



Our Parish Brunch will be September 13 after Mass. What a great way for our whole parish family to welcome all of the kids back to Religious Ed!

Virtues, Explained!

Wisdom

They say that wisdom comes with experience, and it does — but only if you accept it. Wisdom originates in both our will and in our intellect, meaning we must ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of wisdom — and remember to be ready when it comes.

Financial Support

Did you know you can make a meaningful difference while also managing your finances? If you're 70½ or older, a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA lets you support our parish, without increasing your taxable income.

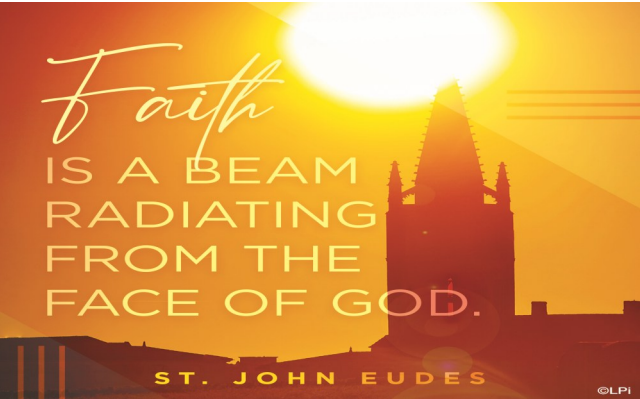
Strengthening Faith

Question:
Our prayer group is discussing ways we can change and strengthen our faith. What one thing could we change that would have the greatest impact on our faith?

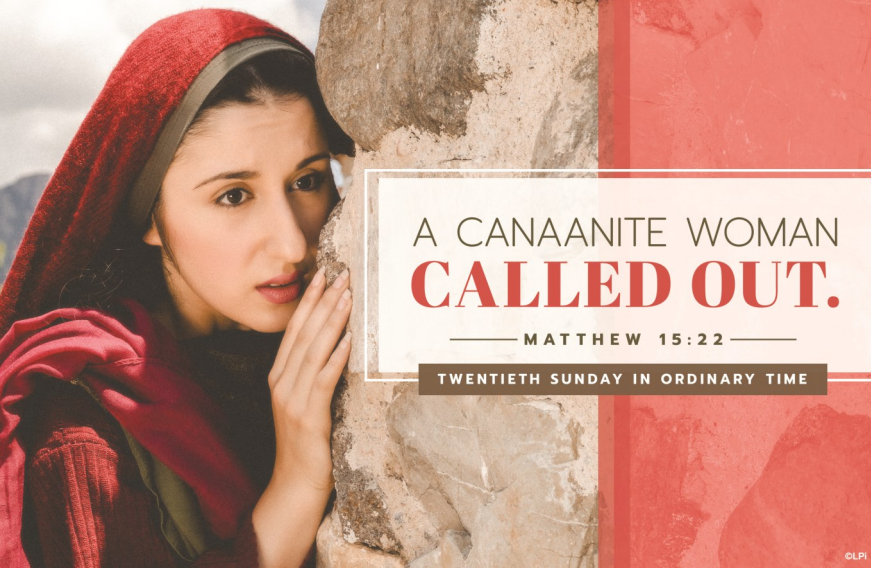
Answer:
A famous coach once said that when the team is in trouble and things aren't going well, go back to the basics; when the team is winning and things are going well, go back to the basics! Any renewal program, faith development, or spiritual growth effort has to start with the basic core of what it means to believe. If the foundation is not strong, the house will not stand.

So if you work on one thing, begin with the idea that God is love, who loves us and calls us to love one another. If we really take that belief to heart, it changes how we see God, ourselves, and one another. It would change how we pray, how we treat others, and how we understand and live our own life. Our sense of mission and purpose will be more focused on God's plan and our role in it. Love is the core of faith, the goal of life, and the hope of heaven. Whatever we do to strengthen and deepen our faith will begin and end with love.

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Confessions—Saturdays from 4—4:20 pm
at Sacred Heart or by appointment.

The sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony
are arranged by calling the Parish
Office to schedule preparation.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Date	August 16	August 23
Lector	Edie Breneman	Patty Curley
Server	Dallas Thralls	Waylon Robertson
Ushers	Matt Breneman Nick Savant	Bob Curley Matt Meyers
EMs	Pam Norris MaryLu Thralls	Kelly Stafford Lana Thralls
Counters	Terry & Kay Jatczak	Sarah Hartzler Tom McKinney
Cleaners	Chris & Marlene Smithson	

Mass Intentions

- 8/16 In Memory of Hazel McKinney
- 8/23 In Memory of Dan Kane

Prayer before Mass

Father, with humility and faith, I approach You as I prepare myself to attend Holy Mass. Grant me a trusting heart and a renewed faith so I may always see this Sacrament as Christ’s eternal memorial of His love for us. May I approach this Sacrament with utmost humility and gratitude. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Finance Report

Description	August 9	Budgeted
Regular Collection	\$ 2,647	\$ 2,308
Religious Ed	\$ 50	
Galvin	\$ 120	\$ 115
In Loving Memory of Dick Stultz	\$ 50	



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| David Auterson | Michelle Lankford |
| Tony Dubois | Sarah Mahady |
| Flo Callahan | Steve Norris |
| Ray Edwards | Lane Norton |
| Jane Frazier | Dave Sullivan |
| Barbara Hofman | Brylee Switzer |

Information About Reporting Abuse

If you are a victim or know of anyone who is a victim of any type of sexual misconduct, please contact our victim assistance coordinator at (317) 236-1548 or (800) 382-9836, ext. 1548, or at victimassistance@archindy.org to make a report. You can also make a confidential report through our EthicsPoint reporting system by visiting: <http://www.archindy.org/abuse/reporting.html> or by calling 888-393-6810.

BIRTHDAYS

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| Lane Norton | 17 |
| Reagan Taylor | 18 |
| Cole Bennett-Worley | 18 |

Can We Chew Gum at Mass?

Question:
Does chewing gum break the fast before Communion?

Answer:
If you look in Canon Law or in the Catechism, there is no mention of chewing gum. I guess it does not rate the attention of the universal church! The Church requires us to fast for one hour before we receive the Eucharist. Basically, we are to refrain from food and drink, not including water or medicine. There are also exceptions for people who are ill. Overall, the fast is intended for us to prepare ourselves to receive the Eucharist and in some small way to literally as well as spiritually hunger for what we are about to receive. Chewing gum, while not really food, does at least break the spirit of the fast. Besides that, it is a distraction and rude. What do you do with the gum when it is time to receive Communion? People have actually come to the altar chewing away, oblivious to what they were doing or Who they were receiving. At best, it is distracting and irreverent. At worst, it adds a barrier to giving our best to receiving God's best. ©LPi



It’s time to sign up for Religious Ed! Classes begin on September 13. Cost is \$25 for your first child and \$15 for each additional child. We also need a couple more teachers for the year. See Emma after Mass to sign up or volunteer!

