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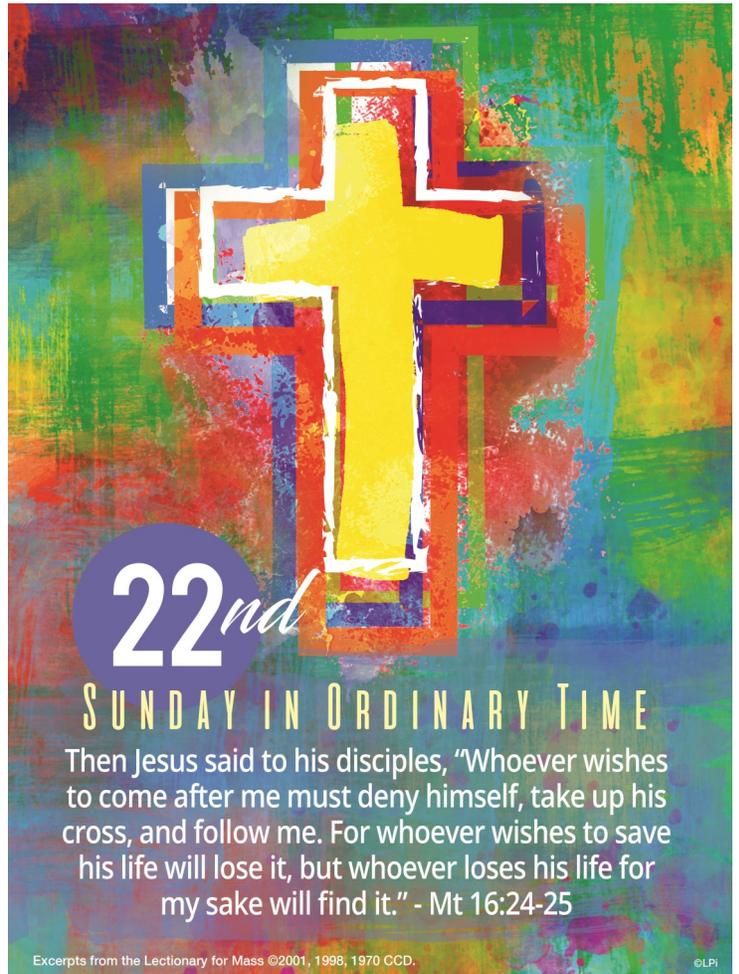
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22st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Mary, Portage

Tuesday, 5:00 PM
 Thursday, 8:15 AM
 Friday, 7 AM
 Saturday, 4:00 pm
 Sunday, 9:30 am & 11:00 am

St. Mary, Briggsville

Wednesday, 8:15 AM
 Sunday, 8:00 AM

St. Mary School

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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the parishes of St. Mary Help of Christians (Briggsville) and St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception (Portage), in a spirit of faith and service rooted in the mission of Christ as revealed in the Gospel, are committed to creating welcoming communities that actively pursue opportunities for formation in our Catholic faith, spiritual growth and outreach to others in need.

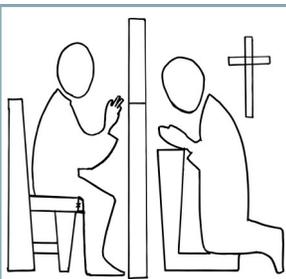
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MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, September 1 5:00 PM (Portage)	† Vernon "Butch" Sharpe (Ken & Jennifer Griep)
Wednesday, September 2 8:15 AM (Briggsville)	† Patricia Kusinski Smith (Tim Kusinski)
Thursday, September 3 8:15 AM (Portage)	† Jay Penaflor (Penaflor Family)
Friday, September 4 7:00 AM (Portage)	† Peter Leahy, Jr. (Mary Beth Weigel)
Saturday, September 5 4:00 PM (Portage)	Steve & Paula Barans (Mike & Renee)
Sunday, September 6 8:00 AM (Briggsville)	† Deceased Members of the Stuart & Rosemary Russell Family (Stuart & Rosemary Russell)
9:30 AM (Portage)	People of the Parish
11:00 AM (Portage)	† Sarah Tollison (Jerry & Arlene Tollison)

Marriage blessings to Huey Griep and Birgita Stillman who were united in marriage on August 14, 2020 at St. Paul University Catholic Center in Madison, WI.



