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Parishes of

*Holy Cross, North Prairie Holy Trinity, Royalton
Immaculate Conception, Rice
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Opole St. Stanislaus Kostka, Bowlus*

September 5, 2021 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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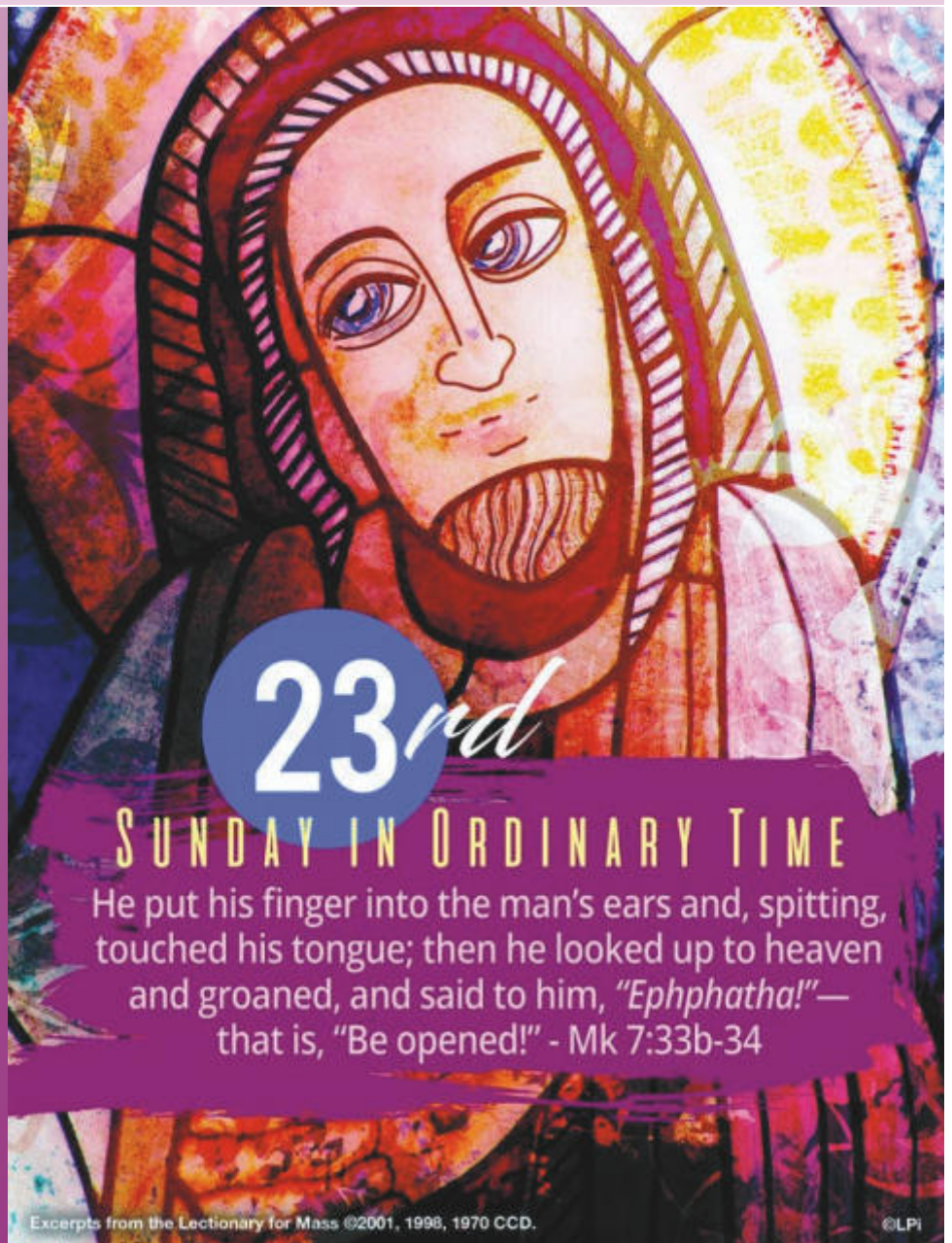
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Weekend Mass Times

Sat: 5:00pm Rice
8:00pm North Prairie
Sun: 8:00am Royalton
8:30am Rice
10:00am Bowlus
10:30am Opole

Baptisms, Marriages & New Members:
Please contact the Office

If you or a loved one are in the hospital, nursing home or re-hab facility and would like a visit please contact the Office with Patient Name, Facility Name and Room Information. (Due to Privacy Restrictions the facilities cannot share this information.)



