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Blessed Sacrament School:

PreK—6th Grade
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St. Vincent de Paul Ministry:

324 W. Huntington Avenue
Tuesday 9:00 a.m.
870-316-0229

Motherhood Ministry:

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Wednesday 9:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

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870-761-6183

BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

September

13

2020

Twenty-Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time



Forgive your
neighbor's
injustice;
then when
you pray,
your own sins
will be forgiven.

Sirach 28:2

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MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 14 - Public Mass
7:00 a.m. Mary Beth Oswald †

Tuesday, September 15 - Public Mass
5:30 p.m. Yola Bell †
by Jon & Nancy DePriest

Wednesday, September 16 - Public Mass
7:00 a.m. Luis Tenorio †
by Antonia Tenorio

Thursday, September 17 - Public Mass
5:30 p.m. Int. of Bill Ritter
by Clara Blalock

Friday, September 18 - Public Mass
7:00 a.m. Int. of Agnes Tipton
by Shelia Tipton

Saturday, September 19 - Public Mass
Public & Livestreamed Mass †
5:30 p.m. Bill & Anna Stemac †
by Fred & Gail Flemon

Sunday, September 20- Public Mass †
8:00 a.m. Henry Throesch †
by Don & Ruth Throesch †
10:00 a.m. Dr. William Bell, Sr. †
by Jon & Nancy DePriest

Public & Livestreamed Mass
12:00 p.m. Mass for Parishioners

Confessions: Saturdays 4:00 p.m. Church
or by appointment, 870-932-2529.

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK
Office Hours 8 a.m.—4 p.m.

Monday September 14
Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
7:00 a.m. Public Mass
7:30 a.m.—7:30 p.m. Adoration

Tuesday September 15
Our Lady of Sorrows
5:30 p.m. Public Mass

Wednesday September 16
Ss. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
7:00 a.m. Public Mass
7:30 a.m.—7:30 p.m. Adoration

Thursday September 17
St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
5:30 p.m. Public Mass

Friday September 18
7:00 a.m. Public Mass

Saturday September 19
St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
5:30 p.m. Mass—Public & Live Streaming

Sunday September 20
8 a.m. Mass—Public Mass
10 a.m. Mass—Public Mass
12 p.m. Mass in Spanish—Public & Live Streaming

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

Sunday Sir 27:30—28:7
Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12
Rom 14:7-9
Mt 18:21-35

Monday Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11
Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday 1 Cor 12:31—13:13
Lk 7:31-35

Thursday 1 Cor 15:1-11
Lk 7:36-50

Friday 1 Cor 15:12-20
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49
Lk 8:4-15

Sunday Is 55:6-9
Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a
Mt 20:1-16a

Pray for the Dead

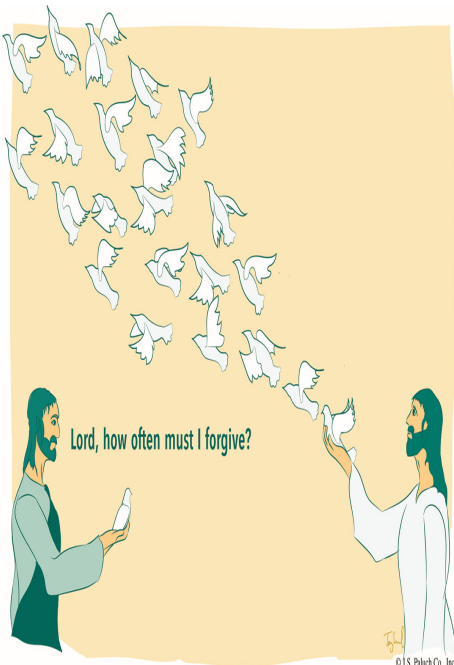
Mary Beth Oswald

Eternal rest grant unto her,
O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine
upon her.
May her soul and all the souls of
the faithful departed through the
mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

