

Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church

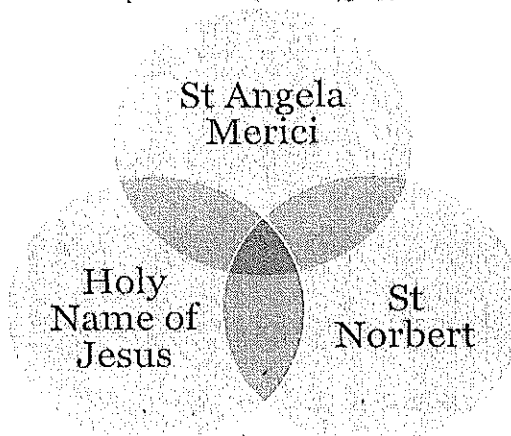
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Catholic Church Founded in Northeast St. Louis County 1908 - 2005 Holy Name of Jesus Parish Established

August 13, 2023

Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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



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Attention Ladies and Gentlemen

St. Angela Merici Men' and Ladies' Clubs would like to extend an invitation to the Holy Name of Jesus Men's Club and The Young at Heart Women's Organization and to all the men and women of St. Norbert and The Holy Name of Jesus to join us on Monday, August 28th, 6:30 PM at St. Angela Merici Church for a Prayer Service followed by a Meet and Greet/Open House.

CANCELLED

HOLY NAME of JESUS PARISH

We Are A MISSION PARISH With A Mission

COME SERVE WITH US & COME PRAY WITH US

PLEASE GIVE YOUR HEALTH ON-GOING ATTENTION

We encourage our members to always value their good health, caring for themselves and the health of our community.
We are grateful, always hopeful, and ever cautious about the worship and activities of our parish.

Continue to consult the **Parish Bulletin** for more specific real-time information as well as
current information announced by St. Louis County and posted at the doors of church and parish buildings.

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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 Mass Intentions in Bulletin 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

Anytime by Appointment with Fr. Mike at Home / Church

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 9:00am – 10:00pm

Perpetual Help Devotions

8:30 am—After Tuesday Morning Weekday Mass

Parish Rosary

8:30 am—After Weekday Mass

THE ONGOING PRIORITIES OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

MEMBERSHIP * PARTNERSHIP * STEWARDSHIP

EVANGELIZATION * SOCIAL CONCERN

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Praise be Jesus Christ! May the peace and joy of our dearest Lord be in your souls. Thank you, Lord for Sr. Mary Lawrence, and all our homebound parishioners whom you continue to surround with your love and healing touch. On this 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we gather to reflect on the powerful message conveyed in today's readings. It serves as a reminder that our faith and strength are often tested by challenging situations that arise in our lives. Just as Peter, one of Jesus' closest disciples, attempted to walk on water, we too are called to step out of our comfort zones and trust in God's power to guide us.

Walking on water, a seemingly impossible feat, represents the daunting trials and tribulations we face in our daily lives. It symbolizes the troubled waters of cynicism, in our case the challenge of current Parish transition, temptation, betrayal, and corruption that threaten to engulf us. These turbulent waters can easily shake our faith and lead us astray if we allow them to.

Yet, in the midst of these challenges, Jesus calls out to us, just as he did to Peter, saying, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." These words echo through the ages, reminding us that we are not alone in our struggles. We have a Savior who walks beside us, ready to extend his hand and lift us up when we falter.

But the question remains: Will we have the courage to listen to the voice of Christ and step out onto the troubled waters? Will we have the strength to overcome cynicism, temptation, betrayal, and corruption and rely on God's word?

In a world filled with cynicism, where doubt and skepticism seem to prevail, it takes great courage to trust in something greater than ourselves. It takes courage to believe in the power of love, compassion, and forgiveness when the world tells us to be self-centered and indifferent. It takes courage to stand up for what is right, even when it seems like the whole world is against us.

