

JUNE 16, 2024

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, Mass: 10:30 a.m.

Adoration: Tuesday, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

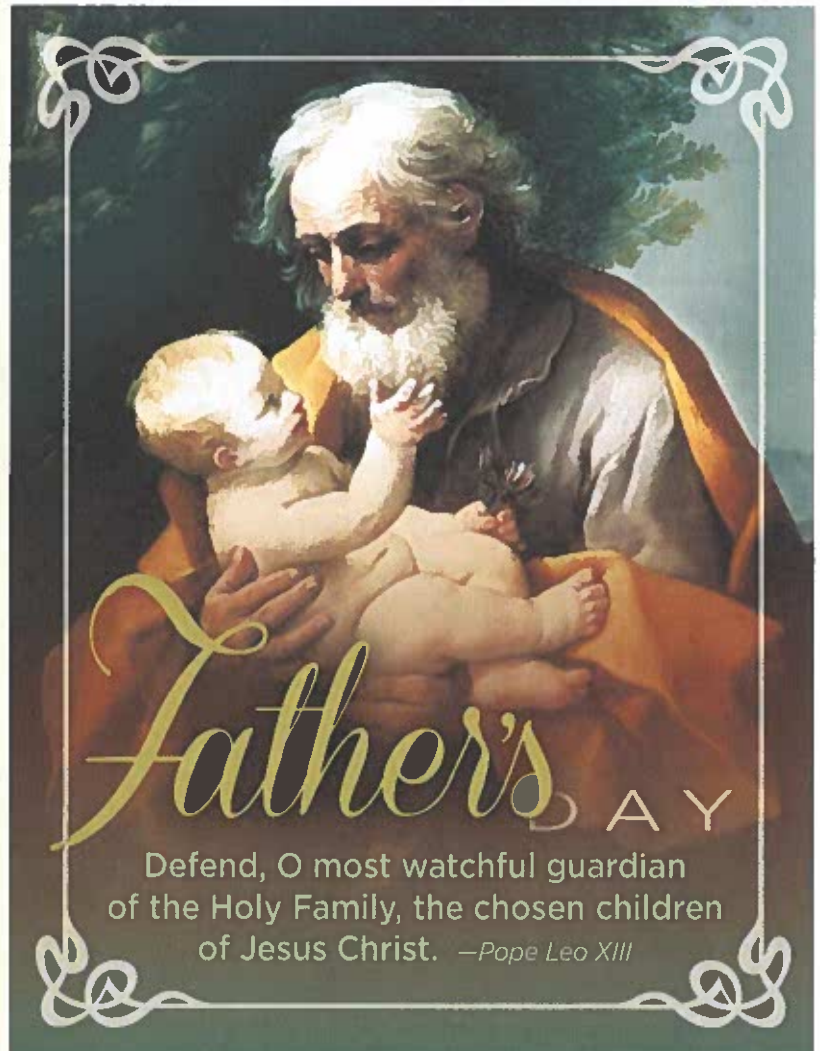
Saturday: 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

BAPTISM - 2 WEEKS NOTICE

Please call the office for an appointment.

MARRIAGE PREP - 6 MONTHS NOTICE

Please call the office for an appointment.





From the Pastor's Desk....

Sunday Offertory

06-09-2024.....\$3,610
 Weekly Budget.....\$2,700
Surplus/Deficit.....\$910

YTD
 Offertory.....\$156,021
 Budget.....\$135,000
Surplus/Deficit.....\$21,021

Food Pantry\$35

Happy Sunday morning,

First of all, I want to thank all the volunteers from Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in the Diocese of Covington. They were super helpful with cleaning the parish grounds as well as doing work in the community.

This week, we celebrate the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Our Gospel readings focus on the idea of the Kingdom of God as a seed. I want to explore the idea how the Kingdom grows on its own. We focus a lot on our programs and outreach to spread the Gospel, but the Church often forgets that Christ is the one who makes it grow.

