



July 17, 2022

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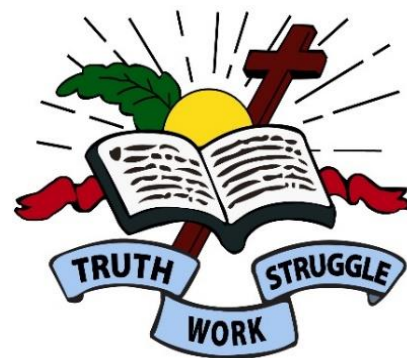
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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Sabbath Thought

What is the 'one thing' required of us? We must create in our hearts, by faith, a loving welcome for the Lord.

About Today's Bible Readings

GENESIS 18:1-10

Abraham did not stint in offering his hospitality to strangers. Because of his generous welcome and deep faith, God blessed him.

Responsorial Psalm:

15:2-3, 3-4, 5

R: He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

COLOSSIANS 1:24-28

Paul knew well that the energy he spent in the service of the gospel - even his sufferings - served to reveal the mystery of the Christ.

LUKE 10:38-42

Before the disciples can give themselves to the Lord's service, they must first sit at his feet and hear the Word.

ENTRANCE RITE Matthew 6:33; Proverbs 16:3

V. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides.

R. Entrust your works to the Lord, and your plans will succeed.

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 8:31b

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL – LUKE 10:38-42

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him.

She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak.

Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me."

The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things.

There is need of only one thing.

Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY – July 17th

16th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Intentions for the repose of the soul of Frank Fisher.

SUNDAY – July 24th

17th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – July 31st

18th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

PICNIC PREPARATION

I want to thank all of those who helped make pierogi this week. Much more work is needed as we continue to prepare for the return of our Annual Picnic. Please try to attend the Picnic/Fundraising Committee meeting August 1st at 7:00 PM in the Library to find out how you can help. Thank you and God bless.

PICNIC TICKETS

Picnic Raffle Tickets have been mailed to all. Please either purchase or sell these tickets to help our Picnic Fund Raising efforts. If you need more tickets, please see Fr. Sr. Donald. Please return the money and stubs by August 7th.

SUMMERTIME

As we continue our physical and spiritual journey through the summer of the year of Our Lord 2022, let's keep in our thoughts and prayers all of our brothers and sister who are homebound and lonely. If you know some such individual, try to make an effort to visit them or at least call them. This simple act of kindness can have a major impact on their lives and mental and spiritual wellbeing.

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, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, David Wunderlich, Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Courtney Pierce, Joseph Grossman Sr., Joseph Grossman Jr., Kyle Grossman, Damon Grossman, Donald Deihm, Janice Elaine Casperson, Elizabeth McAlanis, Skye Sadowski, Barbara Waszk, Terry Leatherman, Christine Mulutzie, Jackie Weinhold, Andy Kosak, Riley Rejniak and Father Senior Ed Ratajack. For the repose of the soul of Frank Fisher. **Our Father....**

If there are any other individuals who should or shouldn't be on this list, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them or remove them!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, July 17th; Regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM

Thursday, July 21st; The Book Club will meet at 7:00 PM in the Library

Monday, August 1st; The Picnic/Fundraising Committee will meet in the Library at 7:00PM. All are invited to attend.

Wednesday, August 3rd; The Mission Commission will meet in the Library at 7:00 PM

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 School District has informed us that the Knights Closet Project which provides items of basic necessity to students in need will continue. 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 Fellowship Hall by the windows and we will get them to those in need. A list of needed items can be found in the literature rack in the vestibule above the weekly bulletins. Please take one as you leave. Thank you and God bless.

HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES

It has been noted that there was a need for Handicapped Parking spaces on our lower level near the entrance to the Fellowship Hall. This has been rectified. Thanks to Kevin Grossman and his brother Kyle for their dedication and hard work in making this happen.

Recessional Hymn

God of Our Fathers

**God of our fathers, whose mighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry land.
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.**

**Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
in this free land by Thee our lot is cast.
Be Thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide and Stay,
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.**