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In just seven days ICU capacity in western Kentucky grew from 59% to 98% and now children comprise about 25% of current COVID cases in the state.

We continue to strongly recommend that everyone mask indoors and to please postpone unnecessary meetings. Please encourage parishioners to wear a mask as they enter Church. Large gatherings that include a meal are also being discouraged for the time being.

Everyone dispensing the Eucharistic should be masked and Eucharistic Ministers should sanitize their hands after receiving the Eucharist.

We continue to hope and pray that we are nearing the peak of this pandemic, but until the regional data reflects fewer transmissions, we ask everyone to please continue to be diligent.

Prayers,

Tom Lilly, Chancellor, Chief Administrative Officer

The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities: local law enforcement Sheriff: (270) 237-3210 or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-KYSAFE1; 1-877-597-2331). To report to the diocese abuse by church personnel (paid or volunteer) either past or present, please call the Pastoral Assistance Coordinator at this confidential phone line: 270-852-8380. The Diocese of Owensboro has just revised its sexual abuse policy, and it is available at this parish (in the parish office & on the bulletin board) and on the diocesan web site <https://owensborodiocese.org/reporting/>.

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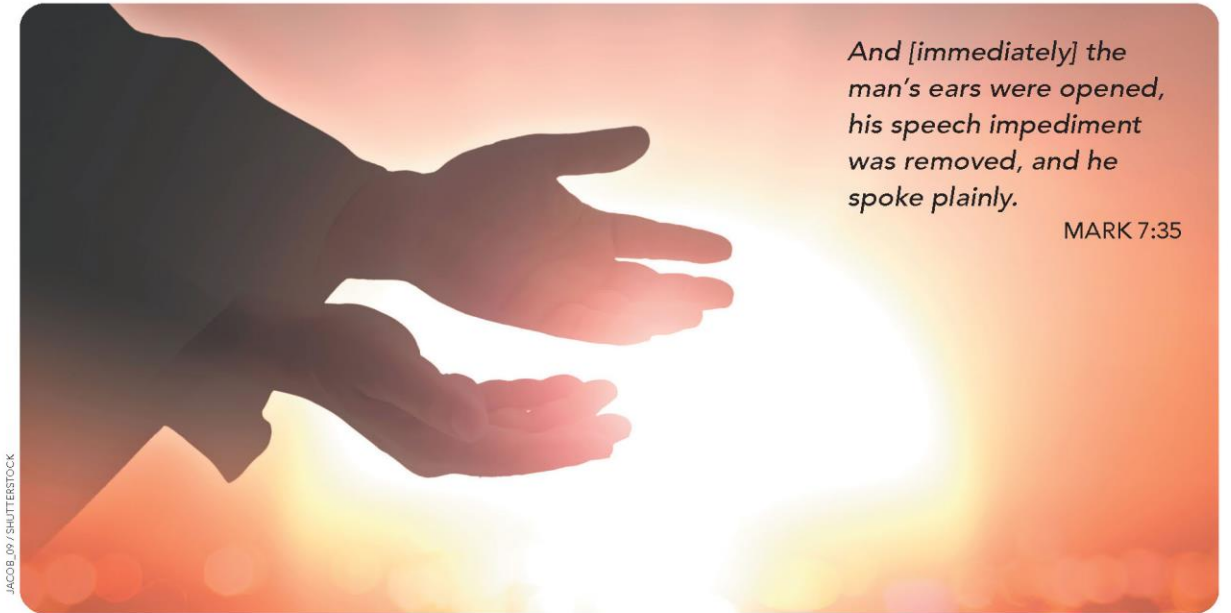
September 5, 2021

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Is 35:4-7a

Jas 2:1-5

Mk 7:31-37



And [immediately] the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly.

MARK 7:35

He Has Done All Things Well

Deep in the heart of each of us is a desire for a perfect world—a world of peace and harmony, where life flourishes and people care for one another. From beginning to end, our religious tradition promises that such a world is just ahead of us. Today's readings assure us that physical obstacles will not prevent its accomplishment, because the graciousness of God is stronger than any other power.

Today's reading from Isaiah instructs us: "Be strong, do not fear!" (35:4). It encourages us to believe in this promise of ultimate fulfillment and to trust that God will see it through. Our focus changes slightly in the Gospel passage. What was a promise of the future for Isaiah bursts forth as a reality in the Gospel, where the healing of broken bodies and troubled lives is realized by the warm words and gentle touch of Jesus.

