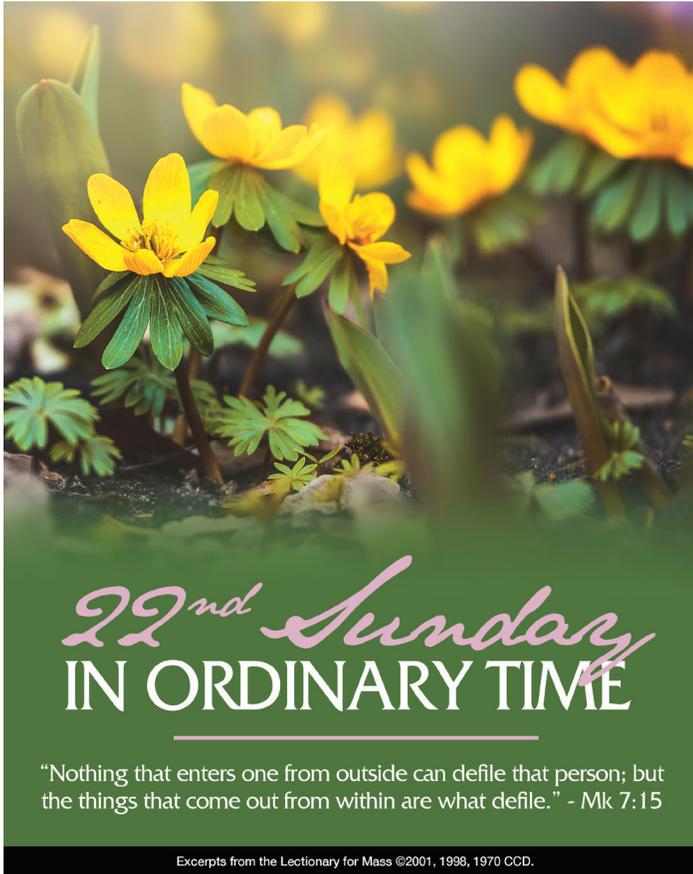


Newman Announcements for August 29, 2021 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Upcoming Events

Faith in Action-Cody's Closet Clothing Drive
Wednesday, September 1

Stewardship of Talent
September 4-5

Labor Day
Monday, September 6
Parish Offices Closed

Stewardship of Time
September 11-12

Sunday Gift Offering August 22
\$1,488.00 including our charity tithe of \$149.00
for our brothers and sisters in need.

"When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind." Luke 14:13

Live the Liturgy Inspiration for the Week
What makes a person wise and intelligent? Certainly it is not the ability to memorize facts or minute details about a situation. What makes a person wise and intelligent is when their words and actions harmoniously unite and produce virtue. A person can know many facts and even do the right actions but still have a grave flaw in their character. We sometimes want to delude ourselves into thinking that as long as we are "doing" everything correctly, we are automatically in right relationship with all. Such is sadly not the case in the kingdom of God. We are called not to be just hearers of the Word, but doers as well. That means getting to the heart of what laws and rituals are meant to signify and nurture. If we do not bring the actions home, where they belong, and allow them to speak of the goodness, mercy, compassion, and love of God, then they are simply empty worthless gestures. Welcome the Word that has been planted within you so that you can be a truly wise and intelligent disciple of Jesus Christ. ©LPi

This month's **Faith in Action** is a clothing drive on Wednesday, Sept. 1 at 5:30 p.m. in support of **Cody's Closet** for children living below the poverty line in Laramie. Kids from six ACSD schools will receive a duffel of warm clothes and more. Additional info and a list of basic needs is posted on the current events board and at entryways. **Current needs are sweat tops and bottoms.**

Cody's Closet



Parish offices will be closed on Friday, September 3 to celebrate the marriage of Sandra Loza & Joe Wotawa.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Liturgical ministers offer significant gifts to our worship. Next week, we ask you to recommit as Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion, Lector, Hospitality, or Altar Serving. Formation and training times are listed below. Whether you have done this in the past or feel called to participate in any of these ministries for the first time, it is mandatory that you attend one of these trainings. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration in serving our faith community.

Lectors

Sept. 22 at 6:00 pm

Sept. 26 at 2:00 pm

Altar Server

Sept. 23 at 6:00 pm

Sept. 26 at 1:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministry

Sept. 22 at 7:00 pm

Sept. 26 at 3:00 pm

Hospitality

Sept. 23 at 7:00 pm

Sept. 26 at 1:00 pm

No liturgical ministers have been preassigned from Aug. 21 to Sept. 26. This means we heavily rely on your generosity and willingness to help fill positions. Thank you for your commitment.

HOME AWAY FROM HOME

This program pairs students with residents or resident families to provide a home away from home for individual students at UW. The goal is to provide a caring and supportive relationship for students. If you'd like to participate, email Devon at devon@newmancenter.org.

