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### **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### **A Sabbath Thought**

Life has never seemed so complex as it does today. Tasks and schedules eat away at our time and our spirits. "Tis a gift to be simple" - a gift that comes to us from the Father through Jesus.

#### **About Today's Bible Readings**

##### **ZECHARIAH 9:9-10**

What impresses us? Power often comes in trappings that proclaim its might. But the savior king has no need to dress up his authority. It is simply obvious.

##### **Responsorial Psalm:**

**145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14**

**R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

##### **ROMANS 8:9, 11-13**

There is new life stirring in us, thanks to God's Spirit. That Spirit should be manifest in all that we do.

##### **MATTHEW 11:25-30**

People pay good money today in order to learn the secret of life. Here in Matthew, Jesus reveals it for free. The Secret of life is this.....Jesus himself!

#### **ENTRANCE RITE: Revelation 5:10; Matthew 6:10**

*V. You made them a kingdom and priests for our God, and they will reign on earth.*

**R. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

*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 1:17**

*V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*V. Because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

#### **THE GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25-30**

At that time Jesus exclaimed:

"I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him."

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

**This is the Gospel of the Lord**

# Worship Services

## Today – July 9<sup>th</sup>

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

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## Sunday – July 16<sup>th</sup>

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

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## Sunday – July 23<sup>rd</sup>

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

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## Sunday – July 30<sup>th</sup>

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

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## Picnic Donations

We are at this time asking for donations to help fund the Annual Polish Picnic in August. As you may know, this is our signature fund raising event of the year and require much work and sacrifice on the part of many of our parishioners. If you are financially able to donate to help offset the costs it would be greatly appreciated. Please make out any checks payable to the YMS of R as they are handling funds for the picnic. If you are donating cash, please mark the envelope clearly "PICNIC DONATION". Thank you in advance for your support and generosity. May God bless you.

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## Coffee and Donuts

Coffee and donuts in the Fellowship Hall after Mass has been suspended for the summer months. They will resume in the fall. You are still welcome to gather in the Hall after Mass to socialize with your brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus.

## 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 Debra Caldwell, Dan Shaner, Ken and Judy Mawson, Sharon Fitzwater, Jeannine Dresh, Amanda Dresh, Brianne Dresh, Bonnie Sue Pilot, Lorah Zawoski, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Janis Hogg, Elizabeth McAlanis, Skye Sadowski, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Riley Rejniak, Jane and John Aldershoff, Pat Schiaroli, Diane Fisher, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Jerry Butto, Eileen McCoury, Alexis, Matthew and Kristy Samsel, Janet Kelly, Bishop Bernard Nowicki, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Loretta Mikovsky, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Bob Price, Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Sally Traczuk, Buddy Lord and Marry Ann Bezek. **Our Father...**

If there are any changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Weekends in July and August;** Food making in preparation for the Annual Polish Picnic in August. Please see the Monthly Newsletter for dates and signup sheets are in the vestibule. **More help is needed than have signed up so far. Please consider volunteering a day or two of your time to help make the Picnic the huge success that it has been in the past.** Flyers are on the table in the vestibule, please take and post.

**Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>;** Reading Fightin' Phils Baseball Game. A signup sheet with more information is available on the table in the vestibule.

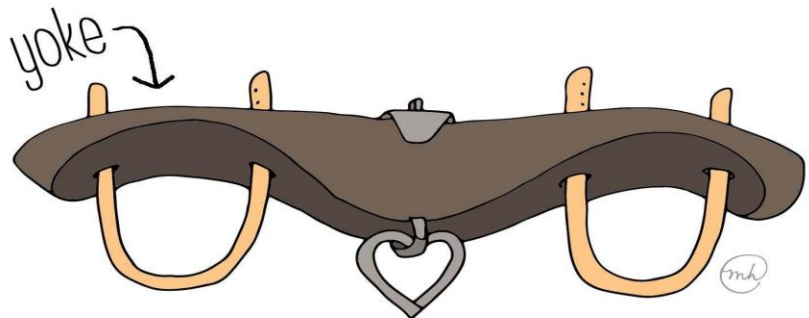
If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

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## CHURCH PICNIC

*A church had a picnic and invited the entire community to come. The Pastor placed a basket full of apples on one end of a table with a sign saying, "Take only one apple please - Remember that God is watching."*

*On the other end of the table was a plate of cookies where one of the children had placed a sign saying, "Take all the cookies you want -- God is watching the apples."*



If it's heavy, it's not HIS.

Matthew 11:28-30