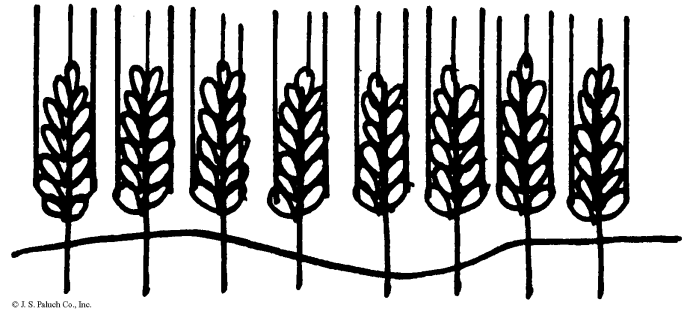


**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 13, 2021**

They that are planted in the house
of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God
~ *Psalm 92:14*



GOD'S TIME

We either pay attention to or ignore "clock time" as we play in the summer sun and note the earth's tilt and the lengthening days. We live by time. We reckon time in seconds and minutes and hours, or we use broader chunks like supertime and summertime.

God keeps another sort of time. God speaks to us of "saving time," that is, the time of salvation. This sense of time is called *kairos*, and this time is always now, always present and available, always revealing, often surprising.

This Sunday's readings alert us to the reality and the import of God's time. Ezekiel and the Gospel of Mark remind us that our labor and our plotting and our planning rest in God. For God takes our smallest efforts and makes of them great works. Paul points us to the "harvest" time, urges us to be watchful for its coming, and calls us to recognize that we must spend our time pleasing God. *Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I have lifted high the lowly tree
(*Ezekiel 17:22-24*).

Psalm — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (*Psalm 92*).

Second Reading — Whether we are at home or away, we aspire to please the Lord (*2 Corinthians 5:6-10*).

GOSPEL — It is the smallest of all seeds, and becomes the largest of plants (*Mark 4:26-34*)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4; Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-9a; Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-4, 9;
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15
Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-7; Mt 6:19-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-13; Mt 6:24-34
Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107:23-26, 28-31;
2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Flag Day
Saturday: St. Romuald; Blessed Virgin Mary

FEAST OF FAITH

The Preparation of the Altar

The altar is the focal point of our churches. It is a sign of Christ in our midst; indeed, it has been said that "the altar is Christ" (*Dedication of an Altar*, 4). The altar is a table "on which the sacrifice of the cross is perpetuated in mystery throughout the ages until Christ comes"; but it is also the place for a festive meal: "a table at which the Church's children assemble to give thanks to God and receive the body and blood of Christ" (*Dedication of an Altar*, 4).

Both these functions of the altar are clear in the rites for the preparation of the altar that follow the general intercessions, which remind us of the preparations we make at home for a festive meal. The deacon or altar servers come forward and, bowing, place a cloth known as a corporal (from the Latin for "body") over the altar cloth. They place the chalice, the cup to be used in the celebration of the Eucharist, and the *Sacramentary* or *Roman Missal*, which contains the prayers of the Mass, on the altar. These reverent preparations help us to focus on what is about to happen: the sharing of a holy meal, a solemn sacrifice.

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SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. MASS (Live)
10:00 a.m. MASS (live & Recorded)

WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m. MASS (Live)
6:00 p.m. PRAYER MEETING

OUR SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Family members, Please notify Fr. Leonard when a family member has been hospitalized, or has become homebound.

Call the Church Office, 816-471-3696, or email: stmonica1616kc@hotmail.com.

Edith Bolder, Home, Jeanette Hamilton Evans, Home, Lavel McCullough, Home, Rosa Birch, Home, Sandra Cloyd, Home, Delores Carson Bazy, Home, Vera Brown, Home, Kevin Brown, Home, Dorothy Wyatt, Home, Ray Myers, Home, John Johnson, Home, Vauncille Bartlett, Home, Mary Ann Grayson, Home, Donald and Mable Parson, Home, Sergio Mendoza, Home, Michael Lucas, Home, Hermit Lovett, Home, Paris Harrington, Home, Earl Greene, Home, Ovell Thomas, Home

SAINT MONICA WILL CONTINUE THE SHOE DRIVE FUNDRAISER THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF JUNE

The public is invited to participate in the shoe drive to raise funds for our "FORWARD IN FAITH" Fundraiser.

- ❖ Donations of gently worn, used and new shoes will be accepted.
- ❖ The amount of money raised, is determined by the weight of the shoes collected.
- ❖ All donated shoes will be distributed to micro-enterprise partners through *Funds2Orgs*.
- ❖

- ❖ **SHOE DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED**
- IN FERGUSON HALL,**
- ❖ **AFTER EACH SUNDAY MASS.**
- ❖ **See Ramonda Doakes, Coordinator**

THE CHURCH AND THE SPIRIT

Where the Church is, there is the Spirit of God; and where the Spirit of God is, there is the Church and all grace, and the Spirit is Truth.

~St. Irenaeus

CONGRATULATIONS

2021 GRADUATE !

Sidney Woods graduated from Haverford, College, in Haverford, PA.

Sidney received a BS Degree in mathematics and a Minor in Spanish. Sydney is the daughter of Patrice and Dr. Gerald Woods. She is the granddaughter of Don and Mable Parson. Sydney has moved to New York, and is now Actuarial Analyst with Optum.

FORWARD IN FAITH



The Stewardship Committee extends our heartfelt THANK YOU! to the St. Monica Parishioners, for the on - going support, as we work together, moving our Parish "Forward in Faith".

Our goal is \$150,000.00, by November 2021.
So far we have received, \$69,843.50, and we have \$80,156.50 to go!

HOMEGOING

Michelle R. Landis passed on to be with our Lord on Wednesday, June 10, 2021, following a long illness. Her presence will be sorely missed at St. Monica.

Please pray for her sisters, Lynn Williams, Carmella Morris, Deborah Williams, and their families, during this time, as they gather to plan the Celebration of Michelle's Life. May she rest in peace.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete at the time of posting this Bulletin. Please contact the Church Office for more information. 816-471-3696.