Temptation, too, is a formidable force that can easily lead us astray. It entices us with promises of instant gratification and temporary pleasure, but in the end, it leaves us empty and broken. Will we have the strength to resist these temptations and choose the path of righteousness?

Betrayal, a painful experience that many of us have encountered, can shake the very foundation of our faith. It can make us question the goodness of others and even the goodness of God. Yet, in the face of betrayal, will we find the strength to forgive and trust again?

Corruption, a cancer that plagues societies and institutions, can erode our faith in humanity. It can make us cynical and disillusioned, causing us to lose hope in the possibility of a better world. Will we have the courage to confront corruption and work towards justice and integrity?

My dear friends, let us reflect on these examples given in today's reading and ask ourselves these challenging questions. Will we have the courage to listen to the voice of Christ and walk on the troubled waters of cynicism, temptation, betrayal, and corruption? Will we find the strength to uphold our values and rely on God's word in all circumstances?

As we strive to answer these questions, let us remember that we are not alone in our journey. We have a loving and compassionate God who walks beside us, ready to guide us through the stormy seas. Let us trust in His power and find solace in His presence.

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"Love and joy are the essential ingredients of life. They go together; joy is cultivated in the soil of love." – Pope Francis

Hearing Sunday's Scriptures as a Community, August 13, 2023

Elijah on the Lam, Peter in the Water

GOSPEL READING:

This drama takes place on the water, a mysterious, untamed and unexplorable place. The Priestly source of Genesis says that water predates creation, that God's breath had to sweep over it before God could do any other creative actions. (Genesis 1:2)

All this contributes to the significance of Jesus' walking on the water. He wields God's power over a realm that had been more or less exempt from it. It's a statement that, in Jesus, God's saving work of creation becomes more complete.

Secondly, Matthew, given his audience of Christians of Jewish origin, constantly depicts Jesus as the new Moses. Jesus has gone up a mount to reveal a new law, as did Moses; he has fed multitudes miraculously, like Moses; and now he masters the sea, as did Moses while leading the Israelites out of Egypt.

So today's story can't end until the seafarers pay Jesus homage and call him "the Son of God."

In your community, discuss how to complete this analogy: The disciples in the boat are to the sea on which they are sailing, as our community is to ...

Matthew presents Jesus as the new Moses. That's the new expressed in terms of the familiar. In your evangelization efforts,

- Choosing to follow Jesus is the new ... (what?)
- Membership in the community is the new ...
- The stance of your community in the world is the new ...
- What else is new that might be understood in this way?

FIRST READING:

Briefly, here's how Elijah earned his reputation and his ticket to Horeb. Israel's prophets always worked to keep their kings faithful to Israel's covenant with the LORD, which meant strict separation from the surrounding countries and their religions. But the kings always wanted to increase their influence and prestige

among the nations. Against all prophetic advice, King Ahab married the pagan princess Jezebel, who brought her religion and priests (they worshiped Ba'al) into Israel. Elijah thundered warnings against all this.

The struggle ended in a duel of rituals. Elijah dared the priests of Ba'al to build an altar, place a sacrificial bull on it, and call on Ba'al to send down fire to burn the sacrifice. Then he mocked them when Ba'al sent no fire. Then Elijah built an altar, spread out a bull carcass on it, ordered the altar soaked in water three times, and called on the LORD to consume it in fire. "Then the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench," (1 Kings 18:38).

Elijah slew the losers with his sword, so Queen Jezebel put a price on his head. So Elijah fled. In his journey, he tired and prayed for peaceful death. An angel sustained him, and his faith in the LORD and in his own calling still shaken, he finally arrived at Horeb. That is where Sunday's reading begins.

The common application of this part of the story is that God is not always found in the spectacular, but often in the quiet, the barely noticeable.

- Has your community had to revise downward its expectations?
- Has something that seemed routine ever become an important turning point in your history?

In the rest of 1 Kings 19, the LORD sends Elijah back to Israel, with orders to recruit two kings and a successor prophet, to continue the work of reform. So much for Elijah's retreat.

