



SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS SCHEDULE
Weekends: 4:00PM Saturday - 8:30AM Sunday
Daily: 8:30 AM Monday through Saturday
Holy Hour 7pm Wednesday Adoration 7:30am Saturday
Confessions 30 minutes prior to every Mass

Mass Intentions

Sat	Sep 10	4:00 PM	St. Ann Parishioners
Sun	Sep 11	8:30 AM	Ceel Thorp+
Mon	Sep 12	8:30 AM	Mitchell Lammers
Tue	Sep 13	8:30 AM	Joseph & Irene Whiston+
Wed	Sep 14	8:30 AM	Theresa Moran Titus

Thur	Sep 15	8:30 AM	Fr. Philip O'Donnell+
Fri	Sep 16	8:30 AM	James Bono
Sat	Sep 17	8:30 AM	Mary Dirkes
Sat	Sep 17	4:00 PM	Josh Martin

OFFERING		
Sep 4		\$4,519.05
Online giving (8/29-9/4)		\$ 850.00

PRAYER REQUESTS	
Bill Greim, Tim Pingell, Stephan 'Doc' Kohl	

FROM FATHER DREW

Friends, the Bishop's Office requests that this weekend we focus on the scourge of pornography and its devastating effect on our once-Christian culture. Near the back of your missalette you will find the Mass for Tuesday, Sep 6. Read the reading from Corinthians, and then my sermon below on it. The world today, as it did in St Paul's time, is selling vice as "freedom." It's all a lie, brought about by the father of lies himself.

Time is now getting short – for you and for Satan. He is doing all he can to see you do not inherit eternal life. Arm yourself then, as St Paul wrote, with spiritual weapons, the greatest of which is the Holy Sacrifice of Mass. And with God's grace you will conquer the flesh and the devil, making you truly free. And you will go to heaven.

1 Cor 6.1.11, Tuesday of 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

How can any one of you with a case against another dare to bring it to the unjust for judgment instead of to the holy ones?

Paul was flabbergasted. You see, all that talk about "loving your neighbor as yourself" and "conversion" was quite useless when Corinthians noticed the Christians there suing each other.

Wasn't there anyone among the Christians in Corinth who had the brains to judge internal affairs? "If not, why not just let yourselves be cheated?" Paul asked. Instead, the new Christians in Corinth cheated each other and inflicted injustice. Paul warned them not to be deceived. Those who acted in such a fashion would not inherit the kingdom.

Geographically, the city of Corinth was an isthmus in southern Greece. An isthmus is a narrow strip of land with two oceans on each side. Ships would dock at one port, empty their cargo and have it carried through Corinth and then put on another ship. East truly met West in this strategic and wealthy Roman city which had not one, but two ports. Two ports meant Corinth had twice as many sailors running all over town.

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Fr. Drew, Continued

Lust and license prevailed everywhere, not only unbridled but ostentatious. It had influence on the language too, for the Greeks had coined the verb “to corinthize” and the epithet “Corinthian girl” to denote the kind of life lived there and its devotee. There was also the phrase “Corinthian sickness” to indicate the physiological consequences of that life (Ricciotti, Paul).

How dare Paul of Tarsus come to Corinth and try to ruin all the fun. Paul entered this Corinthian den of iniquity and started preaching, “Blessed are the poor, and blessed are the clean of heart.” Now, people engulfed in sin do not care to hear things like that. And that kind of preaching would not win Paul too many friends, especially in high places. You see, just like today, in ancient Corinth there was a lot of money to be made in vice.

What the people in Corinth did not understand, however, was that Paul was a Pharisee, a man formerly zealous for the Jewish law. Now he was zealous for Christ and Him crucified. There was no stopping St Paul. He feared nothing but God. Paul’s zeal then got the Church started on the narrow isthmus of Corinth. And a narrow strip of light had started shining in the darkness. But the light was in danger of going out. That explains Paul’s urgent letter to the Corinthians.

How dare St Paul. And how dare us. We, who live in a land where lust and license prevail everywhere. Some of us, like the Corinthians, are former pagans, but now we have had ourselves justified and sanctified in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We will not be deceived. We will fear nothing but God. And by God’s grace we will inherit the kingdom.

RELIGIOUS APPRECIATION THIS SUNDAY September 11 Social Hour 4:00, Dinner 5:00

Come celebrate Msgr Caldwell's (Fr Bill) 81st birthday and to show our appreciation for the work and guidance received from Fr Drew and Deacon Bandy. The Knights will furnish pulled pork, french fries, and pork and beans. Bring a side dish and or dessert to share with the parish family. Table ware and drinks will be provided. There is no charge to attend. Hope to see everyone there.

Did you miss 8:30 Mass at St Ann? Go to Richmond for the 11:00 Mass.

Friends, I've seen some of you at the Sunday 11:00 Mass at Immaculate Conception in Richmond. If, for whatever reason, you cannot make the 8:30 Mass in Excelsior, instead of driving west toward Kansas City for a later Mass, let me suggest you take Hwy 10 east to Richmond. Driving toward Kansas City entails long traffic stops and getting on I-35. The 16-mile drive to Richmond is relaxing, and full of great scenery, which includes a lot of horses in the fields. For lunch in Richmond, there's a buffet called Stella's. It has good fried chicken and a soft-serve ice-cream machine!

As part of our **Adult Faith Formation** we are now offering **God's Recipe For A Wonderful Life**. This is a study of the Ten Commandments showing how they are relevant in today’s culture and how they lead us into relationship with Jesus and with one another. You can complete the course at home by accessing it over the internet. To register for the course and create your free account, go to www.IfULoveMe.org/register. Once you are at the Registration web page, find your parish and click REGISTER. See how God’s Commandments get us back to the basics and restore Truth in our world of confusion. If you encounter any problems or have questions, contact Deacon Alan, at stann.deacon@gmail.com or 816-630-6659 ext 3.

To listen to Fr Drew's homilies, go to the “Podcast” app on your phone. Search “Daily Homily Father Kevin Drew”. Touch that screen and listen to current and past episodes of his homilies.

Two ways to listen to the daily Mass at St. Ann, tune into Catholic Radio 1090 AM or go to catholicradionetwork.com. Click on “Listen Live”; aired at 11:00 AM; daily homily airs Monday-Friday at 3:50 PM.



If you would like to register to St Ann Parish call, email, or see Fr Drew after Mass .

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse: 1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and 2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and 3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. Victim Assistance Coordinator, Whitney True-Francis, 816-392-0011