

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 13, 2017

Those moments arise for each of us when we come face to face with death or the possibility of real failure. Then it is no longer so easy or so enticing to step off the roller coaster platform, for suddenly the ride is no longer carefree or without risk. Yet through the risk, it is possible that life in God may be found.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK AUGUST 14, 2017

Monday, August 14, St. Maximillian Kolbe
7PM Tootie Gardiner by Rose Mary Callahan
Tuesday, August 15, Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary
8:15AM Special Intention
Wednesday, August 16, St. Stephen of Hungary
10:30AM Deacon Thomas J. Underwood
Thursday, August 17
NO MASS
Friday, August 18
8:15AM Leander Gaertner by Family
Saturday, August 19, St. John Eudes
5PM For the Parish
Sunday, August 20
9AM Mike Jungewaelter

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AUGUST 13 THRU AUGUST 20

Sunday	9AM Mass
Monday	11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon Mostacholi/Fried Chicken 7PM Vigil Mass of the Assumption of Mary (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass of the Assumption of Mary (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION) FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL / 1:30PM Dismissal
Wednesday	10:30AM Mass at Three Springs 12:45-5:45PM Community Blood Drive 2:50PM Dismissal-NO BUS
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off 2:50PM Dismissal-NO BUS
Friday	8:15AM Mass 1:30PM Dismissal-BUS SERVICE
Saturday	5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: After hearing Jesus calling, "Come", Peter decides not to play it safe but rather steps into the swirling storm of life. There he begins to sink and drown, but it's also there that he discovers God reaching out and grasping him. Had he played it safe and stayed in the boat, he might never have known God's saving hand. He also realizes that what Jesus came preaching was not all fun and games but rather a kingdom where life is known only through great risk. Such is the story of all of our lives when we must choose between a life of apparent security and the real life that is always revealed through risk and trust. At these times, not to step out of the boat and into the swirling storm, not to risk all for the sake of all is to lose all. On the other hand, to step out, even though it be with great fear, is to meet our saving God.

TITHE WEEK OF AUGUST 6, 2017

Mary Help of Christians: \$7,008.00
\$358.00 Cemetery; \$165.00 Improvement Fund; \$35.00 Sister Anne Irose; \$16.00 Votives; \$1.00 Child Envelope
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00
YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,422.00
Fiscal Year Week: 6
YTD Actual Giving: \$38,532.00
YTD Budget Need: \$42,000.00
YTD Budget Difference: (\$3,468.00)
YTD Weekly: (\$578.00)

SERVERS SCHEDULE for August 19 & 20: 5PM, Claire Deterding, Elseah Congiardo; 9AM, Brock Vasquez, Reed Welborn, David Grau

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: We must wait for God in silence or we'll miss him as he passes by.

JANY, BERT, & MARCINKOWSKI Family Reunion will be held at the K of C Hall on Sunday, August 13. Eat at Noon.

BLOOD DRIVE at the American Legion on Wednesday, August 16, from 12:45-5:45PM. Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org and enter ChesterMemHosp to schedule an appointment. Remember that giving blood is safe and simple and the person who receives your gift will be eternally grateful to you.

WE ARE IN GREAT NEED of more lectors and ministers of the Eucharist to help out at our weekend Masses. In particular we are very short handed at the 9AM Sunday Mass. A training session for new lectors and Eucharistic ministers will be held on Wednesday, August 23, at 6:30PM in church. Please prayerfully consider accepting one or both of these ministries. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Gene or Brian Niermann (618-708-1381).

PSR 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR will begin on Sunday, September 17. Classes are held in the Parish House, 915 Swanwick Street, after 9AM Mass until 11:15AM. Tuition for the year is \$75.00 per family. Students in PSR Kindergarten Class are new to the program, so please contact Cheryl Gross, D.R.E. at 826-2526 or 853-2678.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: "After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave." Help each other hear God's plan for our marriage better by participating in an Encounter weekend. The next weekend will be September 22-24. To register or for more information call 314-649-7317 or go online to www.stl-wwme.org.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will begin in mid-October if there are persons interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church or who wish to update knowledge of the Church, its teachings, and practices. If interested, please contact Cheryl Gross, D.R.E. at 826-2526 or 853-2678. You may also contact Father Gene at 826-2444.

NEEDING TO BE QUIET: We hear today of the need to "get away" – Elijah, pursued by Jezebel, is running for his very life; Jesus, dismissing the crowd, goes off to pray. Both do this alone. Both hear God speak in a tiny sound, in a single small whisper. The point may be this: nothing we see and nothing we hear is too insignificant to make present the glory of God. God is always there to save me, save us. When will I, each day this week, make time to be still? When will I listen for God's single small whisper? Elijah is told: "The Lord will be passing by." How can I look for God everywhere?

NAVIGATING INFERTILITY: We often assume parenthood happens easily after "I do," but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. The pain can be overwhelming. If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. The USCCB (www.usccb.org) has some suggestions that may be helpful to you on this journey. Even if we ourselves do not experience difficulty bearing children, pray that we can be channels of God's mercy for those who do.