- How have you felt your community called to suck it up and just keep on struggling?

More:





PLEASE PRAY *for* :

Bob Seidel Jr, Bernette Goymerac, 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 Coffey, 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, Sr. Mary

MASS INTENTION

Tuesday August 15
9:00am Kathy Uhlenbrock
7:00pm People of the Parish

Wednesday August 16
8:00am Anna Andrzejewski

Thursday August 17
8:00am Irene Brown

Friday August 18
8:00am Mass of Thanksgiving

Saturday August 19
5:00pm Andy Petroff

Sunday August 20
9:30am Melvin Dollinger

PLEASE NOTE

Beginning August 28th, morning 8:00am Mass will be Monday thru Thursday. There will be no 8:00am Mass on Fridays!



Stewardship of Treasure

Your Gifts of Support for Our Parish Mission

August 6, 2023	\$7,677.01
Online Giving (included above)	\$1,780.00
Budgeted weekly offertory	\$8,028.00
This week's <loss>	\$350.99
Budgeted weekly expenses	\$12,843.00
This Weeks <loss>	\$5,165.99

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/
Mt 14:22-33

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a;10ab/1 Cor
15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21-
19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-19

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29?mt 19:13-15

Sunday: Is 56:1,6-7/Rm 11:13-15,29-32/Mt
15:21-28

Lectors

August 19
5:00pm Tina Fichter

August 20
9:30am Bill Krenn

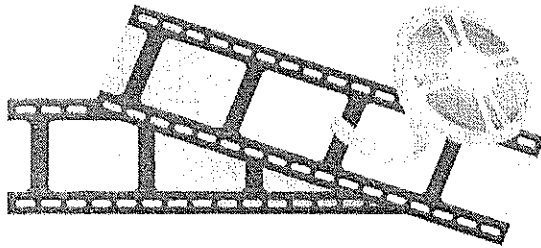


Eucharistic Ministers

August 19
5:00pm Joan Aslin

August 20
9:30am Gai Kranz

Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, Augst 15th, Feast of the Assumption. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.



Trivia Night with "Trivia Riot Brian"

The Proceeds will Benefit Our
St Vincent de Paul Society

Saturday, September 16, 2023
Holy Name of Jesus Cafe'

Doors open 6p.m. 1st Question @ 7 p.m.
\$25.00/Person: Maximum of 10/Table
Beer – Soda – Water - Popcorn Provided

Must be 21 to Attend

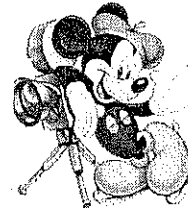
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Be a Round Sponsor \$50.00



★ MOVIE NIGHT ★ Admit One



Please join us Friday, August 18th, at 7:00 PM in the lunchroom for the showing of *The Final Season*. Baseball rules in the small town of Norway, Iowa. Its high-school team is the winner of many

state championships and the coach, Jim Van Scoyoc (Powers Boothe), is National Coach of the Year. When Norway's high school must merge with another high school, coach Van Scoyoc loses his job. Kent Stock (Sean Astin), who once assisted him, takes over the Norway team for the last season, but the odds are against Kent and the players. This movie provides a nice story about a young assistant coach who passed up another, good job opportunity for the sake of the boys on the baseball team that was being eliminated.



Popcorn and soda will be provided—see you Friday night.

We will be holding our annual Trivia Night on Saturday, September 16th.

We could use the following donated items:

Gift Cards, Bottled Water, Canned Soda (Coke, Diet Coke, Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Sprite).

Please drop off any donations to the office.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Blood Drive

St. Norbert is sponsoring a Blood Drive in Schaefer Hall on Tuesday Aug 29 from 3 to 7pm. The area continues to face challenges with decreased number of blood donations so the need continues to be critical. We have a lovely air conditioned space and will provide some yummy snacks to supplement the normal blood drive choices.

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 August 27th, 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 August 27th, 7:00pm