

**Holy Rosary Catholic Church
Sacred Heart Chapel**



Please Help with our New Roof

Recently we asked you, our generous parishioners, for financial help for the replacement of our rectory roof at 9 Lincoln Heights. The roof that covers Fr. Ed’s home is leaking and in need of new shingles. We have contracted a local roofer, who will begin the replacement in August. The total cost of the roof is approximately \$21,000 and the Finance Council has jumpstarted this project by assigning the \$6,500 realized from the recent sale of 2 Holy Rosary cars. If our parishioners can donate the remaining funds to complete this project, we can replenish the money from the general fund that will be used to pay for our roof. We know this may be difficult time for some people, but we humbly ask for any donation that you can give toward this very necessary project. Please drop your envelope marked “roofing project” in the collection basket or send it to 34 Franklin St. Thank you!

21st Sunday In Ordinary Time

Theme: “WHO DO PEOPLE SAY THAT THE SON OF MAN IS?”

Jesus Christ posed this question to his disciples in Caesarea Philippi, as recorded in the gospel of St. Matthew. The disciples gave prompt answers to Jesus' question: “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.” Jesus is more than a forerunner like John the Baptist. He is also more than Elijah, Jeremiah, or any of the prophets. Jesus Christ is the Priest, the King, and the Prophet par excellence

Then Jesus asked his disciples a direct question, “But who do you say I am?” As you may notice, here he is looking for his disciples' personal understanding of his identity and his mission.

Simon Peter, with the assistance of the Holy Spirit, got the right answer to Jesus' question. Simon Peter answered: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Jesus knew his identity as Son of the living God, born of a Jewish woman, Mary, but he also knew his mission, namely, to reconcile us with his heavenly Father and lead us to salvation.

Beloved, do you know yourself? If you do not know your identity and your mission in this world, then the World/Society will define it for you. IT IS VERY SAD ONE MAY DEPART THIS WORLD WITHOUT KNOWING HIS/HER IDENTITY AND MISSION. SUCH PEOPLE LIVE A LIFE FOR OTHERS, NOT FOR THEMSELVES. It's unfortunate to live your entire life for others and not living the life that God has created you for.

As Jesus was about to leave this world, he wanted to make sure his disciples really understood his identity and mission. Since Peter got the answer right, Jesus put him in charge of his future Church. Jesus Christ, working with Peter for a couple of years, knowing his strengths and weaknesses, trusted his future Church to him. Yes, Peter did not disappoint Jesus. He faithfully led the early Christian community Church and died as a martyr for his divine Master. Peter indeed was a rock on which Jesus built his church.

Peter, unlike King Shebna in the 1st reading, was a great leader. Personally, a great leader is someone who is God fearing, very industrious, humble, honest, trustworthy, and not self-centered. He is a team player, not ashamed to admit his mistakes.

If Jesus should pose the direct question he gave to his disciples to you, what would be your answer? Your answer must not just emanate from intellectual knowledge, but it should include your experiential knowledge. That is to say, yes, Jesus is the son of God, the Second person in the Trinity, born of Mary, etc. but also Jesus is my Rock; he is the man who is there for me in joy and in sorrow. Because he led the life I am living

now, he understands my ups and downs. I know the sorrowful Jesus as well as the joyful Jesus.

St. Paul says in the second reading: “Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!..... For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.”



Yes, for us to know God and his Son Jesus Christ, we need the assistance of the Holy Spirit. When was the last time you asked the Holy Spirit for a guidance/direction in your life?

It is only when we have both experiential and intellectual knowledge of Jesus that we will be able to find meaning and purpose, not only in our joys but also in our sorrows.

Let us always remember that Jesus experienced Good Friday prior to experiencing Holy Easter Sunday. As someone said, Jesus did not come to take away our suffering, but he came to help us to faithfully carry our individual crosses.