Fr. Rob



Ezekiel 17:11-24
2 Corinthians 5:6-10
Mark 4:26-34

The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, which springs up and becomes the largest of plants, like a tender shoot from the cedar which will bear fruit and become a majestic cedar. So shall the just one flourish, like a cedar. As we walk by faith and not by sight, may our lives bear fruit in abundance.

Readings may be found in the Saint Augustine Hymnal Number 1010

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, June 15	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Ruel Parlier
Sunday, June 16	10:30 am Mass 1:00 pm	For the People +Patsy Morrell
Monday, June 17	No Mass	
Tuesday, June 18	Noon Mass	Poor Souls
Wednesday, June 19	Noon Mass	Poor Souls
Thursday, June 20	No Mass	
Friday, June 21	Noon Mass	Poor Souls
Saturday, June 22	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	For Vocations
Sunday, June 23	10:30 am Mass	For the People

Parish Calendar & Announcements

LECTOR ROTATION - Below are the names and dates of the lector rotation.

6/16 Steve Misczanski
6/23 Sidney Cline
6/30 Joseph Mata

"If you cannot make your assigned date, feel free to contact a fill in for yourself or contact Sidney Cline at 606-424-8118".

EUCCHARISTIC CONFERENCE -

Peter and Eileen Kummant and Isaiah from St. Martha's are planning to drive up to Indianapolis for the initial ceremonies Wednesday and the first Full day of the Eucharistic Conference, driving back Friday morning. We have room in the car for three or four people if you would like to carpool. If you are going and you already have other arrangements, or are staying longer, we would love to get together with you up there for lunch or dinner. Call Eileen at 412-310-1406.

FATHER'S DAY BLESSING

Single fathers usually sit in the back row of their children's school performances. Fathers who are married usually sit as close to the front of the audiences, with their spouses. Why is this?

Well, we all know how important mothers are to the well-being of a family. However, we as a culture look at single fathers with a bit of suspicion. Fathers are as important as mothers are, but offer a different perspective on life and bring a much needed role in bringing up children. Let us welcome all fathers today to the front row of our lives and acknowledge how important they have been, and continue to be in our lives.

Let us pray...

Gracious God and Father, our first father,

You are the One who has brought us to life in this world you created.

You created us and everything around us. We turned away from you and only after disappointing you did we return your love.

Look with favor on our earthly fathers. They helped create us in your image. We have disappointed them, but have come to realize just how important they are to us.

Bless all our fathers, living and deceased, with comfort and health.

We bring all their needs to you and ask for strength so they may live worthy lives.

We ask all this in the name of your Son, our model of what it means to reverence our fathers.

In Christ's name.
Amen.

Everyday Stewardship

You could buy a meal for a person who is hungry or for a person who just ate a feast. You could spend time with a lonely person or with someone who has more friends than you. You could step forward to join a parish committee that your experience and knowledge can help, or you can join a ministry where you will constantly struggle to figure out what to do. All of the above actions involve you giving and sharing yourself and your gifts. But not all of these actions will bear good fruit.

If a sower sows seeds only on rocky or weed-infested soil, nothing of great value will grow. But if that same sower plants his seeds in rich soil, then the harvest will one day be great. In all of the soils, the seed is being sown, but it is not the act of sowing that is the most important factor.

