

## Shepherd's Thoughts (September 8, 2024)

*God is good, all the time! All the time, God is good!*

For this Sunday, as expressed in the first reading, God, through the Prophet Isaiah, strongly encourages us to have faith and to be brave despite of the challenges that we face nowadays. He also wants us to be determined and strong as He is always with us. "Thus says the LORD: Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, He comes with vindication; With divine recompense He comes to save you"(Is 35:4-7a).

This is exactly what the Israelites have experienced when the prophet Isaiah was sent to them. They were facing divisions of kingdoms and turmoil was everywhere. But God promised them hope and healing. A beautiful imagery of streams and springs bringing life into dry lands was presented to express God's intention of bringing new life to His people.

Meanwhile, the responsorial psalm manifests how God takes care of His people. It is a direct description of how He executes His justice to those who need it, of how He addresses the temporal and spiritual needs of His children. All these are our God's provisions expressing that He is God forever. Thus, with gratitude and thanksgiving our souls praise the Lord (Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10).

And in the second reading, God is calling us to deal with our neighbors equally as Jesus treated us with the same dignity as God's children. "My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ" (Jas 2:1-5). We are also urged to act on it despite the challenges we face along the way especially on how to combat materialism through loving service and touch basing with the lowly. Thus, we are reminded to look at poverty as an opportunity for us to share our resources to our less fortunate brothers in Christ and remember that what is promised to us is the richness of faith and the kingdom of God that awaits us.

And finally in the Gospel story today, notice that Jesus didn't only say "be healed" to the deaf man, but instead he communicated with personal touch. "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 7:31-37). It was Jesus' sweet gesture of making known to us God's love in ways that are familiar to us just like with the sacraments. He gave them in both matter and form so we may relate to them easily and gain access to the richness of its spiritual benefits.

Therefore, brothers and sisters, let us take deeply into our hearts our identity as children of God until we all learn to identify with our neighbors the same gifts that we have. In this manner, it will come naturally for us to treat each other with the same worth, respect and dignity indefinitely, making His kingdom more alive in this world, springing forth goodness like what Jesus has done to us, in us and for us.

Fr. Antonio Rex Palaya  
Administrator

## September 8, 2024

### 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

#### Mass Intentions

† Deceased

**Saturday, 4:00 PM Rosiere, Sept 7th, Mass**

† Allen Guilette, † Dennis Buhr

**Saturday, 5:30 PM, Brussels, Sept 7th, Mass**

**Sunday, 8:30 AM, Brussels, Sept 8th, Mass**

**Sunday, 10:15 AM, Lincoln, Sept 8th, Mass**

† Dcd. mem. Deprey & Bader families, † Alvin Jorgensen

**Tues, 8:00 AM, Brussels, Sept 10th, NO MASS**

**Wednesday 8:00AM, Brussels, Sept 11th, Mass**

**Thursday, 8:00 AM Lincoln Sept 12th, Mass**

† Andrew Nowak, Peter Buhr, Bruce Buhr

**Friday, 8:00 AM, Rosiere, Sept 13th, Mass**

† Rich Brey

**Saturday, 4:00 PM Rosiere, Sept 14th, Mass**

† Clarence & Doris DeWitt, Edmund & Ruth Engebose,

† Ella & Henry Everard

**Saturday, 5:30 PM, Brussels, Sept 14th, Mass**

**Sunday, 8:30 AM, Brussels, Sept 15th, Mass**

**Sunday, 10:15 AM, Lincoln, Sept 15th, Mass**

† Clarence Rass

**Tuesday, 8:00AM, Brussels, Sept 17th, NO MASS**

**Wednesday, 8:00AM, Brussels, Sept 18th, Mass**

**Thursday, 8:00AM, Lincoln, Sept 19th, Mass**

† For the People

**Friday, 8:00 AM, Rosiere, Sept 20th, Mass**

† Perry Dantoin

#### Sanctuary Light

**Sept 1-7:** In mem. Goldie & Grace Thiry

**Sept 8-14:** In mem. Mark Pinchart



#### Sacrificial Offerings

Aug 13-19, 2024: \$2,051.00



#### St. Peter & St. Hubert Scrip

Aug 26-Sept 1 Sales: \$1825.00

Gross profit: \$73.32

FYTD profit: \$837.18

*For scrip information, call Sue Havel at 920-493-2789 or email at [Havel27sm@gmail.com](mailto:Havel27sm@gmail.com).*

**Father Rex Shepherd Hours in Rosiere:** On

Thursdays & Fridays from 9:30am-noon except the fourth Thursday & Friday of each month. Father will be on vacation from September 8 – October 6.

