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Weekends:

Sat - 4 p.m. Sun - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

Weekdays:

Monday - Friday 8 a.m.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION: THE GIFT OF FAITH

If you had been alive when Jesus walked the earth, would you have believed in him? If you had seen him with your own eyes and heard him speak, would you have followed him? Would you have left behind your old ideas about religion and society to put faith in a man who claimed to not only be the Messiah but the Son of God?

These questions help us to understand some of the struggles the people of Jesus' day must have faced when confronted with his preaching. He claimed not only to know God but to be God. For this reason, so many of the people of his day had trouble understanding and believing in him. Nonetheless, many did come to believe in Jesus. What did they know that many of the religious leaders didn't know?

How were Jesus' disciples different from the crowds that rejected him and later called for him to be crucified? Jesus speaks about this in today's Gospel. Believing in him is a gift from the Father. As Jesus puts it, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him..." Those who accepted Jesus' teaching and followed him did so because they had been given faith directly from God. For some mysterious reason known only to God Himself, they received a special gift of faith—the bread of life.

The same is true for us in our day. Why is it that the Gospel message is so compelling to us? The simple fact is that we have been given the light of faith.

This is a very important truth for us to consider. Faith is a gift. It is not something we have achieved or a title we have earned. It comes to us directly from the Father. We are accountable to God about how we put it to use. Have we loved others, served the poor, counseled the doubtful, and guided the lost by the light we have received?

Jesus warns us that much will be expected from those to whom much has been given. We have been given the greatest treasure of all — faith in the Son of God. How are we putting that gift to use to draw others to Jesus?

Douglas Sousa for LPi/edited



AUG. 7 SATURDAY

4:00 p.m. Eileen Klug†
Joan Klug & Family

AUG. 8 SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Jim Holliday†
*Veronis & Holliday families,
Stan & Kitty Pazyk,
Cindy Gunto*

10:00 a.m. Ron Jaworski†
Family

AUG. 9 MONDAY

8:00 a.m. Vince Scarbin†
Jim & Diana Barker

AUG. 10 TUESDAY

8:00 a.m. Don Gordon†
Carolyn Gordon

AUG. 11 WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. Terri & Chris McDonald
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AUG. 12 THURSDAY

8:00 a.m. Patsy Miller†
Karen Robbins

AUG. 13 FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. Thomas Andrews
Johnston Family

AUG. 14 SATURDAY

4:00 p.m. Lewis Melchior†
Dick Battista

AUG. 15 SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Julia Lavenski†
Sue Anne Myers

10:00 a.m. Eileen Klug†
Joan Klug & Family



Saint Lawrence: The Martyr Who Heckled His Hecklers

During the third century, there were seven deacons who served Pope Sixtus II in Rome. The Empire remained a volatile place for Christians, and Emperor Valerian's reign was no exception.

St. Lawrence, whose feast is Tuesday, Aug. 10, ended up in the crosshairs of the Roman Empire because of the belief that the Catholic Church possessed great amounts of treasure. A Roman official questioned Lawrence about the location of the Church's treasure, and he responded by saying:

"Behold in these poor persons the treasures which I promised to show you; to which I will add pearls and precious stones, those widows and consecrated virgins, which are the Church's crown."

His clever response wasn't received too well, and Lawrence was consequently put into prison. It didn't take long for the Roman official to sentence Lawrence to a cruel death, as he also obstinately refused to worship the Roman gods. The Legend of what happens next is why St. Lawrence is invoked by many comedians as their patron.

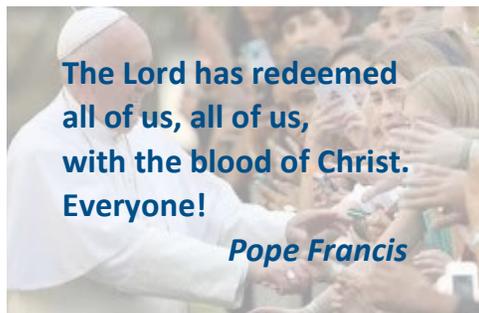
The executioners stripped him, laid him out on an iron grill, piled burning coals under it, and pressed heated iron pitchforks upon his body. Lawrence, with a cheerful expression, responded: "Look, wretch, you have me well done on one side, turn me over and eat!" This comedic response enraged his executioners, who simply turned up the heat and let Lawrence burn to death.

In the midst of his martyrdom, the holy deacon was able to crack a joke.