There will be private reconciliation at St. Mary, Portage on Saturday, September 5 at 9:00 AM. Please note that, until further notice, face-to-face reconciliations are not allowed.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, September 1

- 4:30 PM (Portage) - Rosary Church
- 6:00 PM (Portage) Best Fest Meeting Lower Level Meeting Room

THURSDAY, September 3

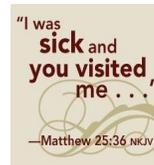
- 5:15 (Portage) - All Committees Prayer Church
- 5:30 (Portage) - All Committees Meeting Church

FRIDAY, September 4

- 12:00 PM (Portage) -Eucharistic Adoration Church

A full calendar of St. Mary, Portage and St. Mary, Briggsville events can be found on our website at <http://www.stmaryportage.com/>

If you would like prayers or are interested in being a link in our prayer chain, please contact Nancy Davis at ndavis@stmaryotc.org or call 742-6998 x210 for St. Mary, Portage or Sister Anita at stmaryhofc@maqs.net or 608-981-2282 for St. Mary, Briggsville.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Readings for the week of August 30, 2020

- Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
- Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 [97]/Lk 4:16-30
- Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 [17]/Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 [12]/Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [1]/Lk 5:1-11
- Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Lk 5:33-39
- Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 [18]/Lk 6:1-5
- Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

'All will be well'

"But all will be well, and all will be well, and every kind of thing will be well." On May 13, the popular feast day of my beloved Julian of Norwich, I was struck again by her insights. To be honest, it is not really her famous "all will be well" line that captures me, though it has clearly captured our collective memory. Somehow, despite our current experiences, all will be well, and all will be well, and every kind of thing will be well.

And yet. All is not well. There is growing awareness that our current public health crisis will continue, in waves, for God knows how long. Educational institutions struggle to prepare for the looming unknown. The economic situation is staggering. The federal government is a bungled mess. The church at times seems paralyzed. And the recent murders of black Americans are forcing yet another reckoning with systemic racism in this country.

Somehow, despite our current experiences, every kind of thing will be well. Living through current events in the midst of this virus that takes our breath away, I find it hard to catch my own breath. No, in general, things do not feel well. Concern, grief and helplessness have become my daily, heavy clothing.

Julian would understand these mixed feelings. In context, her revelation that "all will be well" was not soothing, at least not at first. It was shocking. She spent 15 years and more isolated in her cell, immersed in a deep, faithful struggle to comprehend the divine meaning of these words. Just imagine. Fifteen years contemplating that one line. Julian's life was devoted to and absorbed by divine encounter.

How can it possibly be that all will be well? Through love—not that fleeting feeling but the divine itself, a power and an action that beckons and encompasses everything, even the enormity of human frailty. Without context, without the awareness of Julian's life-long struggle and spiritual quest, that comforting famous line—all will be well, and all will be well, and every kind of thing will be well—runs the risk of becoming mere platitude, its sharp edges dulled by overuse.

So all will be well, yes. This is surely a salve, particularly in a unique historical moment like the present, when things seem so fractured, when global suffering is as transparent as deep-seated inequality and dysfunction. And yet it is equally meant to shock, to dare, to impel us into action. For with the medicine comes the mirror, the accompanying challenge: How can it possibly be that "all things will be well" in this crisis and in this mess of human greed, corruption, indifference and deadly racism?

Transformation will happen within and through our world for "all things" but not without our own inward work and outward response. Julian's is no passive promise, no kumbaya statement. It necessarily involves human action, human purification.

From within her small, monastic cell, Julian's revelation calls for the expansion of our collective memory to hear her question, "How can that be?" echoing in the promise of "all will be well." The question then impels us inward and forward, introspection re-sharpening that well-worn line to become as much of a stimulus to action as it is an assurance that "all will be well, and all will be well, and every kind of thing will be well."

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Prayerful sympathy to the family of Erin Vallicelli. Erin, daughter of Peg Napralla, passed away on August 20, 2020. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Mary, Portage on August 29, 2020. May Erin rest in peace.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers



The Briggsville St. Mary Catholic Women will have a bake sale after the 8:00 AM Mass on September 6. Please support this event.

PARISH FAMILY SEEKING PART-TIME DAYCARE



Will and Hannah Sweeney are seeking part-time daycare for their two daughters (1 and 3 year old) on Mondays starting in September. If interested in receiving more information, please contact Hannah at 920-740-9947.



Knights of Columbus Friday Night Fish Fries

Friday, September 4, 2020.

Come and enjoy some great fish and great company at the KC Hall in Portage on the first Friday of every month. Cocktails begin at 4:00 PM and dinner is served from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Sacrament Information

Reconciliation

Private confessions are held at St. Mary, Portage most Saturdays at 9:00 am in the church.

Baptisms

Parents wishing to have their child baptized must attend a Baptismal Preparation session. To make arrangements to attend, please call the Portage Parish Center at 742-6998. Pre-registration is necessary. Baptism prep class is usually offered the third Tuesday of each month in Portage.

Marriages

For weddings at St. Mary, Portage or St. Mary, Briggsville please make arrangements with Fr. Gary at least six months in advance by calling the St. Mary, Portage Parish Center at 742-6998.

Bulletin Deadline

Announcements must be dropped off at the Parish office or emailed to Lisa Clemmons– lclemmons@stmaryotic.org by 4:00 PM each Monday for publication in the following weekend's bulletin. Holiday deadlines are Friday of the week before.