sunday's scriptures to the life of our parish (or other community) as a community. As a parish in another major transition, we should find in Scripture some models of how our ancestral communities let the Word of God form them. They coped with big changes, they wanted to remain faithful and hopeful, they had to distinguish good plans from bad ones. So do we.

Your Evangelization Team asked parishioner Greg Warnusz to contribute these from his ongoing, online work.

FIRST READING and GOSPEL READING: About a century before the birth of Jesus, a learned Jew assessed the situation for Jews in the great cosmopolitan city Alexandria. Many Jews there had "assimilated" into the dominant pagan culture. They and native pagans ridiculed observant Jews, so our sage wrote a **book of Wisdom**, to bolster the faith of his friends. Among the author's methods: remind other Jews of their ancient heritage; emphasize God's providence throughout their history; highlight how their God was more "godly" than the pagan gods.

The lesson Sunday is that this God (unlike other gods) is so powerful and wise that God need not be vengeful and quick to punish. This God can afford to let enemies live, for they can never prevail, and given time, might repent. That's the admirable God addressed in our passage today, and about Whom we will hear next in Sunday's gospel.

At first glance, the "enemy" character in Jesus's first parable seems not realistic. A playwright would ask what's his motivation here? But in the ancient culture where Jesus taught, the enemy character is quite normal; it's the original farmer, the patient one, whose decisions are startling and attention-worthy. After all, Jesus IS talking about the reign of heaven. And he's contrasting it with at least two other reigns. The reign of Caesar stood pompously on the neck of Israel, and is always at least a subtext in the gospels. The early church had to be circumspect in its comparison of Caesar's reign to God's.

More conspicuously, Jesus also compares the reign of heaven to the "reign" of status-seeking or the reign of rivalry. (Those are the best names I can think of.) That "reign" is the culturally-enforced assumption that others are always intent on showing me up, outdoing me, embarrassing me, as if there is only a fixed supply of honor to go around, so I must get all I can or others will get it all. (Remember high school? Like that.)

(Many gospel scenes suggest a "reign-of-rivalry" is a good way to describe the world in which Jesus lived. For example:

- the frequent challenges to Jesus' right to teach
- the eyebrows raised at Jesus' choice of friends
- the wicked-clever way Jesus "owned" his critics in public arguments
- Jesus' reference to his followers as "little ones"
- Jesus' advice about how to choose one's seat at a dinner party, and more.)

Interpret Sunday's first parable in this light, and the "enemy" is only out to embarrass the landowner (not unexpected), the servants are frantic to hide the evidence (absolutely expected), and the landowner is just cool and confident (not expected at all), playing a long game that will bring final triumph. That, Jesus is saying, is what God is really like, and in God's reign — already begun among us — we just don't need to play the old games.

So, is your community playing a long game? Or are you grasping for resources without a plan?

Does your planning include thoughtful surveys of your heritage, lessons learned, unexpected developments that revealed God's providence?

Does your planning include synodality? The planning of Pope Francis certainly does.

Do you rejoice in how your community is distinct from the conventional, competition-driven communities around it? More:

# PLEASE PRAY for:

Donna Lane, Bob Seidel Jr, Cody, Bernette Goymerac, Mildred Miller, Mary Masterson, Tim Downs, Cooper Treacy, John Baboer, Maureen Williams, Mary Williams, Al Haines, Betty Kondracki, Mary Lou Sammelman, Patty Corbin, Chris Deaton, Glen Marstall, Anne Marlowe, Dorothy Anderson, Joan Geerling, Carol Jones, Mike Swoboda, George Lawler, Phyllis Lawler, Audrey Corbin, Gylan Matthes, Marjorie Dubray, Colin Schultheis, Bill Oliver, Mike Coffer, Whitney Coke, Ken Ellis, Tom K., Carol Lawrence, Lisa Erickson, Mark Hayes, Karen Pilgram, Jacklean Thomas Dudley, Aurelien Akakpo-Lado, Donna Cahr, Rhonda Finney, Michael Mulvihill, Sr., Michael Swoboda, Katy Moran, Marty Bligh, Sharon Klein, Joe Bachatin, Mr & Mrs Robert Bochatin

