

Notes from Barb!

- ✂ This week's special collection will be for the Catholic University of America. Envelopes are available at the church entrance and can be put in the regular collection.
- ✂ We will have Coffee & Donuts today!
- ✂ Parish Council & Finance Committee will meet Monday at 5:30 in Galvin Hall.
- ✂ First responders are invited to a mass in their honor at St. Patrick Church on Monday, September, 11 at 9am.
- † The Deanery Blood Drive will take place in the HFC on Thursday 2:00-6:30pm. Register online or just drop by.

Faith Formation



Religious Education classes will begin today! See Jena to sign up.

When we have RE classes on Coffee & Donut days, students should go directly to their classes. Donuts and milk will be delivered to the classes. Parents can put donations for their child's donuts in the container provided.

We will resume Scripture and Supper on Thursday, Sept. 21 at 6pm. After the supper we will offer the Great Adventure Bible Timeline Study for all who want to stay.



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time *Romans 13:8-10* Laying Down the Law

As institutions age, their laws multiply. As countries grow older, the laws of nation, state, and city grow ever more complex. It is hard to know them all. We hire lawyers to study laws for us.

The laws of the church are also complex. They are collected in the code of canon law, which is also hard to absorb. We need church lawyers to help us out. New laws are written all the time. Old ones are adjusted. The code grows slowly outdated as new legislation forms. Everyone wants to be a good citizen and a good Catholic, but it is hard sometimes to know what the law is.

In Jesus' day, the law was also complex. At times it appeared that laws conflicted, as when he healed on a Sabbath. Laws of charity conflicted with laws governing sacred time.

When they asked Jesus for the greatest law, he simplified the complex structure of laws and reduced them to two: Love God. Love your neighbor.

St. Paul told the Romans, "The one who loves another has fulfilled the law." He made it very simple.

God is the ultimate judge over how we observe the laws of church and state. God made the rules as simple as possible. When the laws of our institutions seem complex, we can always please God by following the most basic law of all: love.

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September 10, 2023
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Sacramental Life

Weekend Worship Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Fr. Darvin is available to hear confessions on Saturdays 4:00-4:20 at Sacred Heart or before Sunday Mass by appointment.

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


We welcome new members. To enroll call the Parish Office or contact Barb Black: plc@shjth.org or 812-240-8092.

Ministries		
Date	September 10	September 17
Lector	Edia Breneman	Chris Mangia
Server	Dallas Thralls	Owen Ramsey
Gift Bearers	Lewis Family	Lozier Family
Ushers	Nick Savant & Tom McKinney	Jody Stafford & Owen Ramsey
Eucharistic Ministers	Carol Cummins & Pam Norris	MaryLu Thralls & Lana Thralls
Counters	Bob & Patty Kane	Jim & Flo Callahan
Cleaners	Off Week	Sheila Stultz & Linda Dubois



Birthday Blessing to:
 Kathy Schmidt 9-10
 Jan Edwards 9-11
 Jadelin Skelton 9-13
 Katie Miller 9-14
 Charles Boyll 9-15
 Ryatt Beasley 9-15

Prayers Please for:

Dick Stultz, Joe Mangia, John Kirkham, Jonnie Hooper, Ray Edwards, Mary Ann Whalton, Lou Ann Wake, Jim Callahan, John Heck, Terry Jatczak, Sr. Jane Iannaccone, Regina Crowell, Jane Frazier, John Finley, Ray Veit, Anne Sporer. 

Patrick O'Sullivan (Saudi Arabia)

Mass Intentions:

September 10 Louise Arnold September 17 Bob Callahan

If you wish to have a mass said, the suggested stipend is \$10.00. Intentions are open through Dec.



Finance Report


	Sept 3	Budgeted	Additional Donations	
Sunday Collection	\$2017	\$2308	Cemetery	535
Galvin Fund Donations	\$472	\$ 115		

Think About It

Today's gospel gives us some good advise that we have a tendency to forget. If someone offends us, we are advised to go directly to them to fix the situation. Unfortunately, we are more likely to skip that step and go directly to the part where we tell other people what that horrible person did to us.

It's easier to gain sympathy than to confront someone who has offended you. It takes a strong person to go directly to another to discuss the situation, but if we don't do that, we aren't giving that person a chance to see the error of their ways and correct them. If they choose to persist in their behavior, then we can ask others to help us...not spread gossip about them. If all else fails, we should avoid them, but be civil to them when we encounter them.

Of course it works the other way too. If we are the offender, do we get defensive or are we open to truly looking at ourselves? Think about it!



Church Picnic

Sunday September 17 after Mass. Burgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Last names starting A-M please bring dessert and N-Z side dishes. Please come for Food, Fun, Games, and Fellowship! See you there!