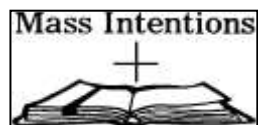




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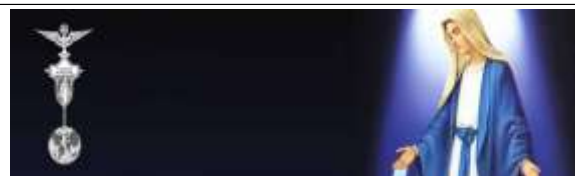


Aug 29 - Sept 4  
 Monday .....Luella Wagner(liv)  
 Tuesday .....James Firth(liv)  
 Thursday .....Gary Jordan Jr.(liv)  
 Friday .....Trey Corbitt(+)  
 Saturday .....Angel Ibañez(+)  
 Sunday .....Stephen Fowler(+)(8:00 a.m.)  
 .....**St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)**



**RCIA**

Do you know anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or becoming a member of the Catholic Church? If so, please contact Fr. Paul through the month of September, at 850-581-2556, or email pastor@stpeter.ptdiocese.org. He would like to meet individually with those who are interested before the sessions begin. We will begin meeting on Monday, October 3rd, and every Monday after that in the Administration Building from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.



**Morning with Mary**

This year the Legion of Mary will be hosting its half day retreat at Our Lady of Victory in Crestview. Saturday, Sept. 10, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information contact Ana Fails or Jean Jordan.



**Save the Date**  
 September 25th  
 Parish Appreciation Picnic  
 4:30-6:30 p.m.

**Weekly Calendar of Events**

8/29 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass  
 8/30 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass  
 8/31 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.  
**“Happiness”** - 6:30 p.m.

**Share God’s Word with our Little Ones:**

We are in need of Catechists for Children’s Liturgy of the Word during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. All lessons/crafts are prepared for you! If willing, call Susie at 581-7263 for more information.

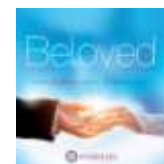


**Religious Education Registration continues**

Faith Formation will be held on Sundays, beginning September 11, 2016. We offer classes for K-5, Middle School, High School, and Confirmation. We look forward to seeing you!

**Attention Parents!**

**Don’t just “kill” time during Religious Education classes - “fill” time with faith enrichment and fellowship with other parents.**



**Introducing “Beloved”: A Marriage Enrichment Series, which will run from 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. in classroom 1 (Youth Room). If interested, there is a sign-up sheet at the Religious Education registration table.**



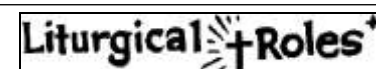
**Adoration**

The church will be open for Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday, September 1st following the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 8:00 p.m. Jesus always welcomed a crowd, so stop by and pray. There are plenty of reading resources for your use or just sit and listen to His voice. If you are interested in how to become a scheduled Adorer and offer one hour of your time each month as a guardian to our Lord, contact Joni, 830-2875.

**Living God’s Word**

**In our Gospel today Jesus states, “Those who exalt themselves will be humbled and those who humble themselves will be exalted!” How can you humble yourself this week for the sake of another?**

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Weekend of Sept 3/4

Altar Servers: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Extraordinary Ministers: \_\_\_\_\_, Anni Labatte, Shareen Ketchem, Ron Berthelette, Angela Zangerle  
 Lectors: Ruth Sykes, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ushers: Dan Brenton, Bob Flanagan, Joni Flanagan  
 Greeter: Pat Gossage  
 Sacristan: Stan Griggs  
 Elijah Cup: Joe Davison

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Audrey Moore, Alina Schorzman  
 Extraordinary Ministers: James Johansen, Susan Johansen, Paul Johansen, Alice Thompson, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lectors: Michael Moore, Kathy Moore  
 Ushers: Kathy Cauley, Dan Cauley, Cathy McKnight  
 Greeter: Alma Battaglio  
 Sacristan: Bobby Stockbridge  
 Elijah Cup: Deidre Henderson  
 Coffee & Donuts: Don Dineen

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Cord Grogan, Joseph Sweeney, Austin Wise  
 Extraordinary Ministers: Melody Grogan, Penny Sweeney, Pam Wall, Barbara Russo, Mike Brennan  
 Lectors: Warren Cabral, John Fay  
 Ushers: Mike Sweeney, Donna Fetter, Brian Prescott  
 Greeter: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sacristan: Petey Brennan  
 Elijah Cup: Stewart and Melody Grogan  
 Coffee & Donuts: Katherine Colwell, Micayla Colwell

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, contact Susi Evers at 664-9165 or email her at saintpeterparishprayerchain@gmail.com

Hospitalized Parishioners: If you or a family member are hospitalized, please call the Parish Office, otherwise we have no way of knowing who in our parish is there.

