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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Job 7:1-4, 6-7 I am filled with restlessness until the dawn.

Reading 2: Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39 Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	6	5:00 p.m.	SH	Richard Pullian	✠	5 th week of Ordinary Time
Sunday	7	8:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners		5 th week of Ordinary Time
Sunday	7	10:30 a.m.	ML	Julie Ohl-Klein	✠	5 th week of Ordinary Time
Tuesday	9	9:00 a.m.	ML	James and Loretta Luder	✠	5 th Tuesday of Ordinary Time
Wednesday	10	5:30 p.m.	ML	Marie Ann Mantooth	✠	Memorial of St. Scholastica
Thursday	11	8:30 a.m.	KW	No Mass		5 th Thursday of Ordinary Time
Friday	12	8:30 a.m.	SH	No Mass		5 th Friday of Ordinary Time
Saturday	13	5:00 p.m.	SH	Parishioners		6 th week of Ordinary Time
Sunday	14	8:30 a.m.	KW	Joe and Gertrude Jaso	✠	6 th Week of Ordinary Time
Sunday	14	10:30 a.m.	ML	Evan Withrow	✠	6 th Week of Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment

Reflection: Demons and the Likes of Us Several years ago, I visited the ancient monastery of Pomposa in Italy, whose fourteenth-century-frescoed church walls featured terrifying demons. They looked like the monsters from Maurice Sendak's famous children's book, *Where the Wild Things Are*: horns, tails, filed teeth, dank hair. You could tell just by looking at them how bad they smelled. One of them, an enormous buffalo-headed creature, was busily chewing a hapless human in half.

So were *these* