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Mass times: Sunday 10:30am 4:00pm Spanish Thursday 6:00pm Reconciliation/ Confession: Thursday 5:30-6pm

#### Anointing of the Sick & Visits:

Please call the office if you know of someone in need of a pastoral visit. Marriage Prep: Notify the priest six months in advance of the wedding

Baptism: by appointment

*Twenty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time* MASS INTENTIONS

Sept. 01... Ann Bonfield Sept. 15....Susan Roberts

DO YOU HAVE MASS INTENTIONS? We have envelopes at back of the church. Ask an usher.



### A Word from Fr. Jim: Sunday, September 1, 2024

The desert father, known as St. Anthony the Great, has left us with this paradoxical prophecy "A time is coming when men will go mad and when they see someone who is not mad, they will attack him saying "You are mad, you are not like us." Jesus in his criticism of the Pharisees was regarded as both a lawbreaker and insane even while his ministry of love, truth and healing of all to whom he came in contact was the most sane and humane of actions ever memorialized on this planet.

The Pharisees' concern for the power and prestige they wielded among their followers blinded their eyes and their hearts to the miracles of love Jesus continued to perform in their midst. Their silence in the face of the Roman oppression of their people was not nearly as horrific as the burdens they placed on the backs of their people- most particularly the peasant farmers, fishermen and itinerants like Jesus. The ritual washing of hands and eating utensils, as Jesus pointed out, was a luxurious tradition largely maintained by the urban elites and not the poorest of Jews. And while Jesus loved and dined with the rich as well as the poor, his concerns were always slanted toward the most oppressed, marginalized and needy.

The traditional rituals of our faith should never supplant the corporal and spiritual acts of mercy which, paradoxically, are the ultimate actions which define those very rituals. When we partake of the rituals without their leading us to such acts of mercy our rituals become a form of blasphemy as they had become for the Pharisees.

#### New to Our Parish?

#### Returning and need to update information?

Ask an usher for the parish registration form. Complete and return to the church office or put in the collection plate.

We are happy you are here!

# Welcome

#### **Maynard Reinhardt**

as our new Coordinator of Religious Education.

Classes will start Sept 15th.

# SIGNUP at back of

# church

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# ST. AGATHA ACADEMY WEARE HIRING



Pre-K Aides,

Aftercare Workers, and

Substitute Teachers Contact Principal Kathleen Thompson MKTHOMPSON@CDLEX.ORG for requirements and info.



9/03 ... Glenda Comer 9/04 ... Sean Collins 9/05 ... David Sanchez 9/06 ... Laraine Gilvin





TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The CHURCH PICNIC is now scheduled for OCT 20 (Court Day Weekend) at Easy Walker Park. Time TBD. The 2024 Season of Creation has the theme "To hope and act with Creation". It takes place between September 1st (the Feast of Creation) and October 4th (the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi). During this time, churches are encouraged to focus on creation and its responsibilities.

**WANNA GO TO AN EVENT?** Try the Laudato Si' Season of Creation Walking Tour

September 7 @ 11:00 am at Calvary Cemetery in Lexington. Barry Duncil of Coolmore-Ashford Stud Farm will provide a tree tour and Mary Queen will host a live Podcast on site that will also be posted to the MQ website.



There are in truth three states of the converted: the beginning, the middle, and the

perfection. In the beginning they experience the charms of sweetness; in the middle

the contests of temptation; and in the end the fullness of perfection.

- St. Gregory the Great (540-604) Doctor of the Church, Feast Day September 3

# September prayer intention 2024

Let us pray that each of us listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

Pray with Pope Francis: https://clicktopray.org/monthly

# **DID YOU KNOW?**

St Patrick participates in Kroger's Community Rewards program. You can link your shoppers card to our church so that the church benefits every time you shop.