*Please keep her family in your
prayers.*



**Have you
prayed the
Rosary
today?**



Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection this weekend. This special collection is normally taken up on Good Friday, but this year it was rescheduled because of the coronavirus pandemic. This collection helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

Mass Schedule for Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

Mondays, Wednesdays	7:00am 7:30am-7:30pm	Public Mass Church is open for Adoration
Tuesdays & Thursdays	5:30pm	Public Mass
Friday	7:00 am	Public Mass
Saturdays	4:00pm-5:00pm 5:30pm	Confessions in the Church (In the Chapel and Priest Vesting Room) Public Mass of the Sunday (English) livestreamed
Sundays	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	Public Mass (English) Public Mass (English) Public Mass (Spanish) livestreamed

Guidelines:

Those who visit the Church **must** follow the directives and restrictions imposed by the Governor and Bishop and respect Blessed Sacrament Church guidelines:

Sundays and the Holy Days of obligation are still under suspension.

Must always wear masks (age 10 and over) or other protective covering of mouth and nose except when receiving Holy Communion during Mass. **(Please bring your own mask when possible)**

All must use a hand sanitizer upon arrival at the Church.

Maintain social distance of 6'

Holy Communion reception on the hand during the Mass (without gloves)

If you would like to receive Holy Communion on the tongue please request the Priest after Mass.

Only the Church main doors (that is southside entrance) will be open for entry and exit.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY UPDATE

For those in our community in need of assistance (rent or utility), volunteers are answering requests by phone.

During the past two weeks:

Utility assistance for 2 families
Rental assistance for 4 families
were provided.

Priority is given to members of our parish family.

If you or someone you know, is a resident of Craighead County, and struggling to make ends meet, please call:

870-316-0229.

We thank you for answering our prayers and ask for your continued support! God bless you all.

Matching Donations

During the month of September and October, any donation made to the Building Fund will be matched by an anonymous donor (up to \$100,000).

What a blessing!!

If you would like to donate, please make checks payable to:
Blessed Sacrament Building Fund
P.O. Box 1735
Joneboro, AR 72403



Mail it in or drop it in the collection basket or you can also donate online at:

<https://catholicjonesboro.weshareonline.org/>

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The special intentions of parishioners, especially those homebound/hospitalized, Michelle Veteto, Shelby Ward, Lloyd McCuiston, Koen Smith, Yelba & Raymond Stevenson, Kathy & Donald Plessinger, Jody Amick, Millie & Bill Kueter, Nikki Amick, Mary Ann Eaton, Rita Vaught, Metta Nesmith, Nancy McFarland, Freda & Jim Cole, Carolyn Boling, Jeannette Haddad, Pat Dacus, Rita Puryear, Charles Kline Family, Eddie Reinhart, David Wolters, Odette Dawood, Mary Lane, Betty Cornell, Misael Reyes, Kat Wright, Sid McCaffey, Gary Wells, Robert Surdyk, Cecilia Tacon, Larry McKinney, Marisol Guerra, Javier Garduno, Nathan Barajas, Andy Sanders, Bill Ritter, Earl Wallace, Bob Massanelli, Candelaria Flores, Mashudi Gunawan, Malcolm McGregor
 COVID-19 sufferers

Confirmation Prayer Retreat

The required Confirmation Prayer Retreat will be held Saturday, September 19th at the Church from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Year 1 and Year 2 Confirmation class registration is required to be able to attend this retreat. Registration can be completed at the church office from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please contact Cindy Cole at the Church office 932-2529 if you have any questions.



RCIA 2020-2021

All who are interested in joining the Catholic Church are invited to sign up for the Right of Christian Initiation of Adults by contacting the church office, 870-932-2529 or office@catholicjonesboro.com. RCIA will meet on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., at St. John Newman Parish on the campus of Arkansas State. The program will run September through Easter 2021. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Puryear, jpuryear@wpmfirm.com, or Robert Jones, rsjones7@sbcglobal.net.

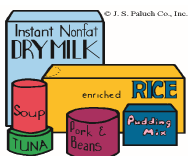


WORK OF MERCY

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry has received 15 lbs food donation from our parish last week.

