

Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church

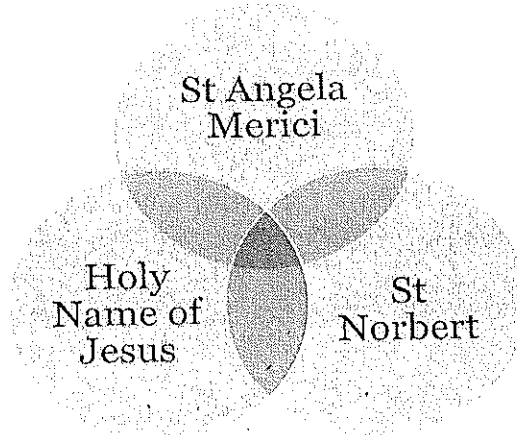
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Catholic Church Founded in Northeast St. Louis County 1908 - 2005 Holy Name of Jesus Parish Established

August 20, 2023

Twentieth 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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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.

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

Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

May the peace of Christ be in your hearts. An extraordinary event is on the horizon as we embark on our *All-things New Transitional* process. Monsignor Mitas will bless *Holy Name of Jesus Parish* with his presence, guiding us through the Holy Mass, while I will do the same at his parish, St. Angela's. As we come together, let us remember to keep our Home-bound parishioners in our prayers, always mindful of their needs and well-being. On this 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, let us reflect on the power of storytelling and the hidden truths it can reveal. *Just as novels captivate us with their diverse narratives and perspectives, the Gospel of Matthew presents us with a thought-provoking story. It is a story that, if taken at face value, may trouble us. Jesus' interaction with a Canaanite woman challenges our understanding of his character and intentions. The disciples' reaction is not surprising, as they viewed her as an outsider. However, Jesus' initial dismissal and even his use of a derogatory term seem puzzling. We are left wondering about the unspoken thoughts and emotions of the characters involved. What was Jesus truly thinking? What was the woman's response?* The narrator leaves us with gaps in the story, leaving room for interpretation and deeper reflection.

But let us remember that **no passage in Scripture should be examined in isolation**. We must consider the entirety of Scripture and the teachings passed down through generations. We know Jesus to be **loving, compassionate, forgiving, and understanding**. Therefore, we must interpret this story in a way that aligns with our understanding of his character. There must be more to this encounter than what meets the eye.

So why did Jesus handle the situation the way he did? *It appears that he wanted to draw something out of the woman, not because he needed to hear it, but because his disciples needed to hear it. Jesus sought to challenge their preconceived notions and biases. He wanted them to recognize that he did not see the woman as an outsider, but as someone deserving of his love and compassion. By engaging in a seemingly tense exchange with her, Jesus shed light on a profound truth. And the woman, with her unwavering faith and belief in Jesus' goodness, was rewarded.*

Perhaps there was a silent understanding between Jesus and the woman, a connection that transcended words. Maybe she actively played a role in what Jesus was trying to accomplish through their exchange. Or perhaps our modern minds are simply speculating. Regardless, what we do know is that the woman's faith and trust in Jesus brought blessings upon her and her daughter.

The words spoken between Jesus and the woman may have also been intended for the benefit of the disciples who were listening. Did they grasp the point Jesus was making? Did their hearts change? Did they begin to dismantle the unjust barriers that separated people? We cannot say for certain.

But my brothers and sisters, we too are listening to these words today. Will we start seeing one another differently? Will we let go of **distinctions, prejudices, and unjust assumptions**? Our God, the Narrator of our lives, longs to know. Let us reflect on this story and allow it to transform our hearts and actions. **May we embrace the faith and trust of the Canaanite woman, and may blessings abound in our lives as we strive to see others through the eyes of love and compassion. Remain blessed!**

In Christ, through Mary,
Fr. Samuel
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Hearing Sunday's Scriptures as a Community, August 20, 2023

Your Evangelization Team invited parishioner Greg Warnusz to share his ongoing online messages.

Open the Temple Gates!

FIRST READING:

We're used to thinking of the Jew/Gentile distinction as rigid and sharply defined. We imagine that ancient Jews were quite pleased to have it so black-and-white. We'd expect them to act out this preference for clear boundaries most strictly in their temple and priesthood.

But we may be projecting our own fear of violated borders on our predecessors, for they were admitting Gentiles to the Jerusalem temple at least 500 years before Jesus. That's about when Third Isaiah (author of Isaiah 56-66) wrote his opening words, from which Sunday's liturgy draws.

It's simple. Foreigners who observe what is right and do what is just can expect to share God's saving justice, and be able to worship in the temple. They need only keep the sabbath and avoid doing evil.