In living a stewardship way of life, we must discern how best to share our gifts. Discernment needs the Holy Spirit and a desire to follow God's will, not our own. Our own desires and misconceptions can cause us to use our gifts unwisely. The more mindful we are of how, when, and why we are sharing ourselves, than the greater the impact for God's glory. God wants all of you, but not in a way that is without understanding and discernment. He wants you to shine as a light to the world through your stewardship just as He came to you as the Light of the World in baptism. You can't shine brightly if the match does not hit the wick. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Terry Williams, Becky Griffith's brother in law - (pray that he will be able to have the lung removed)

Mary Jo Potensky, Mary Ann Sisco's cousin

Terry Reed, cancer and kidney failure

Sharon Collins, cancer

Alex Wells, car accident

Sidney Tackett

Wilson Vanzant, Lisa Scalf's stepdad

Sister Kathy Avery

Ransom McCoy, Lindsay May's dad

Jimmie Goss

Tim Deskins

Melba Schmidt, Kenny Schmidt's mother

Erica Hunt, Lisa Scalf's friend (kidney failure)

John Fliehman, stroke

Wanda Baker

Jeffrey Scalf, Lisa's son

Sandy Lowe, cancer

Ron Saros

Kenny Blackburn

Helen Altman

Margarita Gomez

Fran Sykes

VOTIVE CANDLES:

Suggested donation: Large votives \$3.00 and small votives \$0.50



With many such parables [Jesus] spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it.

MARK 4:33

Life Happens

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The adage that “life is what happens to us as we’re busy doing other things” seems to be a rewording of this week’s Gospel about the kingdom of heaven, namely about God’s reigning activity in our lives. It is a parable about a man who sows seeds in his field. The seeds sprout, grow, and bear fruit, all without his knowing how. In effect, the message says that it is *God* who happens to us as we’re busy doing other things.

We tend to convince ourselves that we have complete control over our lives, when in reality that is somewhat of an illusion. Though we may decide what we will have for dinner, what TV program to watch, or what we will wear, we have much less control over the portions of life that so often give meaning and shape to who we are. The person someone marries

is dependent upon the mutual commitment of the two people in love. The degree of job satisfaction we eagerly hope to find can partly depend upon the people with whom we work and the expectations of others. “We walk by faith and not by sight” reveals that we recognize the reigning presence of God bringing us to a life we’d never imagined. In reality, the one thing we do have control over is how we respond to life’s events, which can then open us to the ways by which God brings us to fruitful abundance. ●

Reflect

**Think of three of your blessings:
How much did you have to do
with their coming about?**

Dear Padre,

**Why did Jesus always speak in parables?
Why didn't he give us clearer answers?**

Parables are short, relatable stories. Their simple images or comparisons convey a moral or religious lesson and put us in touch with the mystery of God and ourselves. Thus, parables confront the hearer or reader with a radical choice to enter God's kingdom: "One must enter the kingdom, that is, become a disciple of Christ, in order to 'know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven' (Matthew 13:11). For those who stay 'outside,' everything remains enigmatic" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 546).

About a third of Jesus' recorded teachings are in parable form. After the Pharisees rejected Jesus (Matthew 12:14), he immediately changed his straightforward preaching to parables. This fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation [of the world]" (Matthew 13:35; see Psalm 78:2).

Parables are intended to reveal as much about us as they do about God. As John Shea writes in *Stories of God*, "God not only loves to hear our stories, God loves to tell stories. And, quite simply, we are the story God tells." In the telling, we ourselves are told. The timeless, universal stories of Jesus speak to us at different stages of life and provide multiple levels of meaning to the openhearted. ●



RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON, GUERCINO / WIKICOMMONS

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
June 17	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Aloysius	Weekday	Twelfth Sunday
1 Kgs 21:1-16	1 Kgs 21:17-29	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14	Sir 48:1-14	Gonzaga,	2 Chr 24:17-25	in Ordinary Time
Mt 5:38-42	Mt 5:43-48	Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	Mt 6:7-15	Religious	Mt 6:24-34	Jb 38:1, 8-11
				2 Kgs 11:1-4,		2 Cor 5:14-17
				9-18, 20		Mk 4:35-41
				Mt 6:19-23		



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

It may happen that we get discouraged, because we see the weakness of good as compared to the apparent power of evil.... The Gospel asks us to take a fresh look at ourselves and at reality...to discover the presence of God who as humble love is always at work in the soil of our life....

ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 13, 2021

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