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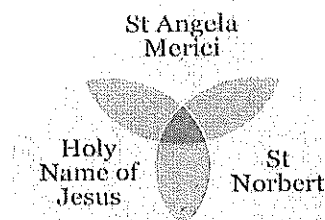
Catholic Church Founded in Northeast St. Louis County 1908 - 2005 Holy Name of Jesus Parish Established

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



See, I am doing "Something New." Now it is springing forth, do you not perceive it? (Isaiah 43:16)



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Dear brothers and sisters,

Let us rejoice in the name of Jesus Christ and may His divine peace fill your hearts. As we gather this weekend, I humbly extend my apologies to those who found the recent resumption of our bells during the Consecration to be bothersome and distracting. I regret not providing an explanation beforehand for this spontaneous addition to our liturgical expressions. Now, for the three kind individuals who have raised this question on behalf of others: Does the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* mandate the ringing of bells during Mass?

According to No. 150 of the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, a bell may be rung as a signal to the faithful before the consecration, and also when the priest shows the host and chalice, based on local custom. It is important to note that the text emphasizes that bell ringing is optional, not mandatory.

The birth of the custom of using a signal bell during the consecration can be traced back to the 13th century, likely influenced by the recitation of the canon in a low voice and changes in church architecture. While the practical reasons for bell ringing have diminished over time, it can still serve as a helpful inspirational and catechetical tool to draw attention to the consecration and engage both children and adults in the Mass. It is important to note here that the resume of bells in the moment of Consecration is not in any way intended to insult our ability to understand or acknowledge this special moment. Rather, aid our efforts to remain recollected as well as evangelize our beloved visitors whom I have noticed recently may not be Catholic. The Church exists to draw people into the Kingdom.

In an era where audiovisual communication holds great sway and people are less attentive to abstract discourse, it is peculiar that we would discard traditions like bell ringing that can effectively convey messages of faith (A similar argument can be made for the decline in practices such as the use of incense during Mass).

In certain locales, a beautiful tradition unfolds during the consecration: not only does the altar bell chime, but the mighty bells of parish churches also resound, beckoning people from all corners of the town or fields to momentarily halt their tasks and kneel in reverence to the Eucharistic Lord.

Allow me to share an enchanting memory from my visit to St. John Nepomucene Church in Manhattan. In this remarkable parish, the small bell is not the sole participant in the Mass; rather, the grand church bells join in during the elevation of the Eucharist. This captivating homage to medieval customs stands as a powerful testament to the Church's unwavering belief in the Real Presence. As the resounding melody of the bells permeates the bustling city streets, it extends an irresistible invitation to all, urging them to partake in a moment of prayerful gratitude to Christ for His profound presence in the Holy Eucharist.

Interestingly, the Holy See continues to ring bells during the consecration in St. Peter's Basilica, despite having a sophisticated sound system. Not to mention our beloved Cathedral Basilica and our sister Parishes (Sts. Angela and Norbert). Additionally, a parish that reintroduced the use of the signal bell after a long absence received a positive reaction from all age groups, with no complaints. Our prayer is that through this small external liturgical expression, the Holy Spirit may draw others closer to the Sacrament of Love, the Holy Eucharist. If you have future concerns regarding this development, don't hesitate to reach out to me or Fr. Peter Faimega the Pastor. Remain blessed!

Fr. Samuel Inameti,
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May your soul be filled with the tranquil embrace of Christ's peace. Today, on the **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**, we embark on a profound exploration of **forgiveness**, a virtue that often presents us with challenges. In **Matthew 18:21-35**, we are reminded to **extend the same generous forgiveness that God has bestowed upon us. Why is forgiveness so difficult? It truly is, isn't it?** To forgive someone who has hurt or offended us is never an easy task, sometimes even incredibly arduous. However, forgiveness empowers us and places us in a position of strength, allowing us to heal and grow. We, the ones who have been wronged, are the ones giving and in control, which ultimately brings us a sense of fulfillment. **On the other hand, asking for forgiveness can be much harder. It requires us to humble ourselves, acknowledging our wrongdoing and vulnerability.** When we seek forgiveness from those we have harmed, we relinquish control and place ourselves at the mercy of others.