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us to know our identity and mission for which we are created. Let us also pray for our Pope Francis, the Vicar of Christ; our bishop Mark, and all leaders, that they will be faithful servants of Christ and the mission he has entrusted to them. Father Ed

Our Sympathies

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to Shirley Lundell and her family on the death of Shirley's mother, Lorene Hardman. Lorene was 99 years old, and a Baptist by faith, but she frequented Holy Rosary many times. She was buried in Glenville on Friday. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. We also extend our condolences to Tracy Murphy on the death of her grandfather, Ralph Suther, who was buried recently in his home state of Kansas. Ralph was 90 years old. May his soul rest in peace.

RCIA is starting at Holy Rosary!

The RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process by which adults join the Catholic Church. After a period of formation, RCIA culminates in the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism,



Eucharist, and Confirmation. Formation includes Scripture, what Catholics believe, Prayer, Worship, and Mission. The RCIA is also suitable for adults who were baptized Catholic but have

not yet received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, please contact the parish office at 304-472-3414 to leave your name or your friend's name and contact information. Sessions will begin in September!

Crosslines Update

Crosslines has been operating in a definitely safe way during the pandemic. We may be able to open our doors to neighbors starting in August. Any lunches we serve will be brown bag only until this virus is under control. In the meantime, we are in need of the following items:

Deodorant

Any canned veggies except corn

Size 5 diapers

Our own Holy Rosary Diaper Bank should resume operations in September.

The annual Backpack School supplies program will be in the last week in August on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of that week. The hours will be from 1 to 4 p.m. We are still in need of the following items:

Loose leaf notebook paper

3 ring binders

Magic markers

Pocket folders

Backpacks

If it is easier for you, you can put \$10 in an envelope and mark it "SCHOOL SUPPLIES" and drop it in the regular collection basket at church. We will make sure it is taken to crosslines to be used for this program. A box will be placed by the front door of the church for all other donated supplies.

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes: \$1,665.00

Loose: \$136.00

Roof Replacement: \$2,000.00

Thank you very much for supporting our parish!

Attendance:

8/15 57

8/16 39

As you can see by our numbers, attendance at mass has been very low. We encourage you to join us if you feel safe doing so. Please note that we are having the church professionally sanitized after the Saturday evening mass each week and we are following all of the guidelines set forth for safety by the diocese.

August Celebrations!

Do you have a birthday or special celebration in your family for August? Celebrate with your parish family! Just drop a note in the collection basket or give it to Fr. Ed.

Happy Birthday to the following people who celebrate their birthdays in August:

Sal Carmona – Aug. 8

David Jack – Aug. 15

Rachael Lofton – Aug. 18

Mary Hendricks – Aug. 20

Jim Walker – Aug. 20

Jennifer Nanners – Aug. 21

Scotty McCartney – Aug. 22

Joann Huffman - Aug. 26

Maddie Nanners – Aug. 29

Michael Ellis – Aug. 31

Congratulations, Sister!

Congratulations to Sister Francesca Lewis who celebrates 60 years as a Pallottine Missionary



**Sister! She took her vows on August 15th!
Congratulations, Sister, and may God continue to
bless you in your service to the church.**

SoulCore Resumes

SoulCore will be held outside on the side lawn of Holy Rosary Catholic Church on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Bring a mat and light hand weights! If it is raining, class will not be held.

Greeter's Schedule

Sat. 8/22 – John Kriner

Sun. 8/23 – Charlie Malcolm

Sat. 8/29 – Nancy and Tony

Sun. 8/30 – Frank Girard

Lector's Schedule

8/22: Colleen Hoover

8/23: Jala Jones

8/29: John Weber

8:30: Pat Marsh

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS VISITS

If any homebound parishioner would like Fr. Ed to visit and bring Holy Communion to him/her, please call the parish office (304) 472 3414 or Fr. Ed's cell phone (609) 510-1090. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, Fr. Ed will wear a face mask, face shield and gloves when visiting a homebound parishioner. In case you would not like a visit but would just like to talk on the phone, please do not hesitate to reach out to Fr. Ed.