Do such miracles really happen? Or are these fanciful stories that provide hope for people with little scientific understanding? Are miracles real? Of course they are. However, their true meaning might be much more profound than we realize. A miracle is a manifestation of divine power far beyond human control or comprehension. It is an experience of being made whole again, an occurrence in which peace and harmony are reestablished. Sometimes a miracle is spectacular; at other times it is far too deep to be seen. But always it is God working in our lives to create us anew.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✦ *Where does your life need healing? What are you doing about it?*
- ✦ *How might you be a source of healing in the lives of others?*



Mass
Schedule
Sundays at 11:00 am
Tuesdays at 5:00 pm
Wednesdays at 8:00 am

LECTORS

Sep 12, Diane Beeckler
Sep 19, Dave Gripp
Sep 26, Shelby Anderson



Attendance
August 29, 2021
65

SAVE THE DATE

Sep 08~	King's Angels Mtg	11:00 - noon
Sep 12~	CCD Classes Begin	09:15 - 10:30am
Sep 21~	Parish Council Mtg	5:45 pm
Sep 25~	K of C Breakfast	8:00 – 10:30

July 2021- June 2022	Donations Last Week	Total Amount This fiscal year to 8/29	Budget This fiscal year to 8/29
Diocesan Coll.	0.00	270.00	483.87
Regular Collection (including on-line)	1,880.00	11,754.00	10,241.89
Donations/Gifts	10.65	534.65	241.94
Building Fund III (Including on-line)	1,026.00	3,036.00	3,387.09
Miscellaneous	15.00	196.76	311.41
Total Income	2,931.65	15,791.41	14,666.20

Saint of the day- The remarkable woman who would be known as Mother Teresa began life named Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu. Born on August 26, 1910, in Skopje, she was the youngest child born to Nikola and Drane Bojaxhiu. Receiving her First Communion at the age of five, she was confirmed in November 1916. Her father died while she was only eight years old leaving her family in financial straits.

Gonxha's religious formation was assisted by the vibrant Jesuit parish of the Sacred Heart in which she was very involved as a youth. Subsequently moved to pursue missionary work, Gonxha left her home in September 1928 at the age of 18 to join the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, known as the Sisters of Loreto, in Ireland.

She received the name Sister Mary Teresa after St. Therese of Lisieux. In December of 1929, she departed for her first trip to India, arriving in Calcutta. After making her First Profession of Vows in May 1931, Sister Teresa was assigned to the Loreto Entally community in Calcutta and taught at St. Mary's School for girls.

Sister Teresa made her Final Profession of Vows, On May 24, 1937, becoming, as she said, the "spouse of Jesus" for "all eternity." From that time on she was called Mother Teresa.

RCIA

2021 RCIA classes will begin Tuesday, September 7 at 5:30 pm in Community Hall. If you or someone you know would like to join the Catholic church, please contact Fr. Tom or Henriette for more information. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex.

Knights of Columbus Sponsors First Friday

1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration will be preceded by the **Holy Hour** at 5 o'clock.
Adoration will begin at 6 until 7 pm.
Prayer cards and books are available.

SCAM

If you receive a text message on your phone from Fr. Tom asking for help, don't believe it. It's a scam. Fr. Tom does not have a cell phone AND he is not on Facebook.

Haiti Earthquake Relief

In your compassion, the bishop asks that we hold a 2nd collection today, to invite the charitable response of our congregation. Envelopes are available in the Narthex.

Dear Padre,

Martyrs and people who commit suicide willingly sacrifice their lives, so how are they different? If I deliberately put myself in a position to be killed—even for a worthy cause—isn't that a form of suicide?

Life is a gift from God. While both martyrdom and suicide contradict the natural human disposition to preserve and perpetuate life, the former is a totally self-giving act; the latter, a self-inflicted one.

The early Church believed that martyrs went directly to heaven because their sacrifice of life was the ultimate Christlike expression. Their courageous endurance of indignities and tortures—their heroic willingness to die in defense of the faith or to save another's life—demonstrates a supreme love of God and neighbor over love for life itself (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2473).

Those who take their own lives to end personal suffering or despair make a decision that belongs to God alone. It's an action that can revolve totally around the "self," often with little thought given to its consequences. It's a sin against hope (CCC 2091) that reveals a lack of faith and trust in God. Conversely, martyrdom is a profound expression of faith, trust, and hope in God. Nevertheless, our compassionate God fully knows the intensity of suffering that triggers suicide and "can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance" (CCC 2283).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Remember that story about the poor widow lady...Her husband had committed suicide; he jumped from the bridge into the river. And she wept. She said, "I am a sinner, a poor woman. But my poor husband! He is in hell."...And the Curé of Ars said, "But wait a moment, ma'am, because between the bridge and the river, there is the mercy of God."

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Calendar

Monday
SEPTEMBER 6
Weekday
Col 1:24—2:3
Lk 6:6—11

Tuesday
SEPTEMBER 7
Weekday
Col 2:6—15
Lk 6:12—19

Wednesday
SEPTEMBER 8
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mt 5:1—4a or
Rom 8:28—30
Mt 1:1—16, 18—23, or
1:18—23

Thursday
SEPTEMBER 9
St. Peter Claver, Priest
Col 3:12—17
Lk 6:27—38

Friday
SEPTEMBER 10
Weekday
1 Tm 1:1—2, 12—14
Lk 6:39—42

Saturday
SEPTEMBER 11
Weekday
1 Tm 1:15—17
Lk 6:43—49

Sunday
SEPTEMBER 12
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 50:4—9a
Jas 2:14—18
Mk 8:27—35



Important Message from the Diocese is on the back of this bulletin.