



*Humble yourself the more,  
the greater you are, and you will  
find mercy in the sight of God.*

SIRACH 3:18

## I'm Nobody! Who Are You?

**T**his is the title of one of Emily Dickinson's most beloved poems. Did she really think she was nobody? Probably not. But neither was she eager to get bogged down by the approval of others. She seems to have been satisfied with who she was and how she lived her life.

Unlike Dickinson, many of us live for the approval of others. In fact, we almost glorify celebrities—and not simply for their accomplishments. Their taste becomes our choice in buying clothes; their opinions shape our thinking; their social life becomes our entertainment. This is a strange turnaround, for the only reason they are famous is that we have given them our approval. We made them celebrities.

We all know people who, in the eyes of the broader society, might be considered "nobodies" but who really are the "somebodies." They are like Dickinson. They know who they are and do not pretend to be someone or something else. They do not put on airs; they do not expect to be treated better than others. They simply are who they are. These are the people described in today's readings. They have lived as Sirach counsels: "Humble yourself" (Sirach 3:18). This does not mean humiliate yourself or put yourself down. It means be who you are, the you that God made. Don't try to be someone else. The Gospel story shows what might happen if you think you are more than you really are. The proud man was literally put in his place.

So, who are you?

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR Reflection

- \* *What do you do to gain other's approval? Does that change who you are?*
- \* *How often do you describe yourself as better than others? Is it true?*



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**Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of August 29, 2022**

Monday	8/29			† No Mass
Tuesday	8/30	8:00 am	STM	† Kathy Sondgeroth
Wednesday	8/31	5:30 pm	HT (Rosary before mass)	† Roy & Molly Chapman
Thursday	9/1	9:00 am	HT	† Kenny & Mary Lehn
Friday	9/2	8:00 am	STM	† Doris Schwamberger

**Mass Intentions for the weekend of September 3-4, 2022**

Saturday	9/3	4:00 pm	St. Thomas More	† Walter & Pearl Sobin
Sunday	9/4	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	† Wayne Pinter
		10:30 am	St. Patrick	† Mary Jane Smith/Tom Hewitt
		5:00 pm	St. Thomas More	† For the Parishioners





## Two Great Saints of August

### The Passion of St John the Baptist ~ Feast Day August 29

St. John the Baptist spoke the truth with great courage in calling others to a true change of heart, and to embrace the ways of God. He did this not only by preaching, but also by example. He fasted in the desert, and prepared the way for Jesus. He had such a great courage, that he wasn't fearful of speaking out about the immoral activities of his day. This was the reasoning that led to his death, but he continued. We can learn a lot from his life. We too, can embrace the ways of God and speak out of the immorality of our day, and with the help of St. John the Baptist, we can prepare the way for Jesus to those around us.

### St. Augustine of Hippo Feast Day August 28



St. Augustine of Hippo is the patron of brewers because of his conversion from a former life of loose living, which included parties, entertainment, and worldly ambitions. His complete turnaround and conversion has been an inspiration to many who struggle with a particular vice or habit they long to break. This famous son of St. Monica was born in Africa.

### *Catholic Women Biennial Convention*

Saturday, October 8th from 8:30am-2:30pm

St Louis Church in Princeton

Keynote Speaker is Father Luke Spannagel

Registration fee is \$30 which includes:  
coffee, pastries, and lunch.

If interested, contact Julie at the office for more information and the registration form.

### New School Year Prayer

As our students begin a new school year,  
I pray that you will keep them in your care.

Send your Spirit to open their minds  
to all that is true and beautiful and good

Help them to see the gifts and talents  
you have given them and to use them well.

Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom.

Help them to be kind to others  
and lead others to be kind to them.

Give their teachers patience and understanding  
and help them teach what is just and true.

Send your angels to guide and guard our  
children and to keep them from all harm.

Open their young hearts to your presence  
and enfold them in your peace and protection.

Hold them in the palm of your hand  
and bring them home safely at day's end.

Amen.

### LATEST OFFERING'S

WEEKEND AUG 21ST

HT- \$976.00

SP- \$ 616.00

STM- \$709.00

Please contact the church office whenever a member or yourself become sick, hospitalized or is in the nursing home. Fr. Thaddeus can visit. Also let us know if you would like a bulletin mailed.



### CONFESSIONS

THE NEXT CONFESSIONS  
WILL BE SAT, SEPT 3RD

10:30-11:15 AT

ST. PATRICK IN THE CHAPEL



# Dear Padre,

Isn't natural family planning (NFP) a form of birth control? The couple still controls the potential of human life that God may have wanted to create at a particular moment.

Couples who use NFP aren't practicing contraception. By giving themselves completely to one another in body and soul, they're preserving the integrity of the marriage sacrament. In God's design, women



are naturally infertile for many days of the menstrual cycle. The marital act during these times promotes bonding and yet is open to new life. There is no sin in abstaining from the marital act. When a husband and wife use NFP appropriately, they share responsibility for living with their combined fertility. Neither spouse takes

the other for granted. NFP is a healthy and holistic way to plan for children.

Many couples find that living an NFP lifestyle gives them a better understanding of their fertility, frees them from fear of medical side effects, increases their communication, encourages a greater sense of sharing and a generosity toward life, fosters sexual self-control, and gives them the peace of following their spiritual, religious, cultural, or ethical beliefs. Periodic abstinence encourages couples to focus on aspects of their relationship beyond the physical, resulting in a "honeymoon effect."

NFP's most important benefit is that it enables spouses to live the mutual gift of self that is an essential element of marriage. The Church values marital sexual love. NFP helps couples to be authentic in the expression of that love.

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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Jesus teaches this: "The one who humbles himself will be exalted" (Luke 14:11). God does not exalt us because of our gifts, because of our wealth, or because of our skills, but because of humility. God loves humility. God lifts up those who humble themselves; he lifts up those who serve.

ANGELUS, SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION, AUGUST 15, 2021

## Calendar

### Monday

AUGUST 29

*The Passion of  
St. John the Baptist*

1 Cor 2:1-5

Mk 6:17-29

### Tuesday

AUGUST 30

Weekday

1 Cor 2:10b-16

Lk 4:31-37

### Wednesday

AUGUST 31

Weekday

1 Cor 3:1-9

Lk 4:38-44

### Thursday

SEPTEMBER 1

Weekday

1 Cor 3:18-23

Lk 5:1-11

### Friday

SEPTEMBER 2

Weekday

1 Cor 4:1-5

Lk 5:33-39

### Saturday

SEPTEMBER 3

*St. Gregory the Great,  
Pope and Doctor  
of the Church*

1 Cor 4:6b-15

Lk 6:1-5

### Sunday

SEPTEMBER 4

*Twenty-third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*

Wis 9:13-18b

Phlm 9-10, 12-17

Lk 14:25-33



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