

## PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioners,

### The Work of the People

*The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Last week I wrote about the tabernacle and the primary reason for it's being in a church building, *viaticum* or communion to the sick. I also wrote about the Sacrament as we celebrate it and as we reserve it. There are secondary reasons for Eucharistic reservation and most of these have to do with Eucharistic adoration. "The primary and original reason for reservation of the eucharist outside Mass is the administration of *viaticum*. The secondary ends are the giving of communion and the adoration of our Lord Jesus Christ present in the sacrament" (*Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside Mass, #5*). While adoration of the Eucharist outside of Mass is to be promoted, it remains secondary to the gathering of God's people in celebration of the Sacrament of the Eucharist in the Mass. One (adoration) grows from the other (celebration).

What are the reasons for this reservation besides *viaticum* and adoration? For many years now there have been provisions made for the reception of Holy Communion in the absence of a priest. This is not the "deacon's Mass" or a "lay Mass" but provides people with the opportunity for communion on a day when the Eucharistic Celebration cannot take place. The only similarity that such a service may have to Mass is the proclamation of the Word for the particular day. The Eucharist is also reserved after the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday of the Triduum. This is because Mass is not celebrated on Friday or Saturday (during the day) of those three Holy Days. People may receive communion at the principle service of Good Friday.

Eucharistic adoration takes a few basic forms. There is Exposition and Benediction, so named because of the blessing given at the end of the service. Benediction is not to be offered except in the context of another prayer such as Stations of the Cross or a Holy Hour. Another form of Eucharistic adoration is what has been called Eucharistic Days (sometimes called "Forty Hours") where there are prayers and scripture readings along with homilies pertaining to the Eucharist. Some parishes or groups have sought and been granted permission for longer periods of exposition for the purpose of Eucharistic adoration. Some do this on the First Friday of each month and some even have perpetual

adoration. Special chapels are established for something like this.

The Eucharist is also reserved within church buildings so that people will have the opportunity for individual prayer in the presence of the Eucharist. Some find this very helpful to the growth of their spiritual life. No matter what form adoration (whether personal or communal) takes, it is always understood that this (adoration) is not to stand on its own or replace the primary source of our life in Christ, the Eucharistic celebration. Adoration is to flow from the Mass and lead us back to it. In this way the tabernacle, reservation of the Eucharist and Eucharistic adoration are seen in their proper context.

Next week I will look at other objects within the church building such as statues.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 25

Monday: 1 Thes. 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps. 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b/  
Mt. 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes. 2:1-8/Ps. 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt. 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thes. 2:9-13/Ps. 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/  
Mt. 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes. 3:7-13/Ps. 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 & 17/  
Mk. 6:17-29

Friday: 1 Thes. 4:1-8/Ps. 97:1 & 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mt. 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes. 4:9-11/Ps. 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt. 25:14-30

Sunday: Sir. 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps. 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11/  
Heb. 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk. 14:1, 7-14

#### CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Thank you for your generous support last week of the Collection for the Church in Latin America. The collection will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean so they in turn can share it with others. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Your gift makes a difference!

#### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation will be held Sept. 1. It is the first time since Pope Francis instituted this special day in 2015 that it falls on a Sunday. As Pope Francis stated, the day is meant to "offer individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation..to thank God and to implore his help.."

#### A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The phrase in today's gospel, "I don't know where you come from," is often used by parents about children and children about parents. Change is so rapid one generation has little in common with another. We must depend on love, trust, and mutual respect to bridge this gap.

