


St. Paul's University Catholic Center

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*Jesus said to them, “A PROPHET
is not without HONOR except in his
native place and among his own kin
and in his OWN HOUSE.”
So he was not able to perform
any MIGHTY deed there,
apart from CURING a few sick people
by laying his hands on them.*

MARK 6:4-5

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Summer Picnic With Bishop Morlino

College-bound freshman and their parents in the College Connections Program are invited to a picnic with Bishop Morlino on July 14th at the Bishop O'Conner Center. There will be talks on Catholic life at college in addition to free food, fun, and faith. To RSVP, please go to website madisondiocese.org and click on "Vocations" and "College Connection Program" for more information and to e-register for the picnic. If you have not yet submitted the name of a college-bound freshman into the College Connection Program, please go that same website location to "connect" the student with Catholic campus ministry.



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When children are very young, say around two or three years of age, their entire world exists within the walls of their home. And all that they are, all they believe, comes from their parents. In fact, in those young eyes, their parents are perfect; they believe everything Mom and Dad tell them is the truth, and they will do anything they ask (usually!) But as they grow older, and the world outside of those walls grows louder, the perfections of Mom and Dad seem to begin to falter. They are looked at through doubtful eyes, their wisdom challenged at nearly every turn. Often it is not until years later that we realize they were the same wise parents all along.

When Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time before his crucifixion, he cried. Not for his fate, but because those around him did not realize of their impending salvation. In today's Gospel, Jesus has returned to Nazareth to teach in the synagogue, yet his own people doubt his truth, remembering him as a boy and as the son of a carpenter. He remarks that prophets such as him are always scorned by those who know them best, the people of their hometown.

As children, our innocent faith and belief in God is unwavering. As we grow older, we sometimes question our beliefs and put aside our faith, rather than grow even closer to Christ. This is because "Faith seeks understanding" (CCC 158). Everything else in this world is explained visually through tangible facts; only faith can come from our hearts. Perhaps Jesus cried not only for those who saw his miracles yet did not believe, but also for us who did not see. Our challenge is to be as children in our faith, unwavering, open and believing with all our hearts. ©2009 Liturgical Publications Inc

Thanks Brian Kelley

One of the many devastating local effects of the present recession will be the loss of the Madison local radio program Relevant 2 U (Relevant Radio 1240AM), and possibly even the loss of Brian Kelly, the producer of Relevant 2 U, from our Madison area Catholic Community.

Please go to the new website, www.BrianKellyFans.com, to sign the letter of thanks, appreciation and support for Brian Kelly, and to promise him our prayers as he looks for alternate employment in the Madison area.



Year For Priests

Pope Benedict XVI has declared a "Year for Priests" beginning with the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 19, 2009. We conclude his letter:

The Pauline Year now coming to its close invites us also to look to the Apostle of the Gentiles, who represents a splendid example of a priest entirely devoted to his ministry. "The love of Christ urges us on" - he wrote - "because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died" (2 Cor 5:14). And he adds: "He died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them" (2 Cor 5:15). Could a finer program be proposed to any priest resolved to advance along the path of Christian perfection?

Dear brother priests, the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the death of Saint John Mary Vianney (1859) follows upon the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the apparitions of Lourdes (1858). In 1959 Blessed [Pope John XXIII](#) noted that "shortly before the Curé of Ars completed his long and admirable life, the Immaculate Virgin appeared in another part of France to an innocent and humble girl, and entrusted to her a message of prayer and penance which continues, even a century later, to yield immense spiritual fruits. The life of this holy priest whose centenary we are commemorating in a real way anticipated the great supernatural truths taught to the seer of Massabielle. He was greatly devoted to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin; in 1836 he had dedicated his parish church to Our Lady Conceived without Sin and he greeted the dogmatic definition of this

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truth in 1854 with deep faith and great joy.” The Curé would always remind his faithful that “after giving us all he could, Jesus Christ wishes in addition to bequeath us his most precious possession, his Blessed Mother.”

