



July 10, 2022

15th Week in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Monday & Thursday:
8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday,
and Friday:
No Mass

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday:
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Confession:

Saturday: 11:30 a.m.
Or by appointment

All Sacraments:

Please call the office



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OUR LOCATION

Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 9 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Michael Spadafore by LaVerne Stark

Sunday, July 10 — 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Frank "Moe" Vizza by Ted Harhai

10:30 AM † Rose Cocciolone by Family

Monday, July 11

8:00 AM † Julie Amendola by Ida Dalfonso

Tuesday, July 12

No Mass

Wednesday, July 13

No Mass

Thursday, July 14

8:00 AM † Herman Alvarez by Wife, Children & Grandchildren

Friday, July 15

No Mass

Saturday, July 16 — Vigil

4:00 PM † James Barron by Cliff & Kim Gorski & Josephine Ondulick

Sunday, July 17 — 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Vicki Malec Moody by Mom, Loving Family and Friends

10:30 AM † Pauline DeRose by Rose, Marge & Annie

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday –Thursday: 8:30 a.m. –12; 1 p.m.– 3 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Ministry Schedule — July 16 & 17

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	R. Kozar	J. Dudas	M. Guiliford B. Smith
8:30 a.m.	G. Pesi	J. Todd	T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	M. Gallo	K. Imbreescia	E. Yatchyshyn

Money Counters

Monday, July 11—Team #3—K. Byron

And just who is our neighbor?



Jewish law required the love of God and the love of neighbor as described in our first reading. The book of Deuteronomy is first and foremost a book of Law. Great care was taken to regulate, by law, every detail of human life. It was to help the

people of Israel live a good life and to protect them against the worship of false gods. The Law is what saves a person and assure good moral behavior. Moses reminds the people of Israel as he reminds us that this law is not just some “pie in the sky” thing, no it is written in our very hearts.

Jesus would have been very much aware of the Law contained in Deuteronomy which is why he was always championing the cause of aliens, widows, and other disadvantaged people. Paul in the second reading in describing Jesus tells us: “In him were created all things in heaven and on earth.” Christ reveals humankind’s place in a God-ordered creation; that self-sacrificing love of God and neighbor reflects that place; and that we fight against ourselves as well as God, should we reject it.

Once we hear the parable told to us by Jesus the question we are left with is not: “who is my neighbor,” rather “Who isn’t my neighbor.” This becomes our focus for our challenge this week. This parable about who is our neighbor was very appropriate for its day but it is even more appropriate for us today. We all know that it is dangerous to walk alone in certain parts of our society and our world. Jericho must have been one of those places. The road from Jericho to Jerusalem was filled with bandits and robbers, so most people would travel in convoys. We find two very educated men of Jewish law who come across a wounded man. Both of these individuals were more concerned about their interpretation of “Jewish Law” than they were about the man dying in the street.

Almost daily we read in the paper about people crying for help and bystanders watching for fear of getting involved. We follow the adage that it is better to be safe than sorry. Most people are good. We all believe that we should help others as a command of our faith, but we feel safer when our faith remains on a theoretical plane. Church on Sunday is enough. Don’t ask me to get involved.

In this particular story the stranger is a Samaritan. Now, Samaritans and Jews despised each other and Jesus declares this despised Samaritan as the hero of the story, the one hated becomes the messenger of love. Jesus is reminding us that the Kingdom of God knows no political or religious boundaries. The importance of this story touches our world in so many ways today. We are all interconnected with greater interaction among peoples in every conceivable way: political, social, economic, and religious. We are one human family. The immigration concerns of Americans, illegal aliens, how best humanely to deal with issues arising from that, trigger deep emotions in people.

All of us need to look and see just how the poor and needy are rendered invisible in today’s society. We all need to look at our lives and determine what “habits” of mind and action allow and encourage us to “pass by the opposite side”? The beginning of worship is our care for others. This is more than just preaching a “social gospel.” It is saying that there is an indissoluble link between caring for others and worship, between loving others and loving God. Thus doing for others is more than a nice act; it is a way we make God’s kingdom come.

Due to the bulletin deadline, this week’s collection will be listed in next week’s bulletin.