23rd

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 7:33b-34

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Our Lady of Mount Carmel News

Weekly Daily Mass Schedule:

Tuesday 9/7	North Prairie Opole	8:30am † Linda Sobiech 12:00pm † Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday 9/8	Royalton Rice	8:00am † Connie Plumski 9:00am Poor Souls
Thursday 9/9	Royalton Rice	8:00am † Martin Rothstein 9:00am Good Harvest
Friday 9/10	Bowlus Rice	8:00am † Lawrence & Rita Trettel 9:00am † Souls in Purgatory
Saturday 9/11	Rice North Prairie	5:00pm † Ken Popp SR 8:00pm † People of the Parishes
Sunday 9/12	Royalton Rice Bowlus Opole	8:00am † Jim Trutwin 8:30am † People of the Parishes 10:00am † Sylvester Prokott 10:30am † Bryan Puchalla

Ministry Schedule for September 6-12

Holy Cross: Saturday 8pm

Lector:	Jane Popp
Eucharistic Minister:	Arlene Thomalla & Julie Mrosła
Altar Servers:	Carrie Zabinski & Lorretta Mrosła
Ushers:	Volunteers

Holy Trinity: Sunday 8am

Lector:	
Eucharistic Minister:	Jim & Connie Anderson
Altar Servers:	Volunteers
Ushers:	Jim Anderson & Becky Voyles

Immaculate Conception: Sunday 8:30am & Saturday 5:00pm

Cantor:	
Saturday	Chris VanHeel
Sunday	Roseann Moeller
Sacristan:	
Saturday	Chris VanHeel
Sunday	Peggy Kerestes
Lector:	
Saturday	Colleen Burton
Sunday	Lori Mader
Ushers:	
Saturday	Tom Popp & Joe Voigt
Sunday	Dan & Sandy Durant
Body of Christ:	
Saturday	Joann Karls
Sunday	Peggy Kerestes
Altar Servers:	
Saturday	Eli VanHeel
Sunday	Volunteer

Our Lady of Mount Carmel: Sunday 10:30am

Cantor:	Irene & Lindsay
Sacristan:	Cathy Lyon
Lector:	Amanda Welle
Body of Christ:	Katie Knettel
Altar Servers:	Carter Kubat, Caitlyn Sobania, Ben Bruns
Ushers:	Mark Koopmeiners, Max, John & Lucas Knettel

St. Stanislaus Kostka: Sunday 10am

Sacristan	Judy Waletski
Lector	Roseanne Kroll
Ushers/Greeters	Todd & Shani Kedrowski
Body Of Christ	Melissa Lampert & Judy Waletski
Altar Servers	Phillip Lampert & Lauren Maciej
Gifts	Dan & Melissa Lampert Family
Rosary	Rich Fussy

Weekly Events:

Tuesday	Daily Mass 12:00pm
Tuesday	Reconciliation after Daily Mass
Sunday	Mass 10:30am



Back to School Lunch: All are welcome to join us for a Back to School lunch on September 12th after Mass. Please join us as we kick off a new School Year.

Faith Formation: We are looking for Faith Formation Teachers and Classroom Helpers. Please contact Missy if you are able to help out.



It's going to be EPIC. Mega-Fun Games! Faith-Filled Friendship! Every Person In Christ.

What: EPIC Youth Nights
Who: All Students Grades 6-12 (All Parishes Welcome)
When: Wednesdays after Faith Formation: 7:45-8:30 pm

Where: All Saints - St. Hedwig Church Basement (Holdingford) Have a blast with friends and grow closer to God! WE WANT YOU HERE! Want reminders and updates sent to you? Send a quick email to youthminister@tworiverscatholic.com to be added to the list! Contact: Kyle VanOverbeke (Youth Minister) youthminister@tworiverscatholic.com

Happy Labor Day

Opole Stewardship Blessings

Opole

Adult Sunday	\$1,330.00
Visitors	\$96.00
Electronic Giving	\$280.00
Festival Donations	\$200.00
Neighbors in Need	\$20.00
Recycling	\$50.85
Votive Candles	\$38.03
Children	\$2.25
Total Income Last week.....	\$2,017.13

St. Stanislaus Kostka News

Immaculate Conception News

Weekly Events:

Friday Reconciliation 7:30am
 Friday Daily Mass 8:00am
 Saturday Adoration 6am-6pm
 Sunday Mass 10:00am

Catholic Teaching on Labor

Question:

As we celebrate Labor Day, can you tell me about Catholic teaching regarding labor?

