

MASSES FOR SEPTEMBER 18-24

Monday, 18	8:30 am (SF)	Judy Liddick-Payne (Tim & Agie Rock) 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday, 19	8:30 am (SJ)	Chuck Rogers (Carol Rogers) 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1-3, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday, 20	8:30 am (SF)	For the People 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday, 21	8:30 am (SJ)	John Skrabak (Dave & Sheryl Maple) Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13 - Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
Friday, 22	8:30 am (SF)	Mary Smurda (CWC of Toronto) 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday, 23	5:00 pm (SF)	Mary Ann Lash (Andrea & Jeff Romey)
Sunday, 24	9:00 am (SJ)	Bob Reeves, Sr. (Richard & Lizzie Donnelly)
	11:00 am (SF)	Rosemary Rebres (Janice McClain) Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

TUESDAY: Nut Rolls - 9:00am (SFH)
WEDNESDAY: Parish School of Religion - 6:00pm (SJH)
THURSDAY: Choir Practice - 7:00pm (SJ)
SATURDAY: Confessions - 10:30am (SJ)

As of 09/11/2023: Trinity West: **Carolyn McCart** ; Trinity East: . Please remember to pray for all our sick, shut-ins, and those in nursing homes. **If you or a family member becomes hospitalized, please be sure to contact the rectory.**



Eucharistic Adoration: Come and participate in Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm - 7:00pm at St. Francis Church beginning October 18 until Lent. For the most part this will be silent adoration in which you can pray or read and just worship Jesus Christ. Pope Francis said that the Eucharist is not mere symbol, but is in fact the true body and blood of Jesus Christ, which has the ability to transform our hearts and minds to be more like him. The Eucharist is Jesus who gives himself entirely to us. Come and be nourished by the Bread of Life, be transformed into the heart of Christ. Please join Deacon Tom on Wednesday night and grow together as we allow Jesus to transform our lives.



Parish School of Religion update: Classes begin this week. Any parent who intends to send their child but have not previously turned in the required paperwork **must attend the 1st class in order to submit it. Each child's name is not added to the class roster and attendance sheet until all paperwork has been returned.**

CWC News

Mark your calendar. On **Wed., Oct. 4**, (the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi), we will host the **“Day with the Bishop”** sponsored by Mother of Hope Deanery CCW. Rosary will be said at 10:30 AM at St. Francis Church followed with Mass at 11:00 AM celebrated by Bishop Monforton. Lunch will be provided in St. Francis Hall following Mass, and Bishop will address the women with various topics and answer any questions you may have. Signup sheets will be available at the beginning of September. Women from all parishes in the Deanery will also be in attendance. You may call DeDe (740-632-3018) with questions or to register for the day. There is no charge for this event.

The **Franciscan Sisters T.O.R.** will hold their Annual Benefit on **Sat., Sept. 30, beginning with Mass at 4:00 PM** at their church on Little Church Road and continuing with dinner at 5:30 PM at Florian Hall in Wintersville. The CWC is inviting you to attend and will make a donation on your behalf toward this event. There is no charge to you for coming to support this year's event for the Sisters. Please contact DeDe (740-632-3018) so I can make reservations for our group or by adding your name to the sign-up sheets that are posted at the church entrance.



CHURCH SUPPORT: St. Francis: Adult: (71 Envelopes) \$1,985.00; Loose: \$45.00; Candles: \$48.00; Building: \$565.00. **St. Joseph:** Adult: (47 Envelopes) \$1,433.00; Loose: \$25.00; Candles: \$15.00; Building: \$120.00. May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! **Weekly Mass Attendance for Sept. 10th: Saturday 5:00pm: 53; 9:00am: 89; 11:00am: 77.**

MEMORIALS: To the **SF/SJ Educational Fund** in memory of **Bob Reeves, Sr.** by Bob & Mary Lou Deku; to the **CWC Comfort Bears** in memory of **Irene Miller** by Bob & Mary Lou Deku.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Salvacion "Sally" Rimorin**. We extend our deepest sympathy to the Rimorin Family. May Salvacion live in the eternal light of Christ.



The Nut Rollers are beginning this week! With your help, the ladies will be returning to make the famous CWC Nut Rolls! Anyone wishing to provide assistance this fall **is asked to contact Judy Wnek (537-4715)**. Approximately 12-15 helpers are needed each week. No baking experience is required!!!

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
by The Faithful Disciple**

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

GROW: Forgiveness. It seems like a relatively simple *concept*, doesn't it? We ask our merciful Father for it every day when we pray the Our Father: "... forgive us our trespasses..." Then reality hits, as we remember the second part of that phrase: "...as we forgive those who trespass against us ..." *As we forgive others*. Oh, that long, hard road of forgiveness! Easier said than done. Sometimes those old sayings have some merit, don't they? And when we look at today's readings, there is nothing cryptic about them: forgive *not seven times but seventy-seven times*, let go of wrath and anger, forgive your brother and sister *from your heart*. Yes, forgiveness is a simple concept, but it's not easy. Perhaps the answer is to re-read today's Scriptures and ask the Holy Spirit to give us the strength to put in the hard work if there is someone in our lives to whom we need to offer our heartfelt forgiveness.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

GO: Bishop Robert Barron, in his *Word on Fire Bible* on the Gospels, has four suggestions related to this Gospel on how to become "a better forgiver." The one that stood out to me immediately is "forgive offenses quickly." Don't let them fester and "settle deeply into your psyche." This seems like very sage advice because we can all have a tendency to "stew" about things that are bothering us, which rarely makes them better. Bishop Barron's other suggestions are: Pay attention to your own sins, go to confessions regularly, and offer forgiveness through a concrete act or sign. Which brings us back to the simplicity of it all: God will always forgive us, so we must always forgive others. Doesn't it make sense that to live in the house of our merciful Father, we must emulate him and have loving hearts rather than vengeful hearts?

PRAY: Examine your heart and take a hard look at whether you are holding on to a wrong that was committed against you. Take it to God in prayer. The more we open our hearts to forgive others, the more at peace we can be. Ponder the last words of today's reading from Sirach:

***Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor
remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.***

BULLETIN BOARD



Jubilee of Marriage Anniversaries: Bishop Monforton will be celebrating special Masses in recognition of significant wedding anniversaries for the people of the diocese. Couples celebrating their 10th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th, and 60+ (every year thereafter) anniversaries of marriage are invited to attend. The Mass for the Steubenville area will take place on **Sunday, Nov. 19th 5:30pm at Holy Family Church**. To register, please contact the parish offices **before** October 31st.