



## 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

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### ***MASS:***

***Wednesday 9:00 a.m.***

***Sunday 9:00 a.m.***

### ***Parish Pastoral Council:***

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## *Life Lessons From 'McGuffey'*

One thing that is undeniably true is that, as we age, we realize we cannot keep everything we have accumulated over decades of living. That's a reality I keep coming up against as I sort through mementos from my folks, who have been gone 40 years and more now.

For decades I have kept a glass-door bookcase filled with some of the items my folks treasured, and others that merely remind me of this or that aspect about them. When I recently gave away some of the books that were among these family trinkets and treasures, I came across a little volume that held special interest.

It was a New McGuffey Fifth Reader from 1901, and my father had signed it "Ravenna Street, Hudson, Ohio." Since he was born in 1902, and lived in Hudson circa 1910-15, he must have been about eight to 13 when he had this book assigned in school. He was surely using it in grade school.

As I leafed through that 352-page little 5" x 7" reader, I was astounded at the depth of the material covered in those days compared to what today's youngsters are expected to read and know. Many of today's publishing houses are putting out cartoonish drivel and students are assigned to read it, unthinkable in 1910. Back in the early 1900s, it appears, even "junior high" students were being exposed to the likes of Henry David Thoreau, Louisa May Alcott, Shakespeare, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and the delights of Washington's Irving's "Rip Van Winkle."

From even a cursory look through the table of contents, one sees that those who were learning to read from McGuffey in the early 1900s were being exposed to material many current graduates of Ivy League schools have no idea exists. We have so watered down what passes for learning these days, often dumping the great works from the past in favor of trendy authors of the day, that it is entirely possible to graduate with a degree from an "elite" university now without ever having been exposed to the greatest minds of the past.

It is of special interest that the editor of the 1901 McGuffey edition writes that he sought to include "lessons inculcating kindness, courage, obedience, industry, thrift, patriotism and other duties and obligations." All traits needed in 1901, no doubt. All so much more needed now in this era when our nation seems to be abandoning every value we once held dear.

— Lou Jacquet

## *Bishop To Lead Ecumenical Day*

Bishop David Bonnar and Bishop Laura Barbins, bishop of the Northeastern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, will lead an ecumenical study and celebration Sunday Sept. 22, 2:30-7 p.m., at St. Joan of Arc Church, Streetsboro. The day will include a presentation, panel discussion, prayer and dinner.

The event will feature a keynote address from Joy Schroeder, professor at Trinity Lutheran Seminary and an official participant in the National Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue.

The event celebrates the 25th anniversary of the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification, signed in 1999 by the Vatican and member churches of the Lutheran World Federation.

The event is open to the public; register at [DOY.ORG/LCC](http://DOY.ORG/LCC) or call Msgr. Robert Siffrin, 330-744-8451, ext. 225.

## *Living Bread Radio Marks 20th*

The Living Bread Radio Network will mark its 20th anniversary on the air with a Celebration Banquet Tuesday, Oct. 15, at Guy's Party Center, [500 E. Waterloo Rd., Akron](http://500.E.Waterloo.Rd.,Akron). Speakers: Bishop Joseph Strickland and Jesse Romero. Doors open at 6, dinner 7 p.m. Tickets: \$25/person. Registration by invitation only. To receive your invitation, call 330-966--2903 or email [mromano@livingbreadradio.com](mailto:mromano@livingbreadradio.com)

### *Office Hours*

**Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

**Call Jackie Niznik with questions at 330-792-3875**

### **Sunday, September 8**

**9:00 a.m.** George and Mary Alyce Kinnick by Family

### **Wednesday, September 11**

**9:00 a.m.** Sandra Frank by Family

### **Sunday, September 15**

**9:00 a.m.** Harold Shaulis by Family

### **Please Pray For Our Sick**

**Tiffany Joy, Mary Pavlak, Beverly Detate, Sr. Marjorie Haidet, Frank Lightner, Michelle Smith, Ken Mains, David Deihl, Barbara Bonninsegna, Mary Beth Celio, Fr. Richard Brobst, Charles Slivkoff, Harold and Debra Brown, Rita Thomas**



"For me, prayer is an aspiration of the heart, it is a simple glance directed to heaven, it is a cry of gratitude and love in the midst of trial as well as joy; finally it is something great, supernatural, which expands my soul and unites me to Jesus."

—St. Therese of Lisieux

## *Sunday's Scriptures: Be Strong and Fear Not*

Today's readings for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time are from Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Gospel of Mark 7: 31-37.

Our Scripture readings today are full of consolation and hope. The prophet Isaiah offers the frightened people of Israel beautiful words to lift their spirits: "Be strong, fear not! Here is your God; He comes with vindication; with divine recompense, He comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing."

This prophecy is fulfilled in the ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus is in the district of the Decapolis. People bring to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment. Jesus takes the man away from the crowd. "He put his finger into the

man's ears, and spitting, touched his tongue; then Jesus looked up to heaven and said to the man, "Ephphatha!", that is, 'be opened!' And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly."

Jesus, who is Emmanuel (God with us), comes to save and heal his people. He heals individuals on a physical, emotional, and spiritual level. Two thousand years later, Jesus remains with us in the Eucharist, the Sacraments, the Scriptures, and He heals us in the sacraments of Penance and the Anointing of the Sick. We are a blessed people, who can live in joy and hope. We can be strong and fear not.

— Geri Jacquet

## *Shrines of Italy/Stairs Tour*

A visit to the Shrines of Italy and the Holy Stairs will be offered Oct. 2-15 on a 14-day tour of Milan to Rome with Deacon Michael Balchus; prices start at \$3,399 (land, double occupancy).

Tour includes Holy Shroud Museum, candle-light procession at Padre Pio's San Giovanni Rotondo, papal audience, papal summer residence, Padua, Ravenna, Assisi area, much more. Call Brian Johnson, 1-860-399-1785.

## *Celebrate 150 Years With Ursulines*

The Ursuline Sisters of Youngstown invite the public to celebrate their 150th anniversary of Gospel service in the Mahoning Valley on Sept. 22 with 4 p.m. Mass in St. Columba Cathedral and 5:30 p.m. dinner at Waypoint 4180. Tickets are \$150 per person at <https://givebutter.com/FulnessofLifeFutureofHope>.

Information: 330-793-0434, ext. 358.

## *Prayer to St. Peter Claver*

"O God, who made St. Peter Claver a slave of slaves and strengthened him with wonderful charity and patience as he came to their help, grant, through his intercession, that, seeking the things of Jesus Christ, we may love our neighbor in deeds and in truth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever."

Feast Day: Sept. 9; died 1654

## **Your Sacrificial Offering**

Amount needed monthly to meet expenses

For August 2024 **\$29,440.00**

### **Week of August 18, 2024**

Sunday Collection	\$3,266.00
Increased Operating Exp.	\$15.00
Major Repairs	\$00.00
Rentals	\$1,050.00
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Total	\$5,441.00

**3 week total \$15,276.00 toward the goal of \$29,440.00**

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**Mass 9 a.m. 8/11- 106**

**8/18-113**



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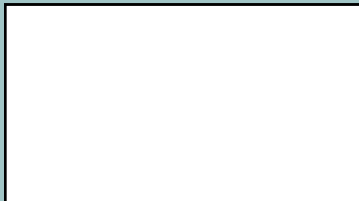
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