**Parish office:** will be closed the week of Sept. 15-20.

## Liturgical Ministers:

### September 7th, 4:00 pm Rosiere

Lector: Chriss Daubner

Communion Distributors: Chriss Daubner, Volunteer

Servers: Dylan & Gretchen Barta

### September 8th, 10:15 am Lincoln

Lector: Mary Beaurain

Comm Distributors: Mary & Jim Beaurain

Servers: Clayton, Chase & Landon Barta

### September 14th, 4:00 pm Rosiere

Lector: Char Everard

Communion Distributors: Wendy Vlies, Volunteer

Servers: Dylan & Gretchen Barta

### September 15th, 10:15 am Lincoln

Lector: Mary Fameree

Comm Distributors: Sandy Maccoux, Jason Jandrin

Servers: Lainey Barta & Natalie Brunette

## Parish News

**Communion Distributor training:** If you have not attended the required training for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion (as well as those who wish to begin in this ministry), there is a workshop at St. Louis Church, Dyckesville on **Thursday, Sept 12** from 6-7:30 pm. To register, visit [gbdioc.org](http://gbdioc.org) Summer Workshops – Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

**Bishop's Appeal 2024:** Our goal is \$41,682 and we are at **74%** of our goal due to the generosity of our members who have already donated. Thank you!

**Interested in Sharing your Talents:** We currently have an opening for a pianist/organist at our Lincoln site. This is a paid position. Please call the parish office with any questions at 920-837-2852.

**RE Coordinator position:** A part-time Religious Education Coordinator position has become available for St Peter & St Hubert Parish. Please contact the Parish Office if interested at 920-837-2852. Thank you!

**RE Backpack Blessing:** at weekend Masses, **September 7-8** at Rosiere & Lincoln. Father will call students up with their backpacks for a blessing.

**RE Classes:** for kindergarten through grades 11 starts **Wednesday, September 11** at 6:30 pm at LINCOLN site, there will be a prayer service and meet and greet with the teachers.

**Confirmation Class:** is Wednesday, Sept 11 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm at the Rosiere rectory. **Sept 15 is the Candidate/Sponsor Mass & Potluck** @ Lincoln site. Mass at 10:15 am with potluck meal to follow in the basement.

**Kermis:** THANK YOU to everyone for helping make our Kermis a success!!

**Raising Vocations Collection:** Thank you to those who have participated in the Raising Vocations Collection! Our parish has raised \$1,505.00 this year. To make your gift today for the Raising Vocations collection, visit [www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give](http://www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give).

**Script:** Kwik Trip is currently offering a bonus where we receive 9% on gas and 15% in store purchases. Local Shell stations we receive 10% all the time.

## Area News

**St. Joseph Champion Church Picnic:** on **Sunday, Sept 8**, polka mass at 9 am, carry-out booyah, food & refreshments, booyah & trippe, Belgian pies, Red barn ice cream, kids' games & face painting, parcel post, basket raffle, silent auction, live auction at 1 pm.

**Heroes For Hope 3-Mile Walk:** 4<sup>th</sup> annual Suicide Awareness Walk on **Saturday, Sept 14** at 9 am at Fireman's Centennial Park, 207 Maple Street, Luxemburg. This non-profit group's goal is to raise awareness of mental health and suicide prevention in Kewaunee County. Proceeds go to area scholarships.

**Bookmobile, Books & Booyah at BHC:** on **Saturday, Sept 14** from 10am – 2pm at the Belgian Heritage Center, see the BHC website for details: [www.BelgianHeritageCenter.org](http://www.BelgianHeritageCenter.org).

## Parish Contacts

**Office Manager:** Julie Engebose 837-2852

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**Trustee Secretary:** Mark Bader 680-2936

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## Parish Office

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### **Gospel Readings for Week of September 8, 2024**

Monday, Sept 9: Luke 6: 6-11 (St. Peter Claver, Priest)

Tuesday, Sept 10: Luke 6: 12-19

Wednesday, Sept 11: Luke 6: 20-26

Thursday, Sept 12: Luke 6: 27-38 (The Most Holy Name of Mary)

Friday, Sept 13: Luke 6: 39-42 (St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor)

Saturday, Sept 14: John 3: 13-17 (The Exaltation of the Holy Cross)