

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time June 18, 2023

Exodus 19:2-6a; Psalm 100; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36-10:8

Hurt is not easily forgiven. Our impulse very often is to strike back, if not directly, then in more subtle ways -- denying forgiveness, giving the silent treatment. Reconciliation is today's theme. If we are to imitate divine mercy, then the challenge is to look beyond ourselves and our hurt to a God who never ceases to say, "I love you and, therefore, I forgive you."

At the beginning of the second century B.C., Ben Sira compiled a compendium of Israel's wisdom, commonly known as the Book of Sirach. In this section, especially Chapter 28:2-7, he considers the theme of forgiveness. He argues that forgiveness of neighbor brings God's forgiveness of our own sins. Two more motives for mercy are the thought of death and God's covenant.

The gospel passage is part of Matthew's discourse on Church order. Problems in community are presumed. The issue is whether or not there are limits to forgiveness. Peter's suggestion of the number of times the Christian should forgive appears generous, but it is short of Jesus' view for the kingdom. For Jesus, forgiveness is more than generous, it is boundless.

Ben Sira reminds us that the wrongdoer is our brother or sister and thus vindictiveness is unacceptable. The psalmist writes that the God of Israel rejects human estimates for pardon and therefore a less than genuine forgiveness is wrong. Jesus teaches limitless mercy as the norm rather than the exception. We should forgive, not like the first official in his parable, but like the king.

-- John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.

VOCATION CORNER JUNE 18, 2023

Jesus, in today's Gospel, sends forth the disciples to become "shepherds" of His people. He exhorts us to "ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest" for "the harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few". We are charged with praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life but also to work for the "harvest". Today, encourage someone who might be interested in ordained and consecrated life to investigate that vocation.



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BIRTHDAYS

Neil Coleman 6/18
Jim Goddard 6/20

Schedule of Masses

June 18 8 am Mass – *Agnes Schwartz*
Fathers Day

June 23 6 pm Mass

June 25 8 am Mass

Liturgical Ministers

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
June 18	J. Nelson	K. Pobst	X. Gruszczyk M. Slife M. Nelson	M. Palmer E. Zmuda	*Jon Slife J. Bergmann

Gift Bearers Steve & Katie Post **Cantor** J. Starratt

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
June 25	S. Pobst	L. Coleman	P. Widowski B. Palmer A. Dueker	C. Levesque	*M. McMahan D. Zmuda Sr.

Gift Bearers M. McMahan & J. Cecchi **Cantor** J. Starratt

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING *June 11, 2023*

General \$1265.00 (20)

Loose \$1.00

Total \$1266.00

BUILDING MAINTENANCE (6) \$145.00

Total \$145.00

THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

SUN JUNE 18 8am Mass- *Agnes Schwartz*
Fathers Day

SUN JUNE 23 6 pm Mass

SUN JUNE 25 8 am Mass

JUNE HEALTH FOCUS

June is Men's Health Month. Please encourage all the men in your life to eat healthy, exercise often and get regular check-ups. These goals will help maintain a sound body and a long life.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Faith Alive needs volunteers for *June 22, 23 & 24*. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the church.

HOGGS HOLLOW POTLUCK

Let's come together to share our Catholic faith and friendship at an outdoor gathering of ladies from our 3 parish family. The event will take place at Hoggs Hollow Winery outside of Glendale, IL on Saturday, June 24 from 11:00 until 2:00. Bring a dish to share if you wish, but don't feel obligated. We'll introduce ourselves, play some Catholic Trivia, and just eat, sip, and visit. *Questions? Call or text Pam Shallenberger at 217-714-4568.*

HOGGS HOLLOW CARPOOL

Please talk to *Pam* after Mass if you would like to carpool to *Hoggs Hollow Winery* this coming *Saturday 6/24/23* for our ladies parish family outing.

CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL 2023

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord - Psalm 15

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LOOKING AHEAD

June 18 *Fathers Day*

June 21 *Parish Council Meeting*

June 22-24 *Faith Alive Work Days*

June 24 *Parish Family Women's Potluck at Hoggs Hollow Winery* 11am-2pm

****Office Hours to contact Theresa are M-F 8am-4pm at the rectory (618) 658-4501 or via email spccil@frontier.com. Wednesday at 12pm is the deadline for any bulletin changes or additions. Wednesdays Theresa will be at the rectory 11am- 1pm.****