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## **Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 9, 2024**

**Sunday, June 9, 2024**

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Genesis 3:9-15; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1;  
Mark 3:20-35

**Monday June 10, 2024**

1 Kings 17:1-6; Matthew 5:1-12  
**1:00 PM - Al-Anon**

**Tuesday, June 11, 2024**

**St. Barnabas**

Acts 11:21b; 13:1-3; Matthew 5:13-16

**Wednesday, June 12, 2024**

1 Kings 18:20-39; Matthew 5:17-19  
**Office Closed**

**Thursday, June 13, 2024**

**St. Anthony of Padua**

1 Kings 18:41-46; Matthew 5:20-26

**Friday, June 14, 2024**

**Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-16; Matthew 5:27-32  
**9:00 AM - Daily Mass - Rectory**  
**†Frank Yost Family by Betty Yost**

**Saturday, June 15, 2024**

1 Kings 19:19-21; Matthew 5:33-37  
**4:00 – 4:30 PM Reconciliation – St. Philip Neri**  
**5:00 PM Mass at St. Philip Neri**  
**†Carl Yost by Betty Yost**

### **Collection Report** **June 1, 2024**

**St. Philip Neri**

<b>Envelopes (25)</b>	<b>\$1,965.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$306.00</b>
	<b>\$2,271.00</b>
<b>Wkly. Budget</b>	<b>\$3,100.00</b>
<b>O/ (U) Budget</b>	<b>(\$829.00)</b>
<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>\$151,900.00</b>
<b>YTD Collections</b>	<b>\$140,289.59</b>
	<b>(\$11,610.41)</b>

### **Schedule of Ministers**

**St. Philip Neri**

**June 15, 2024, 5:00 PM**

<b>Eucharist:</b>	Irene Balowski
<b>Eucharist:</b>	Bob Shepler
<b>Eucharist:</b>	Cecile Slywka
<b>Word:</b>	Karen McKinney
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Jim Kaverman
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Betty Yost
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Larry Wisniewski
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Jerry Slywka

Altar Flowers

This weekend's flowers are in Memory of  
Joan Karns by Richard Karns

### **HE LEADETH ME**

Everyone is invited to join in the reading of  
"He Leadeth Me" by Father Walter Cizek . We  
will gather on July 9 at 1 PM in the parish room to  
share reflections.

Father Cizek was an American priest who  
traveled as a missionary to the Soviet Union, and  
was imprisoned for 15 years.

Books can be purchased thru Amazon if  
need help purchasing a book please call Beth Hoeh  
at 616-446-4917. Come one come all...

## **Faith Formation News**

Welcome to June! June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Friday June 7<sup>th</sup> the church celebrated the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The whole month of June we take time to reflect on the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. In March I had the opportunity to hear Cardinal Thomas Collins the Archbishop of Toronto speak on the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Cardinal Collins has written a Pastoral Letter on the Sacred Heart of Jesus entitled Heart Speaks to Heart. Over the next few weeks, I will be reflecting with you on this Pastoral Letter. There are copies of the Pastoral letter in the back of the church if you would like to read and reflect on this Pastoral letter.

Cardinal Collins wrote this letter just after the covid pandemic. He writes about the suffering of our society and our world. He encourages us to go deeper into our relationship with Jesus and then out into the world to be the love of Jesus to the suffering, poor, lost and those ignorant of love. Often, this means we need to go deeper into our own spiritual life. “Am I in love with Jesus?” is a question that has come up for me as reread this pastoral letter. Yes, I believe I love Jesus but am I in love with him. What’s the difference?

When my youngest sister was pregnant with her second child, we were so excited. We loved that baby before he was born. We brought him gifts and prayed for him. He was born several weeks early. When the pediatrician listened to his heart just hours after he was born, she did not like what she was hearing. Arthur was born with a major heart defect. He had open heart surgery 4 days later. Our family rallied around Kelly and Paul. We took care of their older child. At the age of two Arthur had to have another open-heart surgery. This time, however, it seems so much harder to accept. I wondered why? Then it came to me, I believe through the Holy Spirit. We loved Arthur in his mother’s womb, but after two years we had gotten to know him, we had spent time caring for him and had fallen in love with him.

The difference then is do we take time to get to know Jesus? Do we spend time with Jesus? Do we, as Cardinal Collins writes, “go deeper in our own life of faith, through prayer, through meditation on sacred Scripture, especially the Gospels, and through the sacraments.” How have you encountered Jesus in your life? I visited a homebound person this week. She spoke about several people she had spoken with that have never felt or sensed the presents of Jesus in their life. I was saddened by this. What would it be like to be “in love” with someone whom you have never felt was present to you, never felt their love for you or felt heard?

During this month of June get an image of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and look at it. Look at it through the eyes of love. This image is love itself. Ask Jesus to be present to you. Let yourself to totally present to Jesus. In the Pastoral Letter Cardinal Collins describes the symbols of the Sacred Heart. It truly is a

powerful loving image to gaze upon. Please take a copy of this letter and read through it. It has truly been a gift to me. I hope it will be for you.

In the love of Jesus, Beth Dake, Director of Faith Formation

Msgr. Victor Gallagher

Council 12668



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our parish community



### Holy Water

You’ve probably seen it before—entering a Catholic church, people dip their fingers into a little bowl and make the sign of the cross.. This is no ordinary water; it’s holy water, and it holds deep symbolic meaning for Catholics.

Holy water is used in various liturgical services and sacraments. During Baptism, water is blessed and poured over the candidate’s head, washing away original sin and marking the beginning of a new life in Christ.

Holy water is often used to bless people, places, and objects. For example, a new home may be blessed with holy water.

When we use holy water, we engage in a physical act that requires a spiritual disposition. It becomes an outward sign of our faith. As the apostle James tells us, “Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead” (James 2:17).

Holy water is also seen as a weapon against evil. It carries the power of prayer and the blessing of the Church. It acts as a form of spiritual armor, defending us against the snares of the devil. “

Holy water is much more than just a Catholic ritual. It is deeply rooted in Scripture, supported by the teachings of the Church, and imbued with spiritual significance. As a sacramental, it serves to prepare us to receive grace, to protect us from evil, and to manifest our faith in a tangible way. So the next time you dip your fingers into that holy water font, remember: you’re partaking in a tradition that is as old as the Church itself, one that connects you to the divine, fortifies your spiritual journey, and deepens your relationship with God.