

September 2, 2018 – Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Unless noted, all daily Masses are at St. John Nepomucene in Pisek

THIS WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS

09/01-Saturday – Lankin – **CONFESSION – 4:00 pm – MASS – 5:00 pm** – Tri-Parish Members
 09/02-Sunday – Bechyne – **ADORATION – 7:00 am – MASS – 8:30 am** – † Bruno Novak – Albin & Pam Jallo
 09/02-Sunday – Pisek – **MASS – 10:30 am** – † Leonard & † Judith Dunn – Francis & Bonnie Jelinek

MASS INTENTIONS (September 3 – September 9)

09/03-Monday – **NO DAILY MASS**
 09/04-Tuesday – **5:00 pm** – † Billy Houska – Francis & Bonnie Jelinek
 09/05-Wednesday – **8:00 am – Pisek** – † Jack & † Josh Grosz – Mike & Karen Grosz
 09/06-Thursday – **8:00 am – Pisek** – (L) Steve & Char Rienpold – The Rienpold's
 09/07-Friday – **ADORATION – 7:00 a.m. – MASS – 8:00 a.m.** – † Clair Greicar – Tim Zikmund Family
 09/08-Saturday – Pisek – **CONFESSION – 4:00 pm – MASS – 5:00 pm** – Elaine Swartz – Happy Birthday, Allen
 09/09-Sunday – Lankin – **ADORATION – 7:00 am – MASS – 8:30 am** – Tri-Parish Members
 09/10-Sunday – Bechyne – **MASS – 10:30 am** – (L) Michael Muhs – Pat & Karen Restad

Reconciliation – ½ hour before daily Mass; 1 hour before 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday; after 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass upon request; or, by appointment.

Adoration – 7:00 a.m. on each Friday
 7:00 a.m. before each 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass

Morning Prayer – Weekdays at 7:00 a.m.
Evening Prayer – Weekdays at 5:00 p.m.

Baptism – Please call 2 to 3 weeks prior to date requested for baptism.

Wedding – Contact pastor 6 months to 1 year in advance of anticipated date.

New to Parish – Please register at the parish office (284-6163) or call parish secretary, Louise (284-6167)

FUTURE MASS SCHEDULE

Twenty-fourth Ordinary

Sat. Sep. 15 – Bechyne – 5:00 p.m.
 Sun. Sep. 16 – Pisek – 8:30 a.m.
 Sun. Sep. 16 – Lankin – 10:30 a.m.

Twenty-fifth Ordinary

Sat. Sep. 22 – Lankin – 5:00 p.m.
 Sun. Sep. 23 – Bechyne – 8:30 a.m.
 Sun. Sep. 23 – Pisek – 10:30 a.m.

Twenty-sixth Ordinary

Sat. Sep. 29 – Pisek – 5:00 p.m.
 Sun. Sep. 30 – Lankin – 8:30 a.m.
 Sun. Sep. 30 – Bechyne – 10:30 a.m.

**ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE
 LITURGY HELPERS**

September 8 – 5:00 pm	
Ushers	Dawn Madson & Deb McKee
Read	Louise Novak
EMHC	N/A
Clean	Joan Miller, Ashleigh Miller

**ST. JOSEPH
 LITURGY HELPERS**

September 9 – 8:30 am	
Usher	Lori & Sydney Beneda
Read	Kristi Brintnell
Clean	Deb Novak

**S.S. PETER & PAUL
 LITURGY HELPERS**

September 9 – 10:30 am	
Usher	Richard Balek & Roger Kovarik
Read	Pam
Serve	Jacob & Cassie
EMHC	N/A
Clean	Karen Restad & Rachel Bina

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for the following members of our Tri-parishes who are sick or hurt:

**Joe Zikmund, Charles Waechter, Andy Sobolik,
 Barbara Jarolimek, Dorothy Karas**

If you would like a name added to the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office. After 4 weeks names will be removed unless resubmitted. Thank you.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST

Universal: Young People in Africa

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

FAITH FORMATION

(See www.plbtriparish.org for full schedule)

09/19/18 – Gr. 7-9 – 4:30 – 6:00 pm – Pisek
 09/19/18 – Gr. 10-12 – 6:00 – 7:30 pm – Pisek

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S LITURGY

Today's Gospel casts Jesus in a prophetic light, as one having authority to interpret God's law.

Jesus' quotation from Isaiah today is ironic (see Isaiah 29:13). In observing the law, the Pharisees honor God by ensuring that nothing unclean passes their lips. In this, however, they've turned the law inside out, making it a matter of simply performing certain external actions.

The gift of the law, which we hear God giving to Israel in today's First Reading, is fulfilled in Jesus' Gospel, which shows us the law's true meaning and purpose (see Matthew 5:17).