Eucharistic Liturgies

Saturday, Aug. 22 – 7 p.m. - The Pallottines (Holy Rosary)

Sunday, Aug. 23. - 9 a.m. – Parishioners (Holy Rosary)

Monday, Aug. 24 – Mandy Hadermann+

Tuesday, Aug. 25– In thanksgiving for divine mercy

Wednesday, Aug. 26 – Canonizations of Bl.Fr. Michael Sopocko, Bl. Archbishop Andres Sheptytsky, Ven. Archbishop Fulton Sheen (7 p.m. at Holy Rosary) Silent Adoration begins at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 27 – Annie, Mike & Teresa Shearer & Family

Friday, Aug. 28 – Barb & Melanie, Tom & Kim

Saturday, Aug. 29 – 7 p.m. Parishioners (Holy Rosary)

Sunday, Aug. 30

9 a.m. – Charity Manspeaker+ (Holy Rosary)

Please remember in your prayers

Bertha Small, Kate Deasy, Rosemary Austin, Phil Halligan, Randy Trent, Macyah Riley, Karen Trent, Jack Call, Joe Morton, Matthew Linger, David Vincent, Seth Poling, Cathy Lipscomb, Hugh Hensil, Barbara Elmore, Freddy Caimotto, James Barton, Mike Cerullo, Darell Hyre, Diane Hyre, Freda Cawthon, Vicki Dibble, Eric Harkness, Pat Daigneault, Duane Lohr, Jeff Ball, Linda Hicks, Jane Baxter, Shaelyn Posey, Bill Baxa, P.T. Garton, John Egress, Jalen Welcome, Ron Byrd, Helena Bessinger, Dennis Cortens, Kay Sienkiewicz, Danny Morgan, Patty Griffith, Gene Zara.

Please pray for all men and women serving in the military.

Please pray for our homebound

Gene & Mary Stump, Denna Bayless, Anna Stalnaker, Ron Frye, Rocena Asbury, John Sneberger, Lorraine McLean, James McCartney, Nancy Beverlin, Shirley Linger, Rosie

Ketterman, Shirley Helmick, William McLean, Anna Powell, Barbara Elmore, Gerry Stankus.

This Week's Gospel Reflection

The only way to know God is to love God. Our minds will never fully grasp the mystery of God, but our hearts and souls can learn to love the mystery. Years ago, when life had a more innocent quality to it, we believed what we were told or witnessed, unless there was direct evidence otherwise. This was especially true if the information came from someone in authority. In a sense, we were a bit more gullible on one hand but also more trusting on the other. The latter is an admirable quality that sadly can be eroded when we realize we have been duped. With education and technological advances, we find ourselves more skeptical and less likely to too quickly accept and believe what we see and hear.

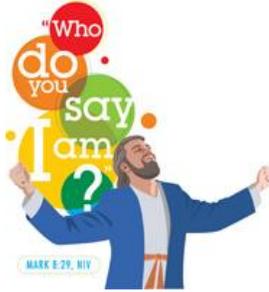
For all of the good that social media can do, it can also easily distort reality and truth. Photoshop and a myriad other technological truths can add to, fabricate, and make even the non-existent seem real. It is amazing. How far do we allow this obviously justifiable skepticism to go? Questioning and doubting are healthy elements of any good relationship as long as we don't allow them to turn us away from a deeper experience of love and encounter. If we

cannot get our minds around something or empirically justify or prove it, we tend to declare it a hoax, untrue, or unauthentic and walk away. The very same trust that can quickly be eroded is exactly what is essential for all of our relationships, especially our relationship with God. With all things and people that make a profound claim on us, we have to trust in the absence of knowledge. Full self-

investment involves plunging completely into the unknown!

Simon Peter said to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Peter came to this knowledge, which is not "head knowledge" because of the relationship he shared with Jesus and what God was able to reveal in and through that relationship. Peter simply "knew" because of love that this is who Jesus really is.

The silent exchange of love between friends, and not an intellectual exercise of the mind, brought Peter to this place. When we stop and think about it, there are many things in life that we simply know but do not completely understand. When someone sacrifices their own well-being for another, it may not make intellectual sense when examined. But it makes a world of sense when it is carried out. The vastness of reality and an encounter with incomprehensible mystery all lead us to profound silence where we simply know something to be true. Have you



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