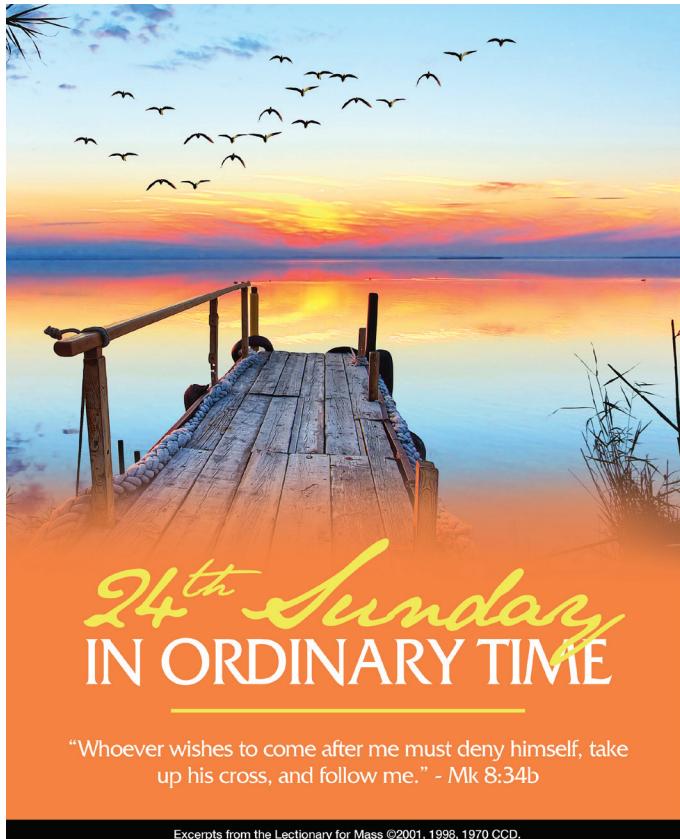


Newman Announcements for September 12, 2021 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." - Mk 8:34b

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Upcoming Events
Stewardship of Time
September 11-12

Community Bible Study Begins
September 16

Family Faith Formation Meeting
September 19
9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

Liturgy Schedule

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

Reconciliation

Wednesdays	4:00 p.m.
Saturdays	4:00 p.m.

**There will be no daily Liturgy on Monday & Tuesday,
September 13 & 14. You are welcome to come for
personal prayer at that time.**

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Despite his suffering, the prophet Isaiah insisted "the Lord God is my help." In what way do you need the Lord's help today?

Second Reading:

James sees faith alone as insufficient for Christians. He even asserts: "I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works." Could you do the same?

Gospel:

We hear today Jesus' definition of discipleship: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." How well do you measure up to this definition of discipleship? ©LPI



This week you will have an opportunity to consider how to answer the call to study and grow in faith. Begin praying how you would like to steward your time in personal growth.



Retirement Fund for Religious

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Say thank you to the senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who devoted their lives to serving others. A donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious will be made from our 10% tithe. Personal gifts can be via check with *Retired Religious* on the memo line, or go to Donate on our website and select *Retired Religious*.

Sunday Gift Offering September 5

\$7,346.00 including our charity tithe of \$735.00 for our brothers and sisters in need.

Haiti Relief \$215.00

"Blessed are you who fear the Lord, who walk in His ways!" Psalm 1:28:1

Liturgical Ministry Formation and Training

Mandatory formation and training times for Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion, Lector, Hospitality, and Altar Serving are listed below.

Lectors

Sept. 22 at 6:00 pm or Sept. 26 at 2:00 pm

Altar Server

Sept. 23 at 6:00 pm or Sept. 26 at 1:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministry

Sept. 22 at 7:00 pm or Sept. 26 at 3:00 pm

Hospitality

Sept. 23 at 7:00 pm or Sept. 26 at 1:00 pm

FAITH FORMATION

We are on a never ending journey to grow closer to our God. Here are some ways to deeper explore your faith:

- Community Bible Study (CBS) (see insert)

- Alpha

Mondays at 6:00 beginning September 27 for anyone interested in exploring the Catholic Faith

- Family Faith Formation

The primary place for handing on the faith is the family. The first meeting is September 19 at 9:45 a.m.



September 12 - 19

Sun	8:30 am	Maria Dolores Estrella Flores
	11:00 am	Feliberto Sanchez
	5:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Paul's
Mon		No Mass Today
Tues		No Mass Today
Wed	5:00 pm	Andrade Family for favor received
Thurs	5:00	
Fri		No Mass Today
Sat	5:00	
Sun	8:30 am	Healing for Steve King
	11:00 am	Parishioners of St. Paul's
	5:00 p.m.	Keith Kreider

A longtime member of our community has entered the kingdom. We ask you to come together as people of faith to support the family of Jean Oxley. Please join us for Jean's funeral liturgy on Friday, September 24 at 10:30 a.m.



Many thanks for your overwhelming support of the clothing/school supply drive to support children living in poverty. Along with a van load of goods, \$2000.00 in monetary gifts were donated.

Community Bible Study (CBS)

CBS is a nondenominational organization that supports Bible studies around the world. An in-person weekly group study will be hosted in Laramie throughout the 2021-2022 school year. Lillie Rodgers will lead us in this year's study that includes Daniel, 1 & 2 Peter, and Colossians. All are welcome, no prior experience or knowledge of the Bible is necessary. Classes meet Thursdays, 9:00 - 10:00 am beginning September 16. Registration is \$35.00. To learn more, contact Lillie: lillie@newmancenter.org



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Bringing Home the Word +

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
September 12, 2021

Changing Our Mentality

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Jesus presents a different way of seeing, hearing, and judging. It takes some getting used to!