To the Most Holy Virgin I entrust this Year for Priests. I ask her to awaken in the heart of every priest a generous and renewed commitment to the ideal of complete self-oblation to Christ and the Church which inspired the thoughts and actions of the saintly Curé of Ars. It was his fervent prayer life and his impassioned love of Christ Crucified that enabled John Mary Vianney to grow daily in his total self-oblation to God and the Church. May his example lead all priests to offer that witness of unity with their Bishop, with one another and with the lay faithful, which today, as ever, is so necessary. Despite all the evil present in our world, the words which Christ spoke to his Apostles in the Upper Room continue to inspire us: “In the world you have tribulation; but take courage, I have overcome the world” (Jn 16:33). Our faith in the Divine Master gives us the strength to look to the future with confidence. Dear priests, Christ is counting on you. In the footsteps of the Curé of Ars, let yourselves be enthralled by him. In this way you too will be, for the world in our time, heralds of hope, reconciliation and peace!

- With my blessing, Pope Benedict XVI.

Please pray for our priests, particularly in our Diocese of Madison in thanksgiving for all the hard work they do for each and everyone of us and that they might always be faithful to their sacred calling.

Look with new eyes at the people in your neighborhood. Whose son or daughter has the capacity to serve God’s people as a priest, brother, or sister? Invite them! Mark 6:1-6)

Next Sunday
Readings
Fifteenth Sunday In
Ordinary Time
July 12, 2009
Amos 7:12-15
Psalm 85:9-14
Ephesians 1:3-4 or 1:3-10
Mark 6:7-13

Catholic Schools Planning

The Schools Planning Core Teams have completed their work and identified the main challenges faced by Catholic schools. Task Force Meetings were held in May and June, with upcoming meetings being the last of the series. The Task Forces work to create strategies and solutions to meet the challenges of the four planning areas:

The **Catholic Leadership** team will study issues such as Catholic School Identity and mission, and Transmission of the faith to students.

The **Fiscal Stewardship** team will study issues such as school budgets, and the establishment of a formal development plan for schools.

The **Enrollment Management** team will study issues such as Statistical enrollment trends in the Diocese of Madison and retention of students and families.

The **Academic Curriculum** team will study issues such as measuring student success and integration of faith into all curricular areas.

All those with an interest in Catholic Schools are invited to attend and offer their suggestions. Meetings will be held according to the schedule below. Each meeting starts at 6:00 pm and ends at 8:00 pm. More information may be found online at: <http://www.madisondiocese.org>.

Wednesday, July 22, 2009	St. Luke Parish, Plain St. Rose of Lima Parish Hall, Brodhead
Thursday, July 23, 2009	Bishop O’Connor Center, Madison St. Joseph School, Dodgeville



Ordinary Time: Summer

A Sense of the Season

What do the words Ordinary Time mean? Dorothy Day said, “The words ‘Ordinary Time’ in our prayer books put me in a state of confusion and irritation. To me, no time is ordinary.” She was right. The Ordinary in “Ordinary Time” refers to ordinal-counted-time, not to a lack of something to celebrate. The Roman document, General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar, says: “Apart from those seasons having their own distinctive character (Advent, Christmastime, Lent, Triduum and Eastertime), 33 or 34 weeks remain in the yearly cycle that do not celebrate a specific aspect of the mystery of Christ. Rather, especially on the Sundays, they are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects.”

How do we celebrate “the mystery of Christ in all its aspects?” We gather every Sunday. Sunday is our original feast day. Christians have gathered every Sunday-the day of Christ’s resurrection, the first day of the week-ever since there were Christians.

When we gather on Sundays in Ordinary Time, as always, we hear the scriptures proclaimed. The church reads straight through “the gospel of the year,” either Matthew, Mark or Luke, each

week often picking up where we left off last week. (We read John during Lent and Easter, and on feasts.) The first readings, from the first testament of the Bible, have been chosen for their relationship to the gospel passages. Many voices are heard throughout summer Ordinary Time. We also read through some of the letters of the second testament of the Bible. The mystery of Christ “in all its aspects” unfolds.

What is the heart of our Sunday celebration? We do our Eucharist; that is, we do our thanksgiving. We praise and thank God for all creation; we pray for the whole world, as we remember Christ’s life, death and resurrection. We share the bread and wine, the body and blood. We are sent forth to be the body and blood of Christ in our homes, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, our towns, our cities, our country, our world.

“What happens in our churches every Sunday is the fruit of our week. What happens as the fruit of the week past is the beginning of the week to come. Sunday is simultaneously a point of arrival and departure for Christians on their way to the fullness of the kingdom. This is not ordinary at all. This is the fabric of Christian living.” (Saint Andrew Bible Missal [Brooklyn: William J. Hirten Co., 1982.]

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