



August 25, 2019 • Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Old Testament is the story of God and the people of Israel. Today we can also see that other peoples—"the nations"—are important participants in the story. It was a crowded Middle East, and other nations like Egypt, Canaan, and Babylon were often close observers of Israel's encounters with God. They witnessed God's judgment upon Israel and God's restoration of Israel (Ezekiel 36). God's reputation spread widely among them. God ruled them and blessed them (Psalm 47, Psalm 67).

In today's reading from Isaiah, the author presents a vision that all nations will one day be gathered to worship God. They will be accepted in God's house as full members, and blessed with God's salvation (Isaiah 56, Isaiah 19). God's intention all along was to form Israel so as to invite "the nations" to participate in the great plan. When God first called Abraham, God said "I will bless you . . . All the families of the earth will find blessing in you" (Genesis 12). We, the Church today, share in this call.

THE LAST AND FIRST

Jesus' phrase in Luke's Gospel today—"some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last"—also appears in similar form in Matthew (20:16) and Mark (10:31). All are concluding statements of a teaching of Jesus, but each appears in a different context. In Matthew, the phrase concludes the parable of the vineyard workers, upsetting listeners' expectations of work and reward. In Mark, wealth is presented as an obstacle to salvation, again reversing expectations.

In Luke, when asked whether only a few may be saved, Jesus shifts the focus to who is best able to receive God's invitation. Following his healing of a woman on the Sabbath (13:11–17), Jesus emphasizes compassion over a narrow interpretation of Jewish law. To his listeners' surprise, Jesus announces that those who practice compassion, rather than those in religious leadership, are the first to understand and accept God's salvation.

Today's Readings: Is 66:18–21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12:5–7, 11–13; Lk 13:22–30

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Notes from Fr. Bob Bacik

Dear Friends:

Where has the summer gone? Though the kids are back to school and the Fall schedules are upon us, there is still plenty of good weather to enjoy the great outdoors.

Our Religious Education Formation (REF) program is gearing up to begin this September at both St. Isidore (Sunday mornings) and Holy Family (Wednesday evenings). Please be attentive to notices and announcements.

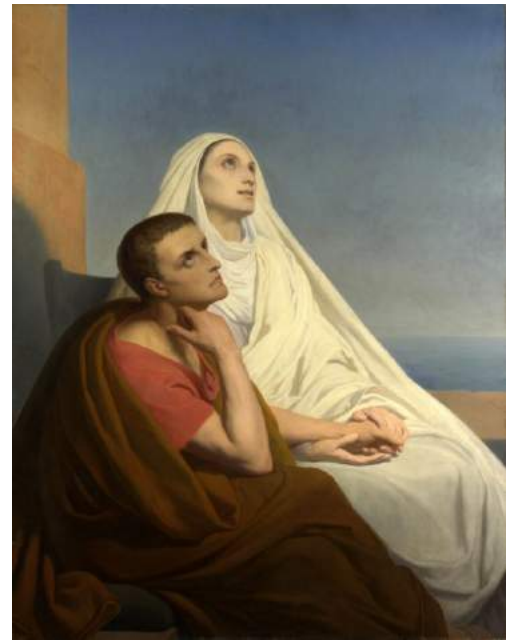
I am still in need of a volunteer **project manager** to facilitate the process of having the large hall and chapel chairs professionally cleaned. Please note that I am not asking this person to pay for the cleaning, only to handle the outreach and communication with vendors. As you know we have a very small staff and I have a LONG list of projects that need attention! If you have a gift to share, I can put them to use on this or other projects! Please call the parish office or email me (frbob@stisidorechurch.org) with your interest.

This week the Church celebrates the feast day of two great heroes— St. Augustine and St. Monica. Augustine's autobiography, *The Confessions*, outlines his sinful youth and conversion to Christianity at the age of 31. A key figure in this spiritual and literary classic is Augustine's mother, St. Monica, who faithfully prayed for her son throughout his wild pursuits. She is an example to any of us who have friends and family who do not know the Lord. Saints Augustine and Monica — Pray for us!

Have a blessed week in the Lord.



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FROM ST. AUGUSTINE'S *CONFESSIONS*

“You have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.”

Late have I loved you,
O Beauty so ancient and so new,
late have I loved you!
You were within me, but I was outside,
and it was there that I searched for you.
In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things
which you created.
You were with me, but I was not with you.
Created things kept me from you;
yet if they had not been in you they would not have
been at all.
You called, you shouted, and you broke through my
deafness.
You flashed, you shone, and you dispelled my blind-
ness.
You breathed your fragrance on me;
I drew in breath and now I pant for you.
I have tasted you, now I hunger and thirst for more.
You touched me, and I burned for your peace.

PRAYER TO ST. MONICA

“St. Monica, I need your prayers. You know exactly how I'm feeling because you once felt it yourself. I'm hurting, hopeless, and in despair. I desperately want my child to return to Christ in his Church but I can't do it alone. I need God's help. Please join me in begging the Lord's powerful grace to flow into my child's life. Ask the Lord Jesus to soften his/her heart, prepare a path for his/her conversion, and activate the Holy Spirit in his/her life. Amen.”