F.Y.I.

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry Drive Thru hours are: Mondays, Tuesday & Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (weather permitting) HNFP is located on the corner of Huntington and Vine. For more information please contact HNFP at 935-7298



Come to a DAY OF PRAYER & HEALING RETREAT. You are not alone. There is hope.

The Respect Life Office, through the Ministry of Project Rachel, is offering one-day, post-abortion healing retreats for women or men. Saturday September 26 near Bentonville Saturday October 10 in West Memphis. With Covid-19 Precautions. Confidential. Non-judgmental. Healing is possible. These retreats are Catholic in nature, but anyone who desires to begin or continue their journey to hope and healing is welcome to attend. The exact location of the retreat is only disclosed to participants.

To speak with someone about a retreat or other Project Rachel Ministry healing opportunities and support groups, please call or text our confidential phone line 501-663-0996. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Please call. We care. We understand.

Friends of the Poor Walk

It is time for our annual Friends of the Poor Walk once again! St. Vincent de Paul members invite you to join us on September 26th at 9:00 a.m. in the BSCC parking lot...walkers, strollers, pets on leashes, ALL are welcome!
A donation of \$25 insures you get an event t-shirt.

Please call Ron Blackburn 870-761-5572 or Marita Monteforte 402-677-8582 to register



Motherhood Ministry is located at 324 Huntington. Each Wednesday, volunteers assist those in need 9:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Expectant mothers may obtain free maternity clothes. Free clothing for children, infancy to Size 14, is available.

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You missed the point,” we might be tempted to shout at the servant in today’s Gospel. His master had just forgiven a huge debt when he cried for mercy, and yet, when given the opportunity to show mercy himself, he instead acted violently and with retribution toward a fellow servant. Certainly, he had missed the point of his master’s merciful actions toward him, and suffered the consequences as a result. He missed the point. He is not alone, however. We all “miss the point” sometimes—we miss the point of God’s enduring covenant of love, and miss the mark in our call to live as though we are the Lord’s, for this is who we are.

BECOMING MORE LIKE CHRIST

When Peter asked Jesus how many times he must forgive, he was probably stunned at Jesus’ response. Peter had asked, “As many as seven times?” Seven being the perfect number, surely this is enough forgiveness, Peter likely thought. Jesus’ response seems lavish beyond proportion. “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.” Jesus understands the fullness of God’s mercy and teaches that disciples are called to this same lavish outpouring of mercy. God showers compassion on humanity, beyond what might seem sensible or wise, yet we are called to “remember the Most High’s covenant, and overlook faults,” to give others the benefit of the doubt, knowing that God does this and more with us, each and every day. As recipients of God’s compassion, we must extend forgiveness and care beyond what might seem reasonable, because God’s love is beyond human reason.

HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH?

All this might seem just too much for us. It is one thing to recognize God’s enduring covenant love. It is another to grasp that we are called to the same sort of lavishness in mercy and forgiveness ourselves. Saint Paul helps us put this in perspective. We no longer live for ourselves, but for the Lord. In life and death, we belong to God and are called to be witnesses to God’s love, even in the most challenging circumstances. A friend turns away from us; we are called to turn toward the friend with mercy. A co-worker hurts us; we are called to approach him or her with forgiveness, seventy-seven times no less! God’s love is always about what is just and right. As God’s people, we live and die for the Lord, forgive even when it doesn’t make sense to do so, and leave the rest in God’s hands.

Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Ps 103:1–2, 3–4, 9–10, 11–12; Rom 14:7–9; Mt 18:21–35

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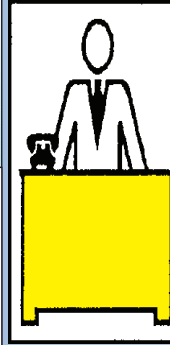
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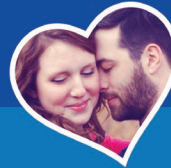
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