The law, fulfilled in the Gospel, is meant to form our hearts, to make us pure, able to live in the Lord's presence. The law was given that we might live and enter into the inheritance promised to us—the kingdom of God, eternal life.

Israel, by its observance of the law, was meant to be an example to surrounding nations. As James tells us in today's Epistle, the Gospel was given to us that we might have new birth by the Word of truth. By living the Word we've received, we're to be examples of God's wisdom to those around us, the "first fruits" of a new humanity.

This means we must be "doers" of the Word, not merely hearers of it. As we sing in today's Psalm and hear again in today's Epistle, we must work for justice, taking care of our brothers and sisters, and living by the truth God has placed in our hearts.

The Word given to us is a perfect gift. We should not add to it through vain and needless devotions. Nor should we subtract from it by picking and choosing which of His laws to honor.

"Hear me," Jesus says in today's Gospel. Today, we're called to examine our relationship to God's law.

Is the practice of our religion a pure listening to Jesus, a humble welcoming of the Word planted in us and able to save our souls? Or are we only paying lip-service?

St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology ~ Sunday Bible Reflections with Dr. Scott Hahn ~ www.salvationhistory.com

WEEKLY BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY, EVENTS & SAINT of the DAY CALENDAR

09/02/18	09/03/18	09/04/18	09/05/18	09/06/18	09/07/18	09/08/18
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Twenty-second Ordinary</i> <u>Bl. John Francis Burte & Comp.</u> *FAITH FORMATION PARENT & INSTRUCTOR MEETING - 12 NOON - PISEK	<u>St. Gregory the Great</u>	<u>St. Rose of Viterbo</u> Barbara Greicar	<u>St. Teresa of Calcutta</u> Mark M. Novak Renae Bina	<u>Bl. Claudio Granzotto</u> *FR. LEFOR HOSTS ON REAL PRESENCE RADIO Leo Bata A - Chad & Anna Lamont	<u>Bl. Frederic Ozanam</u> *ST. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY RUMMAGE SALE FUNDRAISER - PARK RIVER Ashton Carter	<u>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</u> *ST. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY RUMMAGE SALE FUNDRAISER - PARK RIVER

(Learn more about the saints by clicking on the hyperlinks above or on the Tri-Parish [Facebook Page](#))

OTHER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE FUND RAISER

St. John's Fundraiser Rummage Sale will be held Friday, Sept. 7th from 3:00 to 7:00 pm, and Saturday, Sept. 8th from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm, in Damian & Janet Dvorak's garage at 212 Sandwood Circle in Park River. (Sandwood is located north of the swim pool and baseball diamonds, just before the railroad tracks). Please bring your items for the sale on Thursday, Sept. 6th from noon to early evening. If unable to get your items there during that time or have a question, please contact Shanna at 284-6982 or Janet at 284-7976.

YOUR FALL LIVE DRIVE ON REAL

PRESENCE RADIO is coming September 19 - 21. Tune in and call in your support for your local Catholic Radio stations 1370AM (Grand Forks), 1280AM (Fargo/Moorhead), 91.1 (Harvey), 99.7FM (Jamestown) and 98.9FM (Belcourt). Thank you for your prayers and support. Call 1-877-795-0122 or send your gifts to PO Box 13703 Grand Forks, ND 58208.

QUILT BINGO FOR ALTRU'S CAMP GOOD

MORNING will be held on Sunday, September 16, at 2:00 pm at Grafton High School. There will be 15 games for \$2,000 and chances to win a quilt. For more information contact Sue at 701-331-9008 & check your bulletin board for more information.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE will hold a Potluck Breakfast Social on Sunday, Sept. 16, after the 8:30 am Mass.

ST. JOHN'S ALTAR SOCIETY have set their next meeting date for Saturday, Sept. 29 at 4:00 pm prior to the 5:00 pm Mass. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

FAITH FORMATION FOR JR. & SR. HIGH SCHOOL

students will hold their first session on Wednesday, September 19, with students in grades 7 to 9 meeting from 4:30 to 6:00 pm, and students in grades 10 to 12 meeting from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

STS. CYRIL & METHODIOUS BOOKS

- If you ordered one, or are interested in purchasing one, contact Marie Greicar at 701-284-6298 or you can check at the J-Mart in Pisek.

Area Fall Dinners

(Check your bulletin boards for more information)

Sept. 23 - St. Mary's - Grand Forks - Chicken & Meatballs - 11:30 am to 2:30 pm

Sept. 23 - St. Brigid's - Cavalier - Roast Turkey - 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, call many members of our community to be generous workers for Your people and to gather in Your harvest. Send them to share the Good News of Jesus with all the people on earth. Father, we ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.