PARISH WIDE

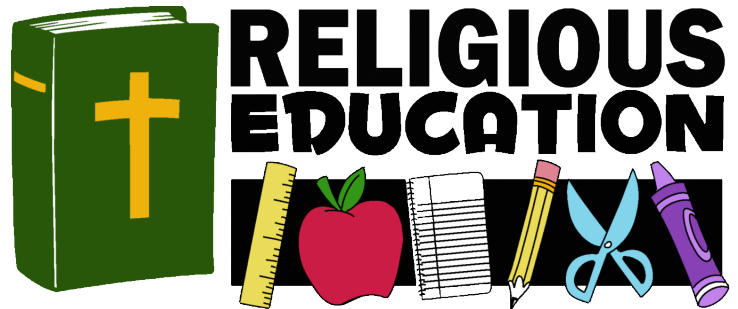
Sept. 7— K of C Yard Sale - 8 am—4 PM
Sept. 22—REF Classes Start—10:15—11:15 AM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

Sundays—10:15 AM—11:15 AM
First Day of Classes: Sept. 22

**1ST DAY OF
RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION
FORMATION
CLASSES**

SEPT. 22



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

August 28—Planning Meeting—7:00 pm
Sept. 7—Yard Sale— 8 am—4 pm

Knight of the Month: Doug Morrill

Family of the Month: Don & Pat Brown

Family of the Year: Bob & Terry McMonagle

K of C Yard Sale
Sept. 7—8 am—4 pm

Time is flying by and the yard sale is rapidly approaching. So that we have enough time to sort and price, please have your **donations in by Sunday, August 25**



MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

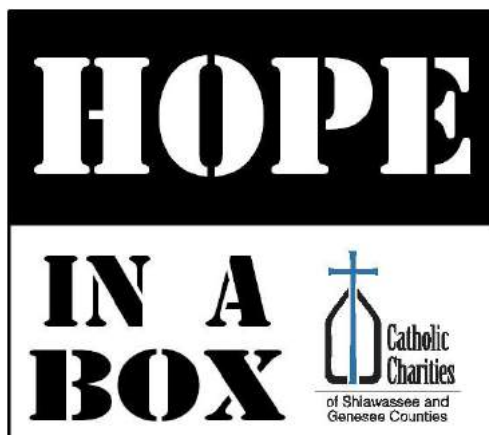
SATURDAY — August 24	NO MASS	Outdoor Mass at Holy Family at 4:00 pm
SUNDAY — August 25	9:00 AM	† Janice Tisdale by the Family
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6:30 PM	† John Peter VanGeertruy by Sandy & Family
Thursday	8:30 AM	† Sheila Doyle by the Family
Friday	8:30 AM	† Anna Hurst by Yvonne O'Reilly
SATURDAY — August 31	5:30 PM	† Jim Cullimore 33rd Anniversary by the Family
SUNDAY — September 1	9:00 AM	† Anna Hurst by Robert & Mary Shaw

PRAYERS: PLEASE PRAY FOR MELVIN PAMMENT, - KEVIN PLATTE, OLIVER WASHINGTON, - GERRY PACE, - PAT SIMPSON, - RAY DOYLE, - KYLE WALLER, - JUDITH MARTELL (MOTHER OF TERESA PICKENS), - JIM (MAYO) HURST, - CHARLES OLENICZAK (BROTHER OF BARB WRIGHT), - BRUCE CHANDLER (BROTHER OF MARTI ROWLEY), - JIM OLENICZAK (BROTHER OF BARB WRIGHT), - ROSE MORRILL, - JULIE STONER (DAUGHTER OF GENE & BARB STONER), - FRANK LUNDIE, - JOHN MARTINEZ, (FRIEND OF JESSE ANGUIANO) - JANET ARTHUR, - PAM DELONG, - SUSAN DELONG, - THERESA HEEG (DAUGHTER OF JOHN & SANDY VANGEERTRUY) - LANA MIERSEN, - MARY STEIN, AGGIE CASSADY, - SHIRLEY GREENE, - MARY MAPES (MOTHER OF MIKE MAPES), - BILL DUSO, - TERESA KECK, (SISTER OF PHYLLIS HART & HELEN STELZER), - JOSEPHINE ANDERSON, - SHANNON HURST, - DENNY LEE, - DAVID OLENICZAK, - JEANNE OLENICZAK, - VERN WRIGHT, — NANCY BYRNES, - STEVE IZDEBSKI, - DON ELLIOTT, - TONI DOYLE

OFFERTORY

Aug 17 & 18, 2019

74 Adult Envelopes	\$2,747
Loose Collection	\$339
Children's Offertory	\$38.50
Total Weekly Offertory	\$3,124.50



Need for the month of
August

Laundry Detergent

