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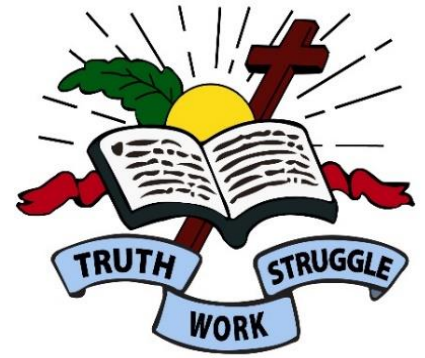
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Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

A Sabbath Thought

The touch of Jesus brings life. He strengthens what is frail or fractured; he revives what is moribund or mediocre. That power is available to us who gather to worship this Lord of life.

About Today's Bible Readings

WISDOM 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Our ancestors in the faith came to a conclusion about death: It is not God's doing. God is a God of life who will triumph over ultimate evil.

Responsorial Psalm: 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13

**R: I will praise you,
Lord, for you have
rescued me.**

2 CORINTHIANS 8:7, 9, 13-15

Paul writes to the Corinthians a 'begging letter', asking them to share with the needy from the abundance with which God has blessed them.

MARK 5:21-43

Jesus' power is at work to heal the living and raise the dead. Nothing escapes his desire to prevent the triumph of evil.

ENTRANCE RITE: Wisdom 1:13; 2:23

V. Because God did not make death, nor does He rejoice in the destruction of the living.

R. For God formed man to be imperishable; the image of His own nature He made him.

V. 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.

ALLELUIA: John 11:25a

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life."

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around him, and he stayed close to the sea. One of the synagogue officials, named Jairus, came forward. Seeing him he fell at his feet and pleaded earnestly with him, saying, "My daughter is at the point of death. Please, come lay your hands on her that she may get well and live." He went off with him, and a large crowd followed him and pressed upon him. There was a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years. She had suffered greatly at the hands of many doctors and had spent all that she had. Yet she was not helped but only grew worse. She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak. She said, "If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured." Immediately her flow of blood dried up. She felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction. Jesus, aware at once that power had gone out from him, turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who has touched my clothes?" But his disciples said to Jesus, "You see how the crowd is pressing upon you, and yet you ask, 'Who touched me?'" And he looked around to see who had done it. The woman, realizing what had happened to her, approached in fear and trembling. She fell down before Jesus and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction." While he was still speaking, people from the synagogue official's house arrived and said, "Your daughter has died; why trouble the teacher any longer?" Disregarding the message that was reported, Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." He did not allow anyone to accompany him inside except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. So he went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep." And they ridiculed him. Then he put them all out. He took along the child's father and mother and those who were with him and entered the room where the child was. He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha kourai," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. At that they were utterly astounded. He gave strict orders that no one should know this and said that she should be given something to eat.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

TODAY – June 27th
13th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – July 4th
14th Sunday - Ordinary Time
Independence Day

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – July 11th
14th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

The Baptism of

Stella Josephine Kelly

VOCATIONS MONTH

June is set aside by the Church as Vocations Month. Please pray that the Lord will send more men to serve as priests and deacons in His Holy Polish National Catholic Church. And if you know anyone who may be contemplating following the calling, please encourage and support them.

NOVEMBER FOOD SALE

We will be holding a pierogi only food sale sometime in November. We will need to begin to make them soon. Help will be needed to prepare for this important fund raising event. Please consider volunteering to help. A sign up sheet will be posted in the hall and in the vestibule in the very near future.

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Damon Grossman, John Zawoski, Bailey Bennet, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, David Wunderlich and Bernice Biroscak. **Our Father....**

If there are any other individuals who should be on this list, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, June 28th; The Mission Commission will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 PM. All Parishioners are encouraged to attend. Your input will be very helpful.

Sunday, July 11th; The Ladies Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the ANS, will meet in the upper classroom after the 9:30 Mass. All member of the ANS are urged to join and all of the ladies of the parish who are not members are urged to attend and to join this important organization.

Sunday, July 11th; During the 9:30 Mass, the sacrament of Baptism will be conferred upon Stella Josephine Kelly, daughter of Melissa and Andrew Kelly, godchild of Stella Mackiewicz. It is my hope that everyone turns out to welcome Stella Josephine into the parish family and into the Church of Christ.

Tuesday, July 13th; The Fund Raising Committee will meet at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend. Your input and ideas are very much in need

If there are any other events not listed here, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

THE KNIGHTS CLOSET

The Reading Area School District has informed us that the Knights Closet Project which provides items of basic necessity to students in need will resume even under the COVID restrictions. The parish has generously participated in this worthwhile cause in past years and I hope that we will find it in our hearts to continue to do so. Please leave your contributions on the table in the Library and we will get them to those in need. A list of needed items can be found on the table in the vestibule near the offering baskets. Please take one as you leave. Thank you and God bless.

MARY'S SHELTER

Our Parish is going to begin to support Mary's Shelter, an organization that provides housing, pregnancy services and counseling to women and teens. We will be sponsoring a "Christmas in July" to benefit them. All of the donations made to the "Little White Church" during June and July will be donated to Mary's Shelter. In addition, there a tree similar to our Christmas Season Angel Tree from which you can take a card or two or three, the requested gifts are small, that will specify a gift needed by those staying at the shelter. If you chose to participate in this, please bring your gifts to Church and leave them in the Library. **Do not wrap the gifts.** Thank you in advance for your generous support.
