

## Holy Rosary Catholic Church Sacred Heart Chapel

### *22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Secular pursuits only bring a temporary amount of satisfaction and fulfillment. As much as we may think that achieving worldly success, economic security, personal well-being, and self-fulfillment are worthy goals to obtain, they all are dependent on external variables and can lead to emptiness. We are trained to be very pragmatic and productive. Unless we are able to check off all of the boxes or comply with specific measurable requirements, our value and worth becomes questionable. Corporations, educational institutions, systems, structures, and secular ideology rarely consider deeper, more spiritual, and human contributions a person can and needs to make.

To the secular mind, the wisdom and ideals of the Gospel are making less and less sense. Consider for a moment this question: "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" While Jesus is asking this very challenging question to people who are considering his message, many in our world are in a quite different place. Whether we realize it, many folks are asking a much different question. Why would you not want to gain the whole world and secure your life? If you look at where a lot of folks are investing their time, energy, and resources, it becomes obvious where current priorities rest.

Modern day comforts and possibilities are backing us out of our relationship with God. The fire burning in every human heart is trying to find its satisfaction in the things that humans have created and not God. Being altruistic and offering compassion for those most in need becomes a political responsibility or responsible gesture. We realize that our hearts need to be centered on something and someone who calls us out of ourselves, but we struggle and battle with naming the source of that call. God places the desire to seek, find, and love Him in the core of every soul. We are not abandoned and left to fend for ourselves. But we can easily get confused. We know that when we extend ourselves to another self-sacrificially, we are doing what is just and right. We know that we can work through suffering and loss and come out better and more whole on the other side.

Our minds need to be renewed so that they can begin to understand that there is much more to who we are, and that faith plays a pivotal role in achieving our

true and everlasting goals. It is when we see that it is only faith that can bring us to this heightened awareness of ourselves and God that it will begin to make sense. Then, we can put things in proper perspective and consider being a disciple.

### **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!

### ***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



### **Eucharistic Liturgies**

- Saturday, Aug. 29** – 7 p.m. Parishioners (Holy Rosary)
- Sunday, Aug. 30**  
9 a.m. – Charity Manspeaker+ (Holy Rosary)
- Monday, Aug. 31** – Poor Souls Living
- Tuesday, Sept. 1** – Luft Family (living and deceased)
- Wednesday, Sept. 2** – Nadine, Bruce & Family (7 p.m. at Holy Rosary) Silent Adoration begins at 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 3** – The Pallottines
- Friday, Sept. 4** – FIRST FRIDAY – Beth, Jimmie & Family (Holy hour from 6-6:55)
- Saturday, Sept. 5** – 7 p.m. - Parishioners (Holy Rosary)
- Sunday, Sept. 6** - 9 a.m. – +Charity Manspeaker (Holy Rosary)

**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!

**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. 8/29 – Nancy and Tony  
Sun. 8/30 – Frank Girard

**Attendance**

We will continue to post our attendance numbers and offertory collection numbers next week. Our

**Lector's Schedule**

8/29: John Weber  
8/30: Pat Marsh  
9/6: Sr. Francesca  
9/7: Lori Post

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.

**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.

**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.

**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, P.T. Garton, 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.*

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