Answer:

One of the most important principles of Catholic social teaching is the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Four encyclicals address this foundational social teaching: *Rerum Novarum* (1891) by Leo XIII, *Quadragesimo Anno* (1931) by Pius XI, *Laborem Exercens* (1981), and *Centesimus Annus* (1991) by John Paul II. They address both the theology and dignity of work. In Genesis, God takes the initiative in creating the world, calling forth human beings to be faithful stewards of creation. We are thus formed to share in God's continuing creative activity by partnering with God in finishing the world and helping bring it to completion and fulfillment. From this perspective, work can be spiritually understood in terms of sharing in God's ongoing activity to build, create, and transform the world. Human beings are co-creators with God. This vocation demands self-discipline. Besides an exercise in self-discipline, work is also the means by which we develop and fulfill ourselves. In work, we shape the world and our environment. Through work, we also shape ourselves. Pope John Paul II summarized this point in *Laborem Exercens* #6, "the value of work is not primarily the kind of work being done, but the fact that the one who is doing it is a person." Labor Day offers an excellent opportunity to reflect on how we view work in light of our Catholic social teaching.

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Weekly Events:

Wednesday Daily Mass 9:00am
 Thursday Daily Mass 9:00am
 Friday Daily Mass 9:00am
 Saturday Reconciliation 4:00pm
 Saturday Mass 5:00pm
 Sunday Mass 8:30am

THANK YOU!! So many thanks to all those that helped make "Sorta" Summerfest a success. Things may have looked different this year but we pulled it off and it was a great day. The weather was beautiful and it was so wonderful to see people out and re-connecting with each other. We had generous donations this year which helped with the success of the day. Thank you to each and everyone of you that took time out of your day to work a shift. It takes many hands to make things flow smoothly and we had a dedicated group that stuck with it through the day. Thank you to those that came and supported the day, we are grateful for all of you. Thank you to our Chair-People without them none of this would have been possible, Lori Kelash Chaired the Basket Raffle and also made many of the baskets, we are grateful each year for Lori and the Baskets. Steve Maciej takes on many roles for Summerfest and we were so thankful for him and his willingness to help where needed along with chairing the Food Stand. Steve is always ready to lend a hand and some muscle. Bob Kerestes who Co-Chaired the Food Stand with Steve, he was ready to help out where ever he could. Greg and Sue Frank who have chaired the Pull-Tab Stand for many years and were ready to come back this year with-out question. Scott and Becky Poepping who chaired the Beer Stand again this year with-out hesitation and Scott even came up with a couple inventions to make things work better. Mitch Fiedler who took on the Bingo Stand at the last minute or maybe it fell into his lap either way we are grateful for him and his knowledge. He made sure that the Bingo Stand was set up and ready to go for the first shift. Joni Abraham who chaired Grandma's Basement once again, she takes on this role and we never have to worry about a thing because she has things organized and ready to go and last but certainly not least John Thompson who has dedicated his time to help set-up and take down. He is the first to arrive and the last to leave. My heart is full and our Parish is Blessed with great people.



A little more News for Rice

Craft Sale Parking: Sign-Up Sheets are in the back of Church. Please sign-up for a shift if you are able.



Adoration Schedule: We are organizing an Adoration Schedule for Tuesdays from 3pm-9pm. We are looking for people who would like to do an hour of Adoration during this time. Please contact the Office to sign-up.

Bowlus

Stewardship Blessings

Rice

St. Stanislaus

Adult Sunday	\$1,072.00
Visitors	\$94.00
Electronic Giving	\$190.00
Holy Day	\$40.00
Candlestick Refinishing	\$250.00
Total Income Last week	\$1,646.00

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." — Mark 8:34

Rice

Adult Sunday	\$3,160.75
Visitors	\$121.00
Candy Bar Sales	\$107.00
Holy Day	\$10.00
Grand Raffle Ticket Sales	\$7,187.00
Summerfest Booth Sales	\$5,136.52
Grand Raffle Donation	\$100.00
Building Improvement	\$85.00
Children	\$14.00
Recycling	\$36.15
Total Income Last week	\$15,957.42

Holy Cross News

Holy Trinity News

Weekly Events:

Monday Adoration until 9:00pm
 Tuesday Reconciliation 8:00am
 Tuesday Daily Mass 8:30am
 Saturday Reconciliation 7:15pm
 Saturday Mass 8:00pm

Religious Education: Holy Cross religion classes will begin on Wednesday September 22 at 7:30. Any families with a first grade student or a student that has not attended Holy Cross before please give Ann a call at 320-333-9145.



Mass Intentions: Do you have a loved one that is passed or a special intention you would like a Mass Intention for?

Contact the Office and we can set up a mass. Mass Intentions are \$10.00.