If you would like to **listen to the bible** when you can, check out the audio version of the YouVersion Bible app (Audio on Bible.com—YouVersion). This is the direct link to instructions: <https://help.youversion.com/1/en/article/ayv8e2ormh-how-to-listen-to-bible-audio-on-bible-com>

Auction Donation

We're looking to make our most popular auction basket —the Lottery Basket—bigger and better than ever this year! If you are able, please donate scratch off lottery tickets that can be added to the basket. You can drop the ticket(s) off at the office, or in a marked envelope in the collection basket. Thank you. Your involvement makes a difference!



Monthly Rosary

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly rosary on Wednesday, **July 20** at 7 p.m. They will meet in the Knights' Council Hall on Grand Blvd., Monessen. All parishioners are invited. Light refreshments will follow.



Outdoor Rosary

CDA Hosts Outdoor Rosary

Monessen CDA Court #776 will host its 34th Annual Outdoor Rosary at Mary's Garden on **Tuesday, July 12th, at 7:30 P.M.** Please bring your own lawn chair. A Social will follow in the Church Hall. This event is open to the public and all are welcome to attend. For additional information, contact Regent Debbie Genemore at 724-708-8335



Teachers Needed

SSRCS Hiring Teachers

Needed for the 2022-2023 School Year: a Certified Full time 1st grade teacher, a part time 3rd grade teacher, Physical Education teacher and a Preschool Aid. We are also in need of substitute teachers. Please email resume to CAiello@sssbv.org.

Monthly Overview

Each month we will be listing what our monthly expenses were as opposed to the amount of money taken in. Below is the report for June, 2022

June Expenses	Amount	Week	Collection
Maintenance	\$460.00	June 5	\$6,171.00
Phone	\$786.90	June 12	\$7,356.36
Utilities	\$2,641.69	June 19	\$6,969.00
Misc. Office	\$2,462.96	June 26	\$5,261.00
Church/Liturgy	\$2,820.86		
Payroll	\$16,680.73		
Rectory	\$105.21		
Diocesan	\$14,035.02		
(breakdown)			
Accent	\$985.76		
Ed. Assessment	\$6,672.74		
Diocesan			
Assessment	\$3,772.48		
Insurance	\$2,579.00		
Email	\$25.00		
Total Expenses:	\$39,993.37	Total Income:	\$25,757.36

The RCIA Lenten Journey



For the RCIA participants (or the Elect, as they are now called) the Lenten season is the most intense. For them, this is the Period of Purification and Enlightenment, a time when they and we as a parish family are called to examine our lives, to turn away from sin, and to ask for God to rid us of all that is keeping us from becoming holy. Those who are on the journey toward the Easter Vigil are to intensify their prayer, to join the Church in her penitential practices and almsgiving, and to begin to discern where the Lord may be calling them to serve God through service in their new parish family.

During the Sundays of Lent, the elect and their sponsors are called forward to participate in a special intercessory prayers and blessings known as the Scrutinies. At these liturgies, the community hears special Gospel readings chosen especially for the occasion; and then, the celebrant invites the entire assembly to pray for the elect, that they would be freed from the hold of sin and would reform their lives. As we pray with and for them, we pray that we, too, might come to know the Lord in a deeper and more personal way and that God might free us from all that would hold us back from embracing God fully in our lives. This period calls us all to experience a "metanoia," or change of heart. The elect and Team members also attend a Day of Recollection in order to prepare themselves quietly and earnestly to experience the mystery of the Holy Triduum and the glory of the Resurrection.

Confirmation Service Project



Students who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation this fall are required to participate in a Service Project. This year's Confirmation Candidates will be offering a carwash as their service project. The Carwash will take place on **Saturday, July 16** from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the St. Sebastian church parking lot.

All proceeds of this event will be sent to Catholic Climate Covenant, an organization grounded in the Church's history of teaching on creation, ecology and the poor. For more information about the organization, visit their website: <https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/>

Sausage Sale

HOMEMADE SAUSAGE SALE

The **Epiphany of Our Lord** will hold a sausage sale on July 27 & 28. All orders must be in by **Saturday, July 16**. Put in your order now to make sure you get it! **The sausage will be sold at \$5.00 /lb. Minimum order is 2 lb. per item. All orders MUST be made on the order form.**

LINK	LOOSE	
___ lbs.	___ lbs.	Sweet Sausage
___ lbs.	___ lbs.	Hot Sausage
___ lbs.	___ lbs.	Hot Hot Sausage

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Orders may be placed by filling out the order form above, placing it in an envelope marked "Sausage Order" and depositing it in the collection basket. To call in your order, or for info, contact Kenny at 724-929-3464. Please make checks payable to **Epiphany of Our Lord Church.**