#### MASS INTENTION

Tuesday July 25

8:00am Loretta Klostermann

Wednesday July 26

8:00am James Martin

Thursday July 27

8:00am Kenneth Babin

Friday July 28

8:00am Madelin Flauaus

Saturday July 29

5:00pm People of the Parish

Sunday July 30

9:30am Virginia Moynihan



#### HNJ Spiritual Reading Library

Location: Outside the Adoration Chapel

We hope you can stop by before or after Mass to enjoy some spiritual reading. There are also some other books in the adoration chapel in the closet. At this time we are not accepting any more books. We thank those who have donated books to share with other Parishioners.



Stewardship of Treasure

#### Your Gifts of Support for Our Parish Mission

July 16, 2023,	\$3,718.07
Online Giving (included above	\$1,180.00
Budgeted weekly offertory	\$8,028.00
This week's <loss></loss>	\$4,309.93
Budgeted weekly expenses	\$12,843.00
This Weeks <loss></loss>	\$9,124.93



#### LECTORS

July 29

5:00pm Joan Aslin

July 30

9:30am Bess Arends



#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

July 29 5:00pm

Mary Krsul

July 23

9:30am Anne Schwanz

### A message from your

#### St. Vincent de Paul Society

We just want to thank everyone who enables us to assist our neighbors in need on your behalf, either through the use of your monthly blue envelopes, periodic monetary donations, memorials, tributes, non-perishable food donations in the containers at the entrances to church, donations in the Thrift Store bin on the parking lot, and/or your prayers for those in need. Your generosity is overwhelming and always appreciated, both by our Conference members and the neighbors in need whom we serve. May God bless you all for your kindness!

#### ROAD TO HEALTH RENDEZVOUS

These Rendezvous focus on healthy lifestyle techniques that can easily be incorporated into our everyday routines. The schedule is fluid so that they are available to a wide base of participants. Anyone may attend. The events take place at Holy Name of Jesus Cafeteria.

Our next Rendezvous will be:

Thursday, July 27th at 12:00 noon and will focus on Toxic Hunger vs True Hunger Soup and Salad will be served.

Cost is \$15.00 cash only

The Naming of the Parish- We are slowing down this process and allowing the parishioners of all the parishes to nominate again three choices throughout the Month of August. Your office will be sent a nomination form along with instructions to distribute to all parishioners through all Avenues throughout August. The final due date will be Sunday, Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>. On this form will be 12 Names that they will choose three from. Fr Peter then will compose a letter to the Archbishop with the three top names nominated and the Archbishop will decide the future name.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. The next three weekend experiences are listed below. Sign-up now! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

8/4/2023 - 8/6/2023 - St. Peters, MO 9/29/2023 - 10/1/2023 - St. Peters, MO 12/1/2023 - 12/3/2023 - St. Peters, MO

#### Adult Faith Formation The Chosen - Season III

Join us for a faith formation opportunity based on Season III of "The Chosen", the first-ever multi-season series based on the true stories of the gospels of Jesus Christ. During each session, we will view an episode of "The Chosen" followed by a time of faith sharing based on the episode. Scripture Passages and Notes will be provided prior to each session to prepare participants for the Episode. Follow up questions to the session will also be provided for personal prayer and reflection.

Sessions will begin in August. Each session will be offered twice, Wednesday morning and Thursday evening. To sign up, please fill out the slip below and either email it to Deacon George at <u>dcngeorge.watson@cabriniacademy.org</u>, drop off at the Holy Name of Jesus parish office or mail Deacon George Watson

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Advance Registration is required so materials can be prepared. PLEASE REGISTER BY July 30th,

PLEASE PRINT
Name:
Phone Number:
Email Address:
Preferred time and dayWednesday/morning Thursday/evening