

The Pastor's Corner

THE TWO STANDARDS

If you've ever heard of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises they are almost exactly what they sound like- exercises to strengthen the soul. These "exercises" come in the form of meditations that are done over the course of a holy hour, to strengthen our prayer life and to more deeply understand our relationship with God. One of the meditations in the course of these exercises is a meditation on "The Two Standards." The meditation is essentially this: we are given the perspective of watching two battles on a hillside. There are two standards flying: the standard (or flag) of the devil, and the standard of Christ. The question that underlies all of this is- there is a battle for your soul! Which standard will you follow- and in which camp will you fight?

The reason why this meditation is so important is it speaks to a reality: one cannot be divided within ones self, as the Gospel for this weekend so beautifully illustrates. There are two camps fighting for your soul- and fighting hard. The devil is working to ensnare as many men and women as he can by all sorts of means, even greed, empty honors, pride, and to place their identity and value in anything except for God. Meanwhile Christ fights for us on the other side- and He urges His valiant disciples to help guide souls in humility, in truth, and in trust. They must not take up worldly vices or things, but rather help each other- and help those trapped by the evil camp.

The long and short of this is a consideration for each of us. We have two standards fighting for our souls, in each moment, of each day, in every choice and decision we make. Both camps fight for our souls, but only one is truly worth fighting for!

There are two standards. Which one will you choose to fight for?

-Fr. Belken

Readings for Next Sunday

The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 16, 2024

Ez 17:22-24
2 Cor 5:6-10
Mk 4:26-34

PLEASE NOTE

Parish Email Addresses have changed!

Office: office@stlnh.org

Billy Ray: billyray@stlnh.org

Fr. Belken: frbelken@stlnh.org

The Phone System now includes options to reach Fr. Belken's office, and also an option for the case of sacramental emergencies or to notify him of a deceased parishioner. Phone number is the same.

TOTUS TUUS

"Totally Yours"

June 9-14, 2024

Calling all youth! Deepen your faith in a fun and engaging way!

Note: Masses are at 10:45am this week!



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10th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 9-15, 2024
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Mass Schedule

Sat. Jun 8 4PM	Andrew Essner	Thu. Jun 13 10:45AM	Lorena Beussink
Sun. Jun 9 8:30AM	Parish Family	Fri. Jun 14 10:45AM	Joe David Landewee
Mon. Jun 10 10:45AM	Patrick Shelton	Sat. Jun 15 4PM	Henry Heuring Jr.
Tue. Jun 11 10:45AM	Dennis & Don Gosche	Sun. Jun 16 8:30AM	Parish Family
Wed. Jun 12 10:45AM	Paul Stuckey		

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION. JUN 9-Terri Stuckey, JUN 9-Norma Seyer, JUN 16-Jackie Griffith, JUN 23-Pat Moore, JUN 30-Mary F. Glastetter.

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

June 2, 2024: Loose \$150, Envelopes \$2445, Total: \$2595.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13th, PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING. 6PM in the Parish Center.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14th, ADORATION. St. Lawrence Church, 7:30-10:30AM.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14th, CHURCH CLEANING. Chairman: Greg & Rhonda Riley
Steve Riley, Marilyn Schlosser, Shannon & Crystal Schumer, Mike & Linda Senciboy.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20th, FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING. 6PM in the rectory.

JOB OPENING. Saint Denis School in Benton, MO is seeking friendly faces to be a part of the "Saint Denis Difference" for these following positions: a principal and part-time teacher, a full-time elementary teacher, and a part time administrative assistant. These positions are all a part of the school family atmosphere, making a difference in young disciple's spiritual and intellectual journey! For applications, qualifications, or for further inquiries, please contact Fr. Belken at the Saint Denis Parish Office at 573-545-3864 or please email office@stdenisbenton.org.

TOTUS TUUS. Totus Tuus is here at St. Lawrence June 9-13 for grades 7-12, 7-9PM. June 10-14 for grades 1-6, 8:30AM-2PM. **Please note the Mass time changes this week for Totus Tuus.**

DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND (DDF). As of the 5th week of DDF, 65 families have graciously donated. Thank you so much. We are over 67% of the way toward reaching the goal. To date, our parish has given \$16,615.00 toward our \$23,472.00 goal. We need \$6,857.00 to reach the goal. We have 4 weekends until the established goal of 30 June. If you have not yet had the opportunity to make your pledge, there are cards in the pews, in the back of church, and we will be mailing out a second donation letter in two weeks to those who have not already turned in the forms. For more information regarding DDF, you can contact Billy or Stacey Johnson at the Parish Office.

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sat. Jun 15 4PM	Frank Glueck
Organist/Cantor:	Sat. Jun 15 4PM	Linda Essner/Kari Bickings
Gift Bearers:	Sat. Jun 15 4PM	Mr./Mrs. Jacob Glastetter
Servers:	Sat. Jun 15 4PM	Oliver Welter/Leeland Welter/Noah Vetter/Caleb Vetter
Ushers:	Sat. Jun 15 4PM	Herbert Dirnberger/Joe Dirnberger/Nathan Dirnberger/Kenny Dirnberger

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sun. Jun 16 8:30AM	Sally O'Brien
Organist/Cantor:	Sun. Jun 16 8:30AM	Linda Essner/Mary B. Glastetter
Gift Bearers:	Sun. Jun 16 8:30AM	Mr./Mrs. Jason Glastetter
Servers:	Sun. Jun 16 8:30AM	Kynli Duenne/Leeland Duenne/Brooke Reeves/Eli Holman
Ushers:	Sun. Jun 16 8:30AM	Michael Dirnberger/Travis Dirnberger/Rodney Dock/Stephen Drake

PASTORAL NOTE: One-Handed Reception of Holy Communion- Over the coming weeks, Father is asking that those who must receive the Eucharist with only hand transition to either receiving on the tongue, or in the case that this is not possible, on one hand which is flat and outstretched to receive our Lord, and then is immediately moved to one's mouth to receive. Please do not "pinch" the host to receive it from the minister's hand to receive. Though this may be unfamiliar, it is simply a movement into greater conformity with the instruction of the Church on how to properly receive Holy Communion. Thank you for your attention to this matter, as we continue to renew ourselves in our love for the Holy Eucharist!

CAMP RE-NEW-ALL. Camp Re-NEW-All Fredericktown is in need of help with the following positions: 1F (June 9-14), 2 girl counselors, 1 boy counselor and a Lifeguard; 2F (June 23-28), a medical professional (nurse, EMT, etc.); 3F (July 7-12), 5 boy counselors. If you have any questions, please reach out to Kim Sellers, kimsellers66@gmail.com or call Linda Glendenning at the diocese office, 573-866-0841. Thank you so very much for your consideration, God Bless.

STEUBENVILLE, CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE SUMMER 2024. Join us in Springfield, MA on July 26-28! Secure your spot for the weekend that changes everything. Register now and give your teens an opportunity for spiritual growth and lasting transformation. Whether your teens are disengaged, doubtful believers, dedicated 'youth group kids,' or devout Catholics, these conferences present the gospel in a fresh and compelling way. This event promises to be a life-changing experience for your teens, offering them the opportunity to deepen their faith, connect with like-minded peers, and encounter the incredible power of God's love. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

2nd collection this week for "Catholic Communications Campaign"

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Karl Westrich and for his family during this time of loss and sorrow.