

August 9th – 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"
Matthew 14: 22-33

A new dad learns to walk on water

He and his wife have just learned they're going to be parents for the first time. They're over the moon with joy.

A few weeks later, the soon-to-be dad meets his own dad for a round of golf. The future grandpa quickly realizes that his son is not into the game, that he's distracted, that he's missing simple chip shots and making mental errors that he never makes. Of course, he knows what's going on and, after the game, over beers, he asks, "Son, how are you and Sheila doing?"

"OK, fine, good," he quietly responds.

His father gently presses, "Is everything really OK?"

It's just enough of an opening.

"Dad, I gotta tell you. I'm scared to death. I don't know how to be a father. I feel like I'm still a kid myself. What if I mess this kid up for life?"

That's the beginning of a long talk between father and father-to-be. The experienced parent shares, with candor and insight, his own terror when his first child was born, the mistakes he made (none did any permanent damage), what he learned from those mistakes, and how being a dad has been the best thing he's done in his life.

His son seems to brighten; his characteristic coolness and calm begins to return. He asks all kinds of questions that his dad answers from the wisdom of his own experience.

That was the first of many conversations between father and son that continued long after the father became a father himself.

Just about every milestone, every new experience in life, can be terrifying. But the Jesus who calms the storm in today's Gospel is present to this father-to-be in the reassuring wisdom of his own dad. In the embrace of our beloved, in the helping hand of a friend, in the counsel of a wise teacher or coach, Jesus reaches out to save us in the darkest times; in the smallest acts of compassion and forgiveness that we give and receive, God reveals his presence in our midst.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ

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<u>Weekend Masses:</u>	Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.
<u>Reconciliation:</u>	By request
<u>Mass During the Week:</u>	Tues & Thurs at 7 p.m. and Wed & Fri at 10 a.m.
<u>Holy Hour of Adoration:</u>	Discontinued until further notice.
<u>Marriages:</u>	Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.
<u>Baptisms:</u>	Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.
<u>St. Vincent de Paul:</u>	To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

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August 2, 2020

Regular Sunday	\$2125.00
Building Fund	85.00
Certificate	10.00
Sunday Missals	5.00
Garden Party Proceeds	70.00
Mass Stipends	80.00
St. Vincent de Paul	25.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues, 7 pm	Gus & Irene Rumboldt
Wed, 10 am	Late Herb Cole
Thur, 7 pm	Late Brian Canning
Fri, 10 am	Late Augustine Barry
Sat, 4:30 pm	Late Rita Hall
Sun, 11 am	Parish Community

COVID 19: To protect yourselves and others, we ask that you maintain physical distancing of 6 feet at all times. This does not apply to people within the same bubble. Hand sanitizer is provided in the church or you may bring your own. Facemasks are not required but you may wear one if you wish.

E-TRANSFER: Now you also have the option to make donations via email money transfer. The email address for e-transfers only is sacredheartcparish@gmail.com. Please use "Church" as the password to the security question you are asked to create, also include your envelope # in the comments section if you have one, if not please include an address where a tax receipt may be sent. Thank you."

REGISTRATION FOR MASS: While dealing with the Covid 19 Pandemic we are required to keep a contact list of all persons attending all services and masses. You should call in Monday to Friday between 9 am and 1 pm to have your name registered. You will be asked to provide your telephone number and to answer some simple screening questions.

SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI: August 11 is the feast



day of Saint Clare of Assisi. She was the foundress of an order of nuns known today as the Order of Saint Clare. At the age of 18, she heard Saint Francis of Assisi preach and was moved to imitate him and serve Jesus. Saint Francis himself cut her hair short and gave her a rough brown robe to wear. She went to live in a Benedictine nun's monastery and was eventually joined by her sister. The two remained there until a separate dwelling was built for them next to the church of San Damiano. Other women who wished to live a life of poverty as brides of Jesus eventually joined them. Clare and her fellow nuns wore no shoes, ate no meat, lived in a poorhouse, and kept silent most times. She is the patron saint of television, eye disease, goldsmiths and laundry.

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION – August:

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

HUMOR:

I follow you all the time and copy your every move, but you cannot touch me or catch me. What am I?
Answer: Your shadow

SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE: The feast day of



Saint Maximilian Kolbe is August 14. Born Raymund Kolbe, he changed his name to Maximilian Maria when he became a priest. Early in his priesthood, he operated a religious publishing press and founded monasteries in Japan and India. Poor health forced him to return to Poland and, when World War II began, he provided shelter to those fleeing the Nazis. In 1941, Father Kolbe was arrested by the Nazis and was sent to Auschwitz. While he was there, the Nazis decided to starve some prisoners to death as a warning against escapes. Father Kolbe offered to take the place of a man with a family. He was the last of the group to remain alive, and the guards finally killed him by giving him a lethal injection. He is the patron saint of drug addicts, prisoners, families, and the pro-life movement.

VIGIL LIGHTS (votive candles): Due to the pandemic we cannot have different people lighting different candles. For that reason the votive candle stand had been removed for the time being. We will however try something a little different. The votive candle stand will be put back in place but parishioners are not allowed to light candles by themselves. The candle will be lit by one of the parish representatives who is an usher or registrar for that day. Please remember at all times to maintain physical distancing. Offerings for the candles must be place in an envelope and deposited in the offertory basket.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS:

To Lucas Anthony Pye, the child of Jeremy and Sarah Pye. May this child and his family experience a lifetime of faith and hope.



A SUMMER BLESSING:

May you walk with God this summer. In whatever you do, wherever you go, walking with God means... walking with honesty and with courage, walking with love and respect, with concern for the feelings of others May you talk to God this summer and every day and in every situation. Talking with God means... Praying words of praise for the beauty of creation Saying prayers of thanks for friends and good times, Asking God's help in all your decisions, Expressing sorrow when you have failed. May you talk and walk with God every day. Amen.

CHURCH PAINTING/STUCCO REPAIR: For

some time, our church has been in need of stucco and concrete repairs. Once these repairs are done the church would need to be repainted. The Parish Council and Finance Committee has approved a major contract to have this facelift done as one project. Please be patient while this work is being done and please be vigilant to the work of our contractor. This work which began on Monday July 13th will continue throughout the summer.