Peter, as a good friend, wants to protect Jesus from the cross he is announcing. Yet Jesus doesn't want protection from the will of the Father—rather he wants support. He invites Peter to change his mentality.

Jesus knew what was coming; he must suffer and be rejected. Suffering and rejection are not absolute evils. Our goal in life can't be to avoid suffering and to be accepted by everyone. If we pursue good and follow Jesus, we will also experience rejection. When Jesus tells us that following him means taking up our cross,

it shouldn't surprise us when a cross is planted in our path with a sign saying, "Pick me up."

In the first reading, the prophet says he opened his ear and didn't rebel. When the consequences of this faith were abuse and rejection, he didn't shield his body and face. He could do so because, like Jesus, he was rooted in love and not fear. He didn't fear their arguments, ideas, and insults. He didn't fear what they could do to his body, for they couldn't touch his soul, his heart, his freedom.

When we know we are loved, and are following what is right, we have a confidence and a strength that the world knows not.

It is a different way of seeing, hearing, and judging. It is of a higher order, a deeper source, and brings total peace. And it takes some getting used to! +

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 50:4c–9a

I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who tore out my beard.

James 2:14–18

Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.

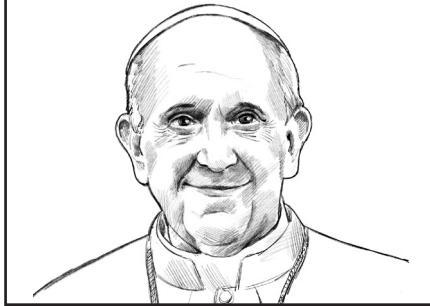
Mark 8:27–35

[Jesus said,] "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

A Word from Pope Francis

You may know all the commandments, all the prophesies, all the truths of the faith, but if this isn't put into practice, is not translated into works, it serves nothing....A faith without works, a faith that doesn't get you involved, isn't faith. It's words and nothing more than words.

—Homily, February 21, 2014



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

SOLUTIONS REFLECTION

Our goal in life can't be to avoid suffering and to be accepted by everyone.

- When amidst situations of opposition, do I find my peace in Jesus and the truth?
- What might steal my peace? Talk to Jesus about it and look for a solution in his gospel of the cross.

Stop. Pray. Stay!

By Fr. Bruce Lewandowski, CSsR

My older sister is a Felician sister in Livonia, MI. During a visit some weeks after she entered the convent, our family was given a tour of the motherhouse. Everywhere there were paintings and statues of Jesus, Mary, St. Francis, and Blessed Mary Angela, the Felician founder. All were very nice, but one image in particular got our attention. We stood still, silent. None of us had ever seen anything like it.

It was a statue of Jesus after the scourging at the pillar. He was almost life-size, crowned with thorns, covered with bloody wounds, and robed in purple. His appearance was so moving that we couldn't help but linger there. And as we did, the kind sister guiding our tour told us about a child from the Montessori, which is staffed by the sisters on the motherhouse grounds. Upon seeing the statue, the child blurted, "I hope the police know about this." The power of that image was undeniable.

It has been a long time since that day at the motherhouse. I've seen many pictures of Jesus, Mary, and the saints since then. But none made me want to stop and pray and stay there, lingering. Sadly, a lot of religious art is less than beautiful or inspiring. It doesn't evoke any reaction, except maybe boredom or nostalgia. The image of Divine Mercy is overused. T-shirts of the immaculate conception are sold by the thousands. Coffee mugs of the Sacred Heart clutter every rectory kitchen.



If you page through religious catalogs or go online, what you find is kitsch, the dull repetition of images and figures that no longer speak to our graphically astute, million-pixelled, ultracolored, high-definition reality. The visual world around us has grown by leaps and bounds, each day more and more striking, with evocative, heart-stopping, breathtaking images, while religious, devotional art has stayed mired in the past, gradually slipping into irrelevance. Whatever happened to good Catholic art? How did the Church that gave birth to the ceiling paintings of the Sistine Chapel come to settle for "good ol' plastic Jesus?"

Maybe there's a connection between the abandonment of popular devotion

and the demise of good Catholic art. During the 1960s and '70s—the time when much religious art was removed from churches and stored in warehouses, sold, or destroyed—many Catholics were also told that there was no room for their beloved popular devotions in our modern times.

Iconoclasm, the rejection and removal of religious art, for many meant the simultaneous loss of cherished prayers, novenas, and devotions. Only recently, with the resurgence of interest in devotions like the rosary and the chaplet of Divine Mercy, have we seen a return to Catholic art. As popular devotions find new life in the Church today, isn't it time to give new life to Catholic art, too? But not by resurrecting and reproducing old art from a time that will never return. We need new Catholic art that will make us stop and pray and stay today. +

*Is Catholic art
a thing of the past?*



Lord, I am grateful for the gift of faith. Help me to practice what I believe in my heart.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS

September 13–18

Monday, St. John Chrysostom:
1 Tm 2:1–8 / Lk 7:1–10

Tuesday, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross:
Nm 21:4b–9 / Phil 2:6–11 / Jn 3:13–17

Wednesday, Our Lady of Sorrows:
1 Tm 3:14–16 / Jn 19:25–27 or Lk 2:33–35

Thursday, Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian:
1 Tm 4:12–16 / Lk 7:36–50

Friday, Weekday:
1 Tm 6:2c–12 / Lk 8:1–3

Saturday, Weekday:
1 Tm 6:13–16 / Lk 8:4–15