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REGULAR WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. 8:30 AM St Joseph
(or St John)
10:15 AM IC
Sat. 4:30 PM IC

CONFESSION

Talk with the visiting priest

We do not have a resident priest at this time. In case of emergency, please contact

Fr. Steven Brice at 715-937-1644

Prayer Chain Requests contact Jolene Janke 715-964-6334 or stevenmj@centurytel.net

The power of prayer is Amazing!
Please pray for all on the Prayer Chain, as well as our Active Military:
Geraldyn Janke, Joseph Janke, Ed Carson, Katie Kotschi, Frank Ueker, Peter Dubey, Benjamin Kaufer

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sept. 17, 2017
Year A

"I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?" The parable Jesus tells today is the story of a king, but in truth it is about Jesus himself. He is the "king" who has forgiven our debts. We are the "servants" whose sins have earned us chastisement. But when we repent and ask for Christ's mercy, he grants it to us without hesitation.

The point of the parable, then, is that we too should extend this mercy to others. We should not be like that "wicked servant" who begged for mercy but would not show it to others. Elsewhere, Jesus teaches us to pray, "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors" (Mt. 6:12). We use different words, but a similar meaning when we pray the Our Father asking God to "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." But are we sure that we mean what we say?

It's important to pause and evaluate how we are doing in this regard. Are we harboring any grudges? Are there people we refuse to forgive? Is there a situation where we are seeking revenge instead of extending mercy? Jesus asks us to do otherwise. He reminds us that we have already been forgiven. We are right now enjoying the benefits of his forgiveness. So we are called to bear in mind our own sins, failings, weaknesses, and "debts" when we deal with others instead of thinking that we are perfectly innocent and acting as if we've never been the beneficiary of mercy. So let us do our best to forgive as we have been forgiven. This doesn't mean approving of wrong behavior; God doesn't ask us to do that. But he does ask us to let go of bitterness and foster mercy instead.

CCD

The Tri-Parish Religious Education classes will resume on Wed., Sept. 27th. Teachers meeting will be Wed., Sept. 20th, 6:30pm at IC. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Esser @715-964-1603. Thank you.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ANNUAL DINNER

We would again like to thank everyone who came to our annual Roast Beef and Pork Dinner!

Raffle income: 2097.00
Expenses 925.00
Net income 1172.00

Dinner income: 3368.00
Expenses 930.61
Net income 2437.39

Total income \$3609.39

Sun. Sep. 17, 10:15 AM, IC

R: Kathy Esser
S: Justin Rowekamp, Jaden Rowekamp
U: M Dale, J Esser, L Anibas, B Leis
E: Kathy Esser, JoAnn Kujak, Pat Gower
G: Pam & Duane Laufenberg
MC: Gary Seichter, Mary Seichter, Pat Gower

Sun. Sep. 24, 10:15 AM, IC

R: Matt Dale
S: Dylan Anderson
U: M Kujak, M Schroeder, D Laufenberg, J Rowekamp
E: Mike Esser, Joan Esser, Pat Gower
G: The Kujaks
MC: Marilou Peterson, Mike Esser, Joan Esser

Sun. Oct. 1, 10:15 AM, IC

R: Joan Esser
S: Justin Rowekamp, Jaden Rowekamp
U: C Cray, M Dale, J Esser, L Anibas
E: Greg Seichter, Mary Seichter, John Esser
G: The Dales
MC: John Esser, Peg Hayden, John Hayden

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sep. 17 Sun. IC 10:15am
†Bernard & Dorothy Laufenberg Family

Sep. 23 Sat. IC 4:30 pm (Span)
For All Members of Our Three Parishes

Sep. 24 Sun. IC 10:15am
†Roland Gilles

All Masses and intentions are tentative until we get a new schedule and know when Masses will be said.



Sun. Sep. 17, 8:30 AM, St. Joseph

R: Jan Elfering
S: Victor Firkus, Sierra Mayer
U: Pat Kutchera, Joe Kutchera
E: Bonnie Firkus, Joan Scheffer, Peg Connelly
G: Rick & Pam Dimmitt
MC: Rick Dimmitt, Bonnie Firkus, Peg Connelly

Sun. Sep. 24, 8:30 AM, St. John

R: Ceana Eisberner
S: Luke Kutchera, Elise Theiler
U: John Kutchera, Nick Kutchera
E: Rozanne Traczek, Louise Bourke, D Kaufman
G: Jeff & Jeanie Smith
MC: Jeanie Smith, R Traczek, Louise Bourke

Sun. Oct. 1, 8:30 AM, St. Joseph

R: Bonnie Firkus
S: Victor Firkus, Elise Theiler
U: Rick Dimmitt, Pam Dimmitt
E: Bonnie Firkus, Joan Scheffer, Peg Connelly
G: Debbie Boullion and Dawn Kaufman
MC: Bonnie Firkus, Pam Dimmitt, Joan Scheffer

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sep. 17 Sun. St. Joseph 8:30 am
†Becky Kortbein (*Sandy Carney*)

Sep. 24 Sun. St. John 8:30 am
†Harold Frazee (*Christina Frazee*)

Oct. 1 Sun. St. Joseph 8:30 am
†Henry Kotschi (*Bill & Peg Connelly*)

9/10/17	IC	St. Jos.	ST. JOHN
ADULT	717.00	256.00	500.00
PLATE	107.00	20.00	118.00
TOTAL	824.00	276.00	618.00
BUDGET	880.00	702.00	344.00
DIFFERENCE	-56.00	-426.00	+274.00
BUDG DIFF YTD	-273.00	-200.25	+138.50
HURRICANE			842.00

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