According to Jewish law, **sins committed against God can be absolved through sincere repentance.** However, **for sins committed against our fellow human beings, we must first seek forgiveness from those we have wronged in order to invoke divine mercy.** This principle is not vastly different in the Christian faith. Allow me to share a story by Fr. McCarthy SDB., that illustrates the complexities of forgiveness.

Once, in Poland, an elderly rabbi boarded a train to return home to Warsaw. He entered a compartment where three salesmen were engrossed in a card game. In need of a fourth player, the salesmen invited the rabbi to join, but he politely declined, explaining that he needed to catch up on his prayers after a busy day and that he did not play cards. Despite their attempts to persuade him, the salesmen became hostile and verbally abused him. Eventually, they even threw him out of the compartment, forcing him to stand in the corridor for the remainder of the journey. Upon reaching Warsaw, the rabbi disembarked, followed by the salesmen. A large crowd of the rabbi's followers awaited him. Curious, one of the salesmen inquired, "Who is that man?" The response came, "That is Rabbi Solomon, the most revered rabbi in all of Poland." Upon hearing this, the salesman deeply regretted his actions. He had no idea that he had offended such an esteemed figure. However, when he approached the rabbi seeking forgiveness, the rabbi refused. This refusal puzzled his followers, as their rabbi was known for his gentleness and holiness. They asked him, "Should we not forgive someone who asks for forgiveness after offending us?" The rabbi replied, "Yes." They then questioned, "Why didn't you forgive that man?" The rabbi explained, "I cannot forgive him. He did not offend me, the chief rabbi of Warsaw. He offended a common man. Let him go to him and ask for forgiveness."

In other words, the salesman sought forgiveness solely because he had offended a renowned individual. If it had been an ordinary person, he would never have sought forgiveness. This story prompts us to reflect on whether God sometimes feels the same way towards us. **Why do we apologize to God for offending our neighbor? Why don't we go directly to our neighbor, express our remorse, and ask for their forgiveness? By doing so, we open the door for God's forgiveness to enter our lives.**

Fortunately, there are many individuals within our communities who are willing to forgive others. However, regrettably, there are few who are willing to seek forgiveness from others. May the Lord grant us the grace to live for Him and others. Remain blessed. **Laudetur Jesus Christus, In Saecula Saeculorum! Amen.**

In Christ, through Mary
Fr. Samuel Inameti
Assoc. Pastor
HNJ Parish

St. Patrick Center Mostaccioli Casserole Drop-Off

is

THURSDAY ~ September 21, 2023

7:00am to 9:00am

Drop-off under the awning at the
south entrance of church.

For more info on volunteering, please
contact Elizabeth Engel at 314-708-3234.

Thank You!



Take a step toward staying

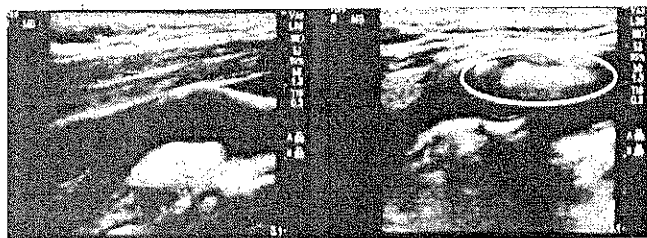
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No Plaque Buildup

Plaque Buildup



Advanced ultrasound technology looks inside your arteries for signs of plaque buildup.

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Adults age 40 and those 40 and older with one or more risk factors for cardiovascular disease should be screened. Key risk factors include: high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, obesity, smoking, family history.

We are coming to your neighborhood.

**Where: Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church
Community Center**

When: Tuesday, October 24, 2023

To register for your appointment and to receive the special discount,
please call 1-800-640-6307 or visit LLSA.SOCIAL/HC



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From the Pastor's Desk

From Fr. Peter – Pastor,

Please welcome Mr. Chris Meyers to our ministerial team. Chris will be the Director of Faith Formation for our newly formed parish.