It is written that one of the reasons Lawrence was able to find levity in such a dark situation was his belief in Heaven. He believed that dying for the Christian faith would pave the way to his eternal reward. In fact, it is believed that he embraced death and looked forward to what would happen next. It is said that his last words were a prayer to God: "I thank you, O Lord, because I have been worthy to pass through your portals!"

May we do as well as Lawrence finding our humor in dark times. Given the legend, it seems appropriate to say of St. Lawrence: "well done!"

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**The Lord has redeemed
all of us, all of us,
with the blood of Christ.
Everyone!**

Pope Francis

Prayer REQUESTS

Recently Sick: Joseph Grampa, Bobby Kleinedler, Sandye Yoho, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Sami Wilson, Kathryn Ferrera, Sara Walters, Danielle Wilson, Loretta Saporito, Bob Balgo, Mary Stees, Sue Riffle, Judith Harbert, Megan Freeland Roskovensky, Mike Gardill, Richard Targosky Sr.

Homebound: Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Semon & Phyllis Prado.

Nursing Homes: Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker.

Names of those recently sick will appear for two months. Please resubmit requests for those who still need our healing prayers.

CALENDAR

Sunday after 10 a.m. Mass	FAREWELL GATHERING For ANDREW The Shrine
Mondays until Aug. 30 7 p.m.	INFANT of PRAGUE NOVENA St. Mary's, Martins Ferry
Monday Aug. 30 6 p.m.	BEREAVEMENT GATHERING St. John Fellowship Hall 622 Main St., Benwood
Aug. 22 Mass at noon	PARISH PICNIC Remember to Sign Up in the Church vestibule
Sept. 22 6:30 p.m.	PARISH COUNCIL Church Hall

SCHEDULES AUGUST 14 & 15

LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 p.m. **D. Prado / J. Fecat**
 8:00 a.m. **L. Remke / P. Remke**
 10:00 a.m. **E. King / J. Klug**

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Candles	\$77.00
Pennies for God	\$1.83
Online Giving	\$190.65
Attendance	218

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WE HAVE A NEW PARISHIONER with 10 years of experience working with youths, and she is eager to learn our thoughts about youth ministries. Jessica Petters is her name, and she invites you to call her at 479-981-9129 to share your ideas. We already are planning a Mass this Fall for our parish youth.

YOU WILL SEE A FLYER FOR A Quarter Auction in today's bulletin. The event is set for this Sunday, the 8th, from noon - 5 p.m. in Xavier Hall. Proceeds will benefit P.L.A.Y.S. Child Care Center, located in our former school building. Please support this cause!

IF YOU ARE OVERWHELMED with God's grace and abundance, bring your extra garden produce with you to church and place it in the basket in the vestibule to share with the hungry, the less fortunate among us, and those born without green thumbs.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION, formerly known as CCD, will begin in September, and we are looking forward to having children of all ages join us. PSR registration forms are available on the parish website and in the church vestibule beginning this Sunday. Please consider registering your children so that they pass on the gift of faith to their children and generations to come.

Please bring the completed forms to the parish office or send them by attachment via email. Instructions for electronically sending forms are available on our website in the FORMS menu.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):
 Sat. 3:30 p.m. or upon request.
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:
 By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):
 Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Grades 1-12.

WE NEED HELP THE MORNING of the church picnic getting items to the Barn and setting up for the day's activities on Aug. 22. We will meet in the church parking lot at 8:30 a.m. Sunday to load items and head out. We also will need help at the site arranging the altar for the noon Mass, covering tables, and setting up the buffet line. We expect to be at the Barn by 9 a.m. for those who wish to meet us there. Please contact the church office as soon as you are able if you are available to help.

Remember also to sign up to attend the picnic if you haven't been able to do so yet. We hope to see everyone Sunday, Aug. 22!

IS LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR rich Catholic heritage interesting to you? Would knowing more about the sacraments help to deepen your faith? Do you know someone who would like to become a Catholic? If so, let Father know. We will begin RCIA classes soon!

OUR FAREWELL GET-TOGETHER for Andrew is now this Sunday following 10 a.m. Mass. Please stop by the Shrine to wish him well before he leaves us to continue his discernment journey.

THE MARSHALL COUNTY HEALTH Department provides Covid-19 vaccine on a weekly basis at the department. Please call them at 304-845-7840 to schedule an appointment. Find other vaccine locations nationwide here: <https://www.vaccines.gov/search>

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:
 By appointment. The diocese requires instructions beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

REGISTRATION, CHURCH SUPPORT:
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