The prophet may be doing two things here. He may be pushing back against critics of the open-temple practice. Or he may be doing **the specific things that prophets do, announcing what God has revealed to be God's not-yet-fulfilled desire.**

In the last verses of his prophecies, Third Isaiah takes the whole foreigners-in-the-temple plan to the limit, breaking the inner-circle within the circle: "Some of these [foreigners] I will take as priests and Levites, says the LORD." Isaiah 66:21.

So, what are our communities to make of Third Isaiah's opening of the temple doors? Before answering, remember the prophet declared this in the period when the Jews were returning to a wrecked Jerusalem after two generations of exile in Babylon. They had lost much and were re-inventing ways to fulfill their special place in God's plan.

- Is "exile" or "rebuilding after exile" a useful category for you to think about your community?
- Are you in post-exile trauma?

- Has community trauma ever made you more creative?
- Decades ago, some of our schools began admitting non-Catholic students, if only to keep their numbers up and their budgets balanced. Some of us and some leaders had problems with this. In any case, these were new kids on our blocks. If you experienced this, how did it change your community?
- Many of those schools were foundering because of **white flight, which creates a kind of passive exile for those remaining in the older, integrated communities.** If that makes you say, "Oh, it's nice to know there's a name for that," revisit the questions about exile.
- Does your community need to repent a racist past, or present?
- What other questions occur to you?

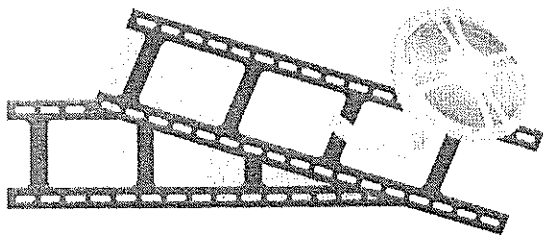
SECOND READING:

Sunday's reading is the part of Romans 9-11 where Paul reveals his resolution of the problem we discussed here last week. That was the apparent forfeiture by the Jews of their chosen-people status, because they did not accept Jesus as the Christ. To put it in even worse terms, Paul at least had to theorize about the possibility that God was revoking the Covenant!

But it never gets that far. That rejection by mainline Jews made the Jewish Christians offer the gospel and membership in Christ to the Gentiles, who have been joyfully, faithfully sharing those gifts. This saving of the Gentiles will, Paul believes, **make his own people jealous, and that will eventually bring them around. That's the solution!**

- What's a former great certainty of which you are no longer certain?
- How has God astonished your community?
- How has God rescued your community from doubt?





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'

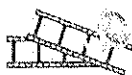
Doors open 6p.m. 1st Question @ 7 p.m.
\$25.00/Person: Maximum of 10/Table
Beer – Soda – Water - Popcorn Provided

Must be 21 to Attend

RSVP:

Diane Merz #314-393-5212
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Be a Round Sponsor \$50.00



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.



ST. ANGELA MERICI MEN'S CLUB would like to extend an invitation to all male members of St. Norbert's and Holy Name of Jesus to come and join us for an open house on Monday September 25th at St. Angela Merici. We will meet in the church for a prayer service at 6:30pm and then go to the lunchroom for our open house. Join us for our meeting and a meet and greet. Dinner will be served.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

I will be going out of town the last week of August. If you plan to have something for the Sunday bulletin, September 3rd, I will need the information to the office no later than Wednesday, August 23rd at 12 noon! Thank you for your cooperation!

Sandy
Parish secretary

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; **Monday, August 28th at 9:00 am**. Topic: **How Much Protein Do You Really Need?** A nutrient dense breakfast will be served. **Cost is \$10.00 cash only**. Please sign up by 12:00 pm Sunday, August 27th. Please send your **name, email address, and phone number** to Theresa McWilliams at tmacwms@sbcglobal.net.

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 Coffe, 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 22
8:00am Uhlenbrock Family

Wednesday August 23
8:00am Jerry Moore

Thursday August 24
8:00am Regina Grothoff

Friday August 25
8:00am Donald Unterreiner

Saturday August 26
5:00pm People of the Parish

Sunday August 27
9:30am Kathy Uhlenbrock

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 13, 2023	\$3,412.02
Online Giving (included above)	\$895.00
Budgeted weekly offertory	\$8,028.00
This week's <loss>	\$4,615.98
Budgeted weekly expenses	\$12,843.00
This Weeks <loss>	\$9,430.98

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51

Friday: Ru 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3,8-11;4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Lectors

August 26
5:00pm Marilyn Gittemeier

August 27
9:30am Margaret Jackson



Eucharistic Ministers

August 26
5:00pm Mary Krsul

August 27
9:30am Linda Flynn