

**September 9, 2018 – Twenty-third 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**

09/08-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  
 09/09-Sunday – Bechyne – **MASS – 10:30 am** – (L) Michael Muhs – Pat & Karen Restad

**MASS INTENTIONS (September 10 – September 16)**

09/10-Monday – **NO DAILY MASS**  
 09/11-Tuesday – **5:00 pm** – † Dave Serverson – Corrie Eander  
 09/12-Wednesday – **8:00 am – Pisek** – † Lawrence Novak – Mark Vandal Family  
 09/13-Thursday – **8:00 am – Pisek** – (L) Steve & Char Rienpold – The Rienpold's  
 09/14-Friday – **ADORATION – 7:00 a.m. – MASS – 8:00 a.m.** – (L) Sam & Alison Zikmund – Joe & Lorraine Zikmund  
 09/15-Saturday – Bechyne – **CONFESSION – 4:00 pm – MASS – 5:00 pm** – Tri-Parish Members  
 09/16-Sunday – Pisek – **ADORATION – 7:00 am – MASS – 8:30 am** – Bishop, Priests & Seminarians of the Fargo Diocese  
 09/16-Sunday – Lankin – **MASS – 10:30 am** – † John Kosobud – Francis & Marilyn Praska

**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-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.

***Twenty-seventh Ordinary***

Sat. Oct. 6 – Lankin – 5:00 p.m.  
 Sun. Oct. 7 – Bechyne – 8:30 a.m.  
 Sun. Oct. 7 – Pisek – 10:30 a.m.

**ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE  
 LITURGY HELPERS**

September 16 – 8:30 am	
Ushers	Allen & Elaine Swartz
Read	Allen Swartz
EMHC	N/A
Clean	Joan Miller, Ashleigh Miller

**ST. JOSEPH  
 LITURGY HELPERS**

September 16 – 10:30 am	
Usher	Lori & Sydney Beneda
Read	Kristi Brintnell
Clean	Deb Novak

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

September 15 – 5:00 pm	
Usher	Richard Balek & Roger Kovarik
Read	Rick
Serve	Brooke & Josie
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 SEPTEMBER**

**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](http://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

The incident in today's Gospel is recorded only by Mark. The key line is what the crowd says at the end: "He has done all things well." In the Greek, this echoes the creation story, recalling that God saw all the things he had done and declared them good (see Genesis 1:31).

Mark also deliberately evokes Isaiah's promise, which we hear in today's First Reading that God will make the deaf hear and the mute speak. He even uses a Greek word to describe the man's condition (mogilalon, or "speech impediment") that's only found in one other place in the Bible—in the Greek translation of today's Isaiah passage, where the prophet describes the "dumb" singing.

The crowd recognizes that Jesus is doing what the prophet had foretold. But Mark wants us to see something far greater—that, to use the words from today's First Reading: "Here is your God."

Notice how personal and physical the drama is in the Gospel. Our focus is drawn to a hand, a finger, ears, a tongue, spitting. In Jesus, Mark shows us, God has truly come in the flesh.

What He has done is to make all things new, a new creation (see Revelation 21:1-5). As Isaiah promised, He has made the living waters of baptism flow in the desert of the world. He has set captives free from their sins, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has come that rich and poor might dine together in the Eucharistic feast, as James tells us in today's Epistle.

He has done for each of us what He did for that deaf mute. He has opened our ears to hear the Word of God, and loosed our tongues that we might sing praises to Him.

Let us then, in the Eucharist, again give thanks to our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. Let us say with Isaiah, here is our God, He comes to save us. Let us be rich in faith, that we might inherit the kingdom promised to those who love Him.

*St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology ~ Sunday Bible Reflections with Dr. Scott Hahn ~ [www.salvationhistory.com](http://www.salvationhistory.com)*

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

09/09/18	09/10/18	09/11/18	09/12/18	09/13/18	09/14/18	09/15/18
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Twenty-third Ordinary</i></p> <p><u>St. Peter Claver</u></p> <p>Elaine Swartz</p>	<p><u>St. Thomas of Villanova</u></p>	<p><u>St. Cyprian</u></p> <p><b>DEANERY MEETING – GRAFTON – 11:30 AM</b></p> <p>Maggie Novak Bill Pic</p>	<p><u>Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary</u></p>	<p><u>St. John Chrysostom</u></p> <p>Yvonne Linstad</p>	<p><u>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</u></p> <p>Sidney Beneda Chad Lamont Darin Lamont</p>	<p><u>Our Lady of Sorrows</u></p> <p>Jack Bina</p>

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

## OTHER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

**THANK YOU** to all who donated items to our Parish Rummage Sale and a special Thank You to all who gave of their time, setting up, working the sale, clean up. All of you are what makes our fund raisers successful. May God bless each of you.

**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.

**GIFTS FROM THE HARVEST** – In today's bulletin you will find an insert from our Diocese explaining "Gifts from the Harvest" and how you can help your parish.

**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.

**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.

### 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**



Your Fall Live Drive with Real Presence Radio will be September 19 - 21. We will be joined by several local guests to help kick off the event. Call 1-877-795-0122 or send your gifts to PO Box 13703 Grand Forks, ND 58208.

**O Mother most sweet**, make me love Jesus! Pour into my soul that love which shone in Thine! Purify my heart so that I may know how to love Thy God and my God! Purify my mind so that I may be able to adore Him in spirit and truth! Purify my body so that I may be His living tabernacle! Amen.