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August 18, 2024

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Masses
10am & 8:00pm

Confessions
Sunday, 7:30pm

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*In case of immediate need, call your parish office to reach a priest directly.

This Week's Happenings

Tuesday (8/20)

Finance Meeting 1pm
Community Focus Meeting 6:30pm

Wednesday (8/21)

Peace and social justice committee via zoom 7pm

Sunday (8/25):

Mass: 10am & 8pm

Unity calls us to respect the pope, repent of racism and put God over politics

Excerpts from Gloria Purvis' speech at the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis (July 20, 2024)

Gloria Purvis is host of The Gloria Purvis Podcast from America Media. She has appeared in various media outlets including The New York Times, The Washington Post, PBS Newshour, Catholic Answers Live, and EWTN News Nightly, and hosted Morning Glory, an international radio show.

Hers was one of the talks at the NEC that significantly impacted me. (Fr Derek Wiechmann)

In her talk, Gloria described "[an] experience during the holy Mass where you say, 'I believe in the Lord, the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life.' I had a renewed fire for what the church taught and why; . . . I came across again [a passage] we read all the time, but something really stuck with me and still strikes me to this day. Genesis 1:26: "Then God said, 'Let us make [human beings] in our image and likeness.'"

"There's a profound truth about who we are, not only in relation to God, our common ancestor, but in relation to one another. Because if we're all made in the image and likeness of God, that means we are brothers and sisters, one to each other. We are one human family. . . . There is that unity that is real because God spoke it."

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She invited us to prayerfully, deeply consider the question, "Do we think about who we are and that we are not alone, and we have this relationship, one to the other, as believers, right in this Body?"

And she challenged us to consider, and to address, several "signs of disunity".

Reminding us that "we talk about the pope being a visible sign of our oneness," she said that "it is disunity when we reject the pope. We step outside of the church. We step outside of how God ordered our church". She spoke of how "he needs our prayers. . . . If you don't like him, pray for him. Fast for him. But do not reject him. Because you set yourself outside of this unity."

Next, she stated that "we reject Christ when we prefer idols of temporal power. And I've seen that, and I'm seeing that, where we put political party allegiance ahead of allegiance to Christ. . . . We have to recognize that we cannot compromise our beliefs and our values. For what? No matter who's in the White House, the governor's house, the mayor's house, Jesus Christ is always on the throne." She recalled Acts 5:29: "We must obey God rather than [human beings]."

The third sign of disunity that she cited was "racism – [which is] an affront to God's declaration about humanity. . . . Racism is a lie. . . . It says, 'God, you made a mistake when you said that [human beings] are made in our image and likeness. . . . No, God, not everybody is made in your image and likeness. They're not all worthy of dignity and respect.'"

She stated that "we must get away from this idea that racism . . . only attacks one group. No, it attacks all of us because we are a family. Those of us deceived by it are behaving beneath our dignity as God made us. Those of us who are the victims of it are suffering in a way that shows that people treat us beneath who we are. No, we are one human family, and we, as believers . . . have the ability to make repair for these moments of disunity."

Her conclusion was very powerful. She appealed to us to "remember the signs of unity. Repent for the signs of disunity. Let us come together, motivated by a great love of God, and magnify [God] through our love. . . . We can do this. We're going to mend the bonds of the human family. Let us go out and be more joyful in our evangelization. Let us be more open in our evangelization. Let us not be afraid, and let our witness to who we say we love penetrate all that we do and say and all that we are willing to undertake for the glorification of the Lord and the growth of [God's] church."

Her full talk can be viewed online at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QWAXXDYNr38>

Parish Prayers

† Jacob Olson
† Michael Dale
† Shawn Preisler
† Don Teff, brother of Bonnie Stachowski
† Arleen Boyd, Mother of Glenda Prom
† Parisa
† Julie Gabrielson
† India Faith Krueger Wasilowski
† Bob Trisko
† Frank Roehl
Nkeiru
Innocent, Chinwe, and their family
† Mary Helen Montgomery
Aaron Dockendorf
† Mary Morton

SAVE THE DATE: WEDNESDAY AUGUST 28TH

and Be a HELPER or Be a GUEST at our ... ALL PARISH WELCOME BACK STUDENTS PICNIC!

Help us celebrate the return of our College Students, the start of a new school year and the return of all you parishioners who spend summer weekends away! Watch the bulletin and your email for location and time.

If you would like to be a helper please sign up on the boards or reply to: Jo Hennen jghennen@gmail.com or 320-250-0456 and let us know how you can help!

Coffee and Rolls:

Our first after the summer break will be Sunday August 25th after the 10:00am Mass plan to meet our Peer Ministers who will be serving!

Faith Formation Registration NOW OPEN for 2024/25 School Year

Registration is open to families for our faith formation programs for the 2024/25 school year! We are so excited about this new year, and hope you will join us for faith enriching opportunities for the whole family. Scan the QR code to register on your phone, or look at your parish website over the coming weeks.

Key Dates - All hosted at the Newman Center unless noted:

Confirmation Orientation - Wednesday, September 25th, 7pm

K-9th (Family Faith Formation/SEND) First Session— Wednesday, October 2nd. 6:30pm (Optional Meal served at 5:45pm)

First Sacraments Parent Meeting—Wednesday, October 9th, 6:30pm

More details to come!

Due to limited space, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (hosted at the Mary Center) is opening registration to returning families first. Open enrollment for new CGS families will begin the weekend of August 24th/25th.

For more information, please contact Philip Shefveland, Director of Discipleship and Evangelization. Call or text 320-281-9518, email pshefveland@scsucatholic.org.



Notice Regarding Items at Assumption, Calvary, and Sacred Heart Cemeteries

This is a reminder that all one-legged pot stands, related flower pots, flowers, and any other temporary grave decorations must be removed from these cemeteries by August 25, 2024. This is necessary to allow a more complete Fall grounds cleaning to keep the cemeteries attractive and worthy places to honor our loved ones who have died. For a complete set of rules, please go to the website of the Diocese of St. Cloud (www.stcdio.org/diocesan_cemeteries_office/). For specific questions not covered in these rules, please call the main cemetery office at 320-251-5511. For other parish cemeteries in the area, please contact their parish offices. Thank you for your cooperation – all those who remember their loved ones will benefit from your help.

ONLINE GIVING:

Please scan this QR code to donate to the many needs of our parish. Thank you!



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Youth Group Calendar for August:

August 18th: No Youth Group

August 25th: Adoration & Reconciliation

September 1st: No Youth Group Due to Labor Day Weekend