Chris converted to the Catholic Faith in 2010. Over the past 12 years, he has served the parish as the Youth Minister. He has led many groups of teens to the Steubenville Youth Conference each summer. After spending the past 8 years as a teacher in public schools, he is now looking forward to serving the new parish in the role of Director of Faith Formation. He will be focusing on bringing opportunities to grow and deepen the faith of parishioners. He also will be working in forming new Catholics in the RCIA program. Jesus calls us to evangelize and to assist each other in growing closer to Him and he is looking forward to his new role.

Chris can be contacted at
c.meyers@saintnorbert.com. 314-831-3874 ext. 3109

Blessings to all

Fr. Peter

Young At Heart

Is back!!

Meeting, Wednesday,

September 20, 2023

11:30am

**Bring your own lunch and enjoy an
afternoon of fun !!**



PLEASE PRAY *for*:

Bob Seidel Jr, Bernette Goymerac, Mary Masterson, Maureen Williams, Mary Williams, Mary Lou Sammelman, Mike Swoboda, George Lawler, Phyllis Lawler, Marjorie Dubray, Akakpo-Lado, Donna Cahr, Rhonda Finney, Michael Mulvihill, Sr., Michael Swoboda, Marty Bligh, Sharon Klein, Sr. Mary, Shirley Swoboda

MASS INTENTION

Monday 8:00am	September 18 Michael Rozanski
Tuesday 8:00am	September 19 Uhlenbrock Family
Wednesday 8:00am	September 20 Wich family
Thursday 8:00am	September 21 Chuck Butler
Saturday 5:00pm	September 23 People of the Parish
Sunday 9:30am	September 24 Kathryn & Glenn Rogers

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 September 24th, 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 September 24th, 7:00pm



Stewardship of Treasure

Your Gifts of Support for Our Parish Mission

September 10, 2023	\$9,553.60
Online Giving (included above)	\$795.00
Budgeted weekly offertory	\$8,028.00
This week's <gain>	\$1,425.60
Budgeted weekly expenses	\$12,843.00
This Weeks <loss>	\$3,289.40

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Sir 27:30-28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
Monday:	1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday:	1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:21-35
Thursday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
Friday:	1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Tm 6: 13-16/Lk 8:4-15
Sunday:	Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24,27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Lectors

September 23 5:00pm	Tina Fichter
September 24 9:30am	Lucia Tranel



Eucharistic Ministers

September 23 5:00pm	Donna Forrest
September 24 9:30am	Bea Okohson

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

May the peace of Christ be in your hearts and family. We are pleased to offer communion or anointing visits to our Homebound parishioners.

If you know someone who would appreciate this service, please contact Sandy at

parishoffice10235@sbcglobal.net or call 314-868

-2310. God bless you all!

In Christ through Mary,

Fr Samuel

HNJ



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.

Bellefontaine Neighbors

Clean Up

Action day

Saturday, September 30, 2023

9am—1pm

Meeting site: Bellefontaine Recreation Ctr

PRAYER CHAIN

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please call Betty Kondracki @ 868-0176

HOLY NAME OF JESUS CHOIRS 🎵

Do you love to sing? Consider participating in one of our parish choirs!

The **Holy Name of Jesus Choir** supports the singing of our congregation at one Mass each weekend and some Holy Days. Rehearsals take place in church on **Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm**. All voice types are welcome.

The **Holy Name of Jesus Funeral Choir** leads the singing as needed for parish funerals and Memorial Masses. There are no rehearsals. This choir gives support and consolation to grieving families.

Please fill out the slip below and drop it in the collection basket or at the Parish Office. For more information contact Theresa McWilliams; tmacwms@sbcglobal.net.

Holy Name of Jesus Choir

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Voice type (if known) Melody ___ Soprano ___ Alto ___ Tenor ___ Bass ___

I am interested in the Holy Name of Jesus Choir ___ and /or the Funeral Choir ___