*"Jesus, help me to become  
your living word."*

**WORSHIP**

Monday, August 26  
 8:00 am + Stanley Osiecki (Josie Osiecki)  
 Tuesday, August 27  
 8:00 am + Dec. of Lipkovich Family (Kathleen Lipkovich)  
 Wednesday, August 28  
 8:00 am + NO MASS  
 Thursday, August 29  
 8:00 am + John Auer  
 Friday, August 30  
 8:00 am + Leona Auer  
 Saturday, August 31  
 4:30 pm + Carl, Angeline & Henrieta Rembielak  
 (Joan Rembielak & Phyllis/Bob Wronko)  
 Sunday, September 1  
 8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE  
 Living & Deceased Parishioners  
 9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY  
 Harold W. Schmidt (Friends)

**PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR**

Monday - Wednesday - Friday AT ST. BERNADETTE  
 (Except Holy Days)  
 7:00 am - Communion Service  
 Tuesday, August 27  
 After Mass - St. Anthony's Novena  
 Saturday, August 31  
 3:45 - 4:15 pm - Confessions  
 Sunday, September 1  
 Before Mass - Confessions AT ST. BERNADETTE  
 After Mass - Confessions AT ST. ANTHONY  
 NOTE: Latin Mass will be the last Sunday of every month

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**  
**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA**  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 31 - 4:30 PM**  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Judy Hermann/Judy Kingston/Jim Samson  
 Lector: Kathleen Lipkovich  
 Altar Servers: Payton Leandro/Sydney Zilhaver  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 - 9:30 AM**  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Larry Douglas/Theresa Douglas/  
 Harriet McLaren/Barbara Milligan  
 Lector: Marie Marteeny  
 Altar Servers: Max Marteeny/Andrea Walker

**ST. BERNADETTE**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 - 8:00 AM**  
 Eucharistic Ministers: D. Nowak/A. Braymer/G. Beisler  
 Lector: M. Braymer  
 Ushers: S. Styborski  
 Altar Servers: A/M/R. Braymer

**STEWARDSHIP**

8/18/19	
Offertory	\$559.00
Votives	9.00
Assumption	157.00
Sharing the Faith	77.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$802.00</b>

CSA: Pledged—\$8,205  
 Paid—\$7,125

**WANTED**  
 St. Anthony of Padua is looking for an interested person to clean the rectory, three to four hours, one day a week. If interested, please call 398-4234, 9 am - 3:30 pm, Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri.

**NEEDED**  
 Our Religious Education program is in need of an elementary teacher to team teach for this upcoming year. If interested, please contact the rectory at 398-4234.

**- CRAFTERS WANTED -**  
 St. Anthony of Padua will hold a Craft Fair on Saturday, October 5 from 9am - 3pm. For more information please contact Sue (814 398-8265) or Kathleen (814 282-6707).

**SAVE THE DATE**  
 Our Lady of the Lake Parish presents best-selling author and EWTN musician Vinny Flynn "Eucharistic Amazement and Awe" Monday, Oct. 7 - Wednesday, Oct. 9 starting at 7:00 pm all three nights.

**SETON CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
 Seton Catholic School, preschool—8th grade, where students thrive on being challenged academically, learn to be respectful, responsible and self disciplined. Scholarships available. Call today 814 336-2320 for a tour or to register. All faiths welcome.

**MARRIAGE MOMENTS**  
 Many marital arguments focus on "Who is right." It's natural to want to be right in an argument but it doesn't serve your love. Even if you can fact check your position and probe you are right, it's better to come up with a "win/win" solution. Practice looking for creative alternatives during your next argument.

**BINGO** - The next scheduled BINGO at St. Anthony's will be Monday, September 16th. Early Bird BINGO starts at 6:00 pm and the regular BINGO starts at 6:30 pm. Doors and kitchen open at 5:00 pm. A Lasagna Dinner will be available at a cost of \$5.00.

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. BERNADETTE'S**  
 Sun. Sept. 8 - Holy Name Sunday

**STEWARDSHIP**

Offertory	\$910.00
Maintenance	345.00
Candles	17.00
Assumption	203.00
Latin America	223.00
Donation - Roof	1,000.00
CSA	230.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,928.00</b>

Catholic Services Appeal  
 Pledged: \$23,246 Paid: \$18,101

**CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA**

**CHURCH NO.:**

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

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