Damage: The Church and the Parish House sustained damage from the storms that blew through last weekend. We are working with our Insurance Company to take of this.



A Prayer for Workers
 God our Creator, Your Word worked wonders to create the heavens and the earth and all they contain. Jesus

Christ our Savior and Brother, You labored alongside your foster father Joseph, living the life of an ordinary worker. Holy Spirit, we are baptized into your life. You live and move and have your being in us as we go about our daily tasks. On this Employee Appreciation Day, may all who work recognize their intrinsic value. Show them that their worth depends not on any task, responsibility, or skill. Remind them that their dignity lies in You, oh Lord. In all of our labors, may we remember that we imitate You. Amen.

Weekly Events:

Wednesday Reconciliation 7:30am
 Wednesday Daily Mass 8am
 Thursday Reconciliation 7:30am
 Thursday Daily Mass 8:00am
 Thursday Adoration until 5:00pm
 Friday Adoration until 5:00pm
 Sunday Mass 8:00am

Our Deepest Sympathy

to the family of Duane Kloss who entered eternal life on August 25th. Duane was a member of the Rice Parish and his funeral was in the Royalton Parish. May his family find peace in knowing he rests with the Lord.



Religious Education Registrations are in the back of



church. Please fill out and return to the church. They can be mailed in, dropped off or put in the Sunday collection basket. If you have any question please reach

out to Nicole at royalfathformation@gmail.com she would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Labor Day

Good and Gracious God,
 You created human beings in Your image and likeness
 And gave us dominion over creation
 to be stewards of the land
 and co-creators of Your Kingdom.
 Jesus, You became one of us
 and labored as a carpenter.
 You ask all people – whatever our state of life –
 to follow you faithfully.
 Holy Spirit, bless all
 workers this Labor Day.
 May all our actions be
 animated by Your love,
 as we do all things for
 the glory of God.
 Amen.



North Prairie

Stewardship Blessings

Royalton

Holy Cross

Adult Sunday \$540.00
 Visitors \$57.00
 Total Income Last week \$597.00

Holy Trinity

Adult Sunday \$1,875.00
 Visitors \$312.00
 Holy Day \$20.00
 Total Income Last week \$2,207.00

Weekly Schedule

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm

Daily Mass:

Tuesday: North Prairie 8:30am
Opole 12:00pm

Wednesday: Royalton 8am
Rice 9am

Thursday: Royalton 8am
Rice 9am

Friday: Bowlus 8am
Rice 9am



Address: If you need to mail something to the Central Office please use this address:
Cross Rock Central Office:
PO Box 189
Rice, MN 56367

Reminder: If you or a loved one is in the Hospital, Nursing Home or Re-Hab Center and would like a visit from Father Kirchner or Father Sauer please contact the Office with Facility Name, Room Information and Length of Stay. Due to privacy the Facilities cannot give out patient information therefore we don't know you or your loved one are there. Please also let the Office know if you or a loved one are homebound and would like a visit or communion brought in.



Religious Education/Faith Formation: All 5 parishes are ready to get their programs rolling. There are going to be opportunities to help out some parishes need teachers and classroom helpers and some will have opportunities throughout the year. Please spend some time in prayer to pray about helping. These young parishioners are the future of our church and they need leaders to share their faith. Everyone has something to offer. There is nothing better than making a difference in someone else's life. God has called each of us to share our faith so let's share it with our future leaders.



The Healing Power of God

Please remember in your prayers those who are in need of the Lord's healing and strength, especially:

* Jeff Czech * Chad Fruechte * Kieran Kloss * Jerry Molitor *
* Lillian Johannes * Heidi Quinlin * Rya Rudolph * Teian Hartwig *

*Permission of the person listed or a family member must be given to put them on the prayer line in the bulletin.



Great News: The new entry system has been installed and is working at the Parish Office in Rice. You can walk right up to the front door of the church and press the button and we will see you and let you in. This will make utilizing the Office more user friendly and we are thankful that it is finally done. As with many things we had to wait on parts but the wait is finally over.

Prayer for Students

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for the gift of learning! I want to grow closer to you in everything I do at school. In math and science, help me to see your beautiful plan in the world. Help me to discover new stories and values as I read and write. In arts and music, help me to be creative. In sports, help me to treat my teammates and my opponents fairly. Help me to learn new skills in technology. Jesus, you are the perfect teacher. Help me to listen with open ears, an open heart, and an open mind to all my teachers at school. Help me to treat my classmates with care, kindness, and respect. Thank you, Jesus, for school! Amen. ©LP



Daily Scripture Readings for the Week of September 5th



Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Monday: Col 1:24-2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-3

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