*In Your Daily Prayers, Please Remember our parishioners who are deployed and:*

Monday Johanna Adam\*, Charles Cummings\*, Steve Lange

Tuesday Lynn Graham\*, Thomas Holdsworth, Pam Stockbridge, Ashley Marie Code, Mary Eichler

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard\*, Ken and Bette Dellner\*, Caroline Frederick, Pam Holt, Barbara Kirschten\*, Wilda Mayhew\*

Thursday Gene and Pam Bauchwitz\*, Robert Welniak, Theresa Stegall, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler, Clare Van Zelfden

Friday Lloyd Biehl\*, Doug Babiak\*, Sharon Lewis, Shannon Anderson, Vera Thornburg\*, Ann Crouch\*

Saturday Peter Adam\*, Mary Anyel\*, Joel & Leo Grieves\*, Dan Brenton\*

Sunday Theresa Fowler\*, Jeff Harp, Ann Hart, Cipriano Matiga\*, Bonita Long  
 \*Indicates our parishioners.

**The First Reading in today’s Holy Scripture is from the Old Testament Book of Sirach. At times this Bible book has also been called the Wisdom of Sirach. Similar to Proverbs, Sirach is a series of teachings recorded between 200 and 175 BC.**

The first verse of this reading captures one of the key elements of **stewardship. It says, “My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts.” The word “humility” literally means “of the earth” or in a phrase which might mean more to us “down to earth.” The good steward realizes that he or she receives everything from a loving and generous God. That can be a humbling recognition.**

**“True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less,” is how the eminent author and theologian C.S. Lewis put it. We are important in the eyes of God. Jesus emptied Himself in our behalf. He was humility incarnate. Washing the feet of His Apostles, He comes to us at every Mass in common bread and wine.**

If we practice and pursue stewardship as a way of life, we choose to let others be more important; we are not controlling; we support others in silent ways. Are you willing to let God take charge of your life? Being a steward means that. That is the message from Sirach, and it is a message given us by Jesus over and over.





# Ordinary Time

August 28, 2016 ♦ Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)  
Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 ♦ Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a ♦ Lk 14:1, 7-14



In his 2011 commencement address to Northwestern University, comedian and talk-show host Stephen Colbert recalled what he learned from his experience as a member of an improvisation group. "One of the things I was taught early on," he said, "is that you are not the most important person in the scene." The best improvisation comes from a team that listens and responds to each other to "serve a common idea." When someone demands attention or tries to force a skit in a certain direction, the comedy falls apart. I never forgot his advice. It is appropriate in families, in workplaces, and among friends. And I confess I have had to apply it to myself on more than a few occasions.

Jesus' parable is a caution against presuming that we know best or that we—our goals and talents—are most important. He is not advocating false modesty or a refusal to use the gifts God gives us.

Rather, Jesus asks that we start from a place of humility and service. He wants us to allow others to say what they need and how we can help before we presume to know the solution or how the situation should unfold. The figurative head of the table belongs to Christ first and foremost, and it is up to us to obediently go where he tells us. He will give us our place. It is worthy to note that at the table of the Lord, every place has the same significance and everyone is a welcome guest. The only important one is Christ himself. After that, we are all equals, regardless of who we think we are.

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### A Word From Pope Francis

"[T]he Word was made flesh, He marginalized himself in order to bring salvation to the marginalized....[T]he mystery of Jesus is really a mystery of lowering oneself, abasing oneself, humiliating oneself, and bringing salvation to the poor."

—"Only the humble understand." Morning Meditation, December 2, 2014



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August 28, 2016

dear Padre

**Monday**  
AUGUST 29  
*Passion of St. John the Baptist*  
1 Cor 2:1-5  
Mk 6:17-29

**Tuesday**  
AUGUST 30  
*Weekday*  
1 Cor 2:10b-16  
Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday**  
AUGUST 31  
*Weekday*  
1 Cor 3:1-9  
Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday**  
SEPTEMBER 1  
*Weekday*  
1 Cor 3:18-23  
Lk 5:1-11

**Friday**  
SEPTEMBER 2  
*Weekday*  
1 Cor 4:1-5  
Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday**  
SEPTEMBER 3  
*St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church*  
1 Cor 4:6b-15  
Lk 6:1-5

**Sunday**  
SEPTEMBER 4  
*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Wis 9:13-18b  
Phlm 9-10, 12-17  
Lk 14:25-33

May parishoners applaud at any point during Mass?

Is it appropriate for parishoners to applaud at Mass or after the closing hymn?

**Applause may not** seem to fit the solemnness of the liturgy, but there are times when it is fitting to applaud in church. I believe it is acceptable if our intention is to express approval, joy, and praise to God.

Music is a good place to begin. Liturgical music evokes prayer and adoration, helping us feel God's presence and love. Its power or grandeur may lead us to applaud. Some choirs may take this response as directed toward their individual performance. However, God does speak through other people, and a parish's music ministry can convey a message people need to hear.

Think of a wedding ceremony. I bet you celebrated the spouses' introduction or first kiss with a resounding clap or cheer. Your response lifts up the new couple and shows your gratitude to God for making their love holy.

Similarly, in an ordination the people present a candidate to the bishop. When the bishop agrees, they are required to give a sign of approval, such as applause. Like before, the applause shows our thanks to God for this new priest and our commitment to support and pray for him.

Christians express praise and thanks to God in many ways: song, praying in tongues, even applause. As part of our liturgy, it can be an acceptable way to express a joy beyond words.

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Everything we have is a gift. God gave us these gifts for the sake of our happiness. This means that we are free to use them for our own benefit, but we also have an obligation to use them for the good of others and in service to the common good. To put it simply, everything we have is given to us so that we can serve others.

—From *Red, White, Blue, and Catholic* by Stephen P. White (8264520)

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