

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 09/04 (Today) Holy Mass at 10am. Special collection for Mission Fund at the door. Coffee hour in the church hall as usual.
- 09/09 (Friday) ONLY4MEN MEETING at 5pm. in the church hall. Spiritual reflection and good supper for all men (parishioners, friends and newcomers). Join us and bring your friend with you!
- 09/10 (Saturday) POLISH FOOD SALE 9-12.
- 09/11 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. Coffee hour in the church hall as usual.
No Mass intention so far!
- 09/17 (Saturday) FREE LUNCH for the local community (drive-through).
Starting at 11am to 12.30pm.

- We're looking for some volunteers to clean the church in September.
- We're looking for volunteers to run Church Fundraising Activities in SEPTEMBER. In the back you will find a Sign-Up list for the upcoming sales. Please, consider your participation! Let's pray & work together for the good of the Church and salvation of every soul...

CHURCH NEWS

- "Church Kitchen renovation project." Next steps in the fall - details will be discussed at the "Only4Men meeting".
- New hymnal has been printed recently and is available in the pews and on our parish website. CD with the songs is available in the back of the church.
- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: DIANE & EDWARD MAKLES (09/08), MILLICENT & EDWIN KOSKI (09/20). Happy anniversary!

If you have any information for the „Church News Column“, please inform Fr. Adam by email or phone no later than Friday afternoon.

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PARISH BULLETIN

XXIII ORDINARY SUNDAY

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For the benefactors of St. John's Church both living and deceased.

INTROIT

C: For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been His counselor? Or who has given Him anything that He may be repaid?

**R: Will we have arguing with the Almighty by the critic?
Let him who would correct God give answer!**

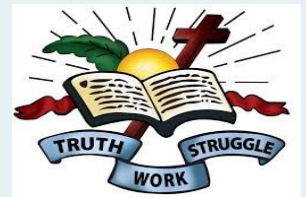
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**



HOLY MASS

. 10.00 am



MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

READING 1

A reading from the First Book of Wisdom.

Who can know God's counsel,
or who can conceive what the LORD intends?
For the deliberations of mortals are timid,
and unsure are our plans.
For the corruptible body burdens the soul
and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind
that has many concerns.
And scarce do we guess the things on earth,
and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty;
but when things are in heaven, who can

WIS 9:13-18B

search them out?
Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom
and sent your holy spirit from on high?
And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 90

„In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.“

READING 2

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to Philemon.

I, Paul, an old man,
and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus,
urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus,
whose father I have become in my imprisonment;
I am sending him, that is, my own heart,
back to you. I should have liked to retain him for myself,
so that he might serve me on your behalf
in my imprisonment for the gospel,
but I did not want to do anything without your consent,
so that the good you do

PHMN 9-10, 12-17

might not be forced but voluntary.
Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while,
that you might have him back forever,
no longer as a slave but more than a slave,
a brother, beloved especially to me,
but even more so to you,
as a man and in the Lord.
So if you regard me as a partner,
welcome him as you would me.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

LK 14:25-33

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus,
and he turned and addressed them,
“If anyone comes to me without hating his father
and mother, wife and children,
brothers and sisters, and even his own life,
he cannot be my disciple.
Whoever does not carry his own cross
and come after me cannot be my disciple.
Which of you wishing to construct a tower
does not first sit down and calculate the cost
to see if there is enough for its completion?
Otherwise, after laying the foundation
and finding himself unable to finish the work,
the onlookers should laugh at him and say,
‘This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.’
Or what king marching into battle
would not first sit down and decide whether
with ten thousand troops he can successfully
oppose another king advancing upon him
with twenty thousand troops?
But if not, while he is still far away,
he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms.
In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.”

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the Gospel, Jesus addresses these words to those who would be His disciples. Following the Lord Jesus takes more than merely listening to what Jesus says. It means a whole change of mind, heart, and soul. It demands renunciation of self, old ties, and a complete commitment – mentally, physically, and spiritually – to being like the Master-Teacher. A very important aspect of this commitment is the mental resolve to act in a manner which reflects one's relationship with the Lord Jesus.

I am struck with exhortations of today's readings. Being a disciple of Jesus is a call to rise above our normal human way of acting and to act in a “supernatural” way. “Supernatural” for me means what the etymology of the word implies “above the natural.” It does not mean “purely spiritual,” but implies a going beyond the normal, or being lifted to a higher plane of action. We cannot rise to this higher level of acting by our own doing. We can only do this with GOD's help, focusing on the life and ministry of our Master-Teacher, and with the guidance and empowerment of the Holy Spirit.