Mass Intentions August 29-September 5

Sun. 8:30 am	Gunter Hardjito
5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Paul's
Tue. 5:00 pm	Thor Hallingbye
Wed. 5:00 pm	For the family of Shirley Nordquist
Thurs. 5:00 p.m.	Lee & Louise Bertrand
Sat. 5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Paul's
Sun 8:30 am	Thor Hallingbye

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:30, 11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
Monday-Thursday	5:00 p.m.
Friday Evening Prayer	5:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

Saturdays	4:00 p.m.
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If you haven't already done so, please prayerfully consider making a gift to the annual appeal,

Living and Giving in Christ: Unity through Diocesan Ministries. We are 59% toward our parish goal of \$81,722. The purpose of *Living and Giving* is to acquire regular contributions to generate vital and dependable financial support to secure operational costs of the Chancery Office. The bishop and his staff assist parishes to do what they cannot do alone, by providing critical support to parish leaders and their ministry. Thank you, in advance, for working together to meet this critical responsibility.

Place your pledge envelope in the gift offering or directly mail to: Diocese of Cheyenne Chancery Office; P.O. Box 1468; Cheyenne, WY 82003 or click [here](#) to donate online.



Sign-Ups are September 4-5

There are many opportunities to grow in relationship with God by sharing your resources and gifts in service with one another. Prayerfully consider the ways you can share your gifts and talents.

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Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
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Human Rules and God's Rule

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

The Old Testament tells of a golden calf, produced by the Israelites when Moses disappeared up the mountain to receive God's law (see Exodus 32). Since Moses delayed, they melted gold brought from Egypt, made their own god, and began worshipping it. This is the essence of idolatry: We create a god to worship, but since it is our creation, we are really worshipping ourselves.

Jesus accused the Pharisees of falling into a similar trap. They slavishly revered human traditions that didn't reflect the heart of God. They hid behind laws created in the name of religion to serve themselves and their desire for power.

Jesus overturns the tables of their self-justifications. He quotes the prophet as an accusation: "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me" (Mark 7:6).

Before pointing an accusatory finger, realize that the same can happen to us. We can cling to human traditions and laws while disregarding God's basic commands of love and mercy. We can hide behind those laws and traditions to justify our self-righteousness and look down on others who are not as pious as us, as noted by James: "Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deluding yourselves" (James 1:22).

Pope Francis makes a special effort to remind the Church, especially the clergy, of this truth: "Dangerous as it was then for the Pharisees, so too is it for us to consider ourselves acceptable, or even worse, better than others simply for observing the rules...even though we do not love our neighbor, we are hard of heart, we are arrogant and proud." +

Sunday Readings

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

What great nation has statutes and ordinances that are as just as this whole law which I am setting before you today?

James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

[Jesus said,] "You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."

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A Word from Pope Francis

Let us try asking ourselves: Am I open to the action of the Holy Spirit?...This is a prayer we must pray every day: "Holy Spirit, make my heart open to the word of God, make my heart open to goodness, make my heart open to the beauty of God every day."

—General audience, May 15, 2013



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Do I look down on others who are not as generous and faithful as I?
- Is there a subtle division in my heart between those who deserve my love and those who do not?

A Profound Connection

By Kathleen M. Basi

I was young when my great-grandparents passed away. I remember being afraid of them. I was intimidated by their vast age and had difficulty communicating with them.

So, it has been a beautiful thing for me to see my children developing relationships with their great-grandmothers—relationships that cross the boundaries of this world. They prayed for my grandmother before she died, and they pray for her now, two years after her death.

In a world that depends on the tangible and measurable, even people of faith sometimes shy away from praying for the dead. What, really, is the point? They're dead! Yet popular inspirational culture is peppered with stories of people who sense that their loved ones are still with them.

As Catholics, we have inherited a beautifully holistic approach to death and resurrection. Believing in eternal life means those we love are dead only in the body. They're still able to care about us... and it is still worth praying for them.

Our Catholic faith also gives us a realistic perspective on holiness. We know how few of us are really worthy of the kingdom when we die—yet we also believe that God is too merciful to condemn us for all eternity. Just as we prayed for those we love in life, so we pray for them in death.

Even more beautifully, we can ask them to pray for us. That's a pretty



wonderful thing. Those who formed us in faith—not only family members but also teachers and mentors—are still in our lives. We talk a lot about the role of saints as inspiration for daily living, but it's those we knew in person who influence us most. We find ourselves repeating our fathers' wisdom, our mothers' mannerisms, and pondering the life philosophy of the grandmother whose sugar jar we dip into while making cookies.

I'm not saying anything new here, but it bears repeating. Catholics may not suffer from overt discrimination these days, but we are still very aware of the ways in which our beliefs don't quite jibe with those of the broader Christian

culture. We can be hesitant to embrace the profound connection between us and the communion of saints—both the big “S” and the little “s” varieties.

Today is as good a time as any to reconnect with those who have gone before—to remember what they taught us, to imagine them standing by our side at our toughest moments, whispering the advice we treasured (or perhaps didn't treasure enough) when they were here in the flesh. This month, try to remember—and we will be better Christians because of it. +

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PRAYER

Lord, you come from the heart of the Trinity.

Give me a pure heart, that I may reflect goodness and love.

—From *Faithful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

August 30–
September 4

Monday, Weekday:
1 Thes 4:13–18 / Lk 4:16–30

Tuesday, Weekday:
1 Thes 5:1–6, 9–11 / Lk 4:31–37

Wednesday, Weekday:
Col 1:1–8 / Lk 4:38–44

Thursday, Weekday:
Col 1:9–14 / Lk 5:1–11

Friday, St. Gregory the Great:
Col 1:15–20 / Lk 5:33–39

Saturday, Weekday:
Col 1:21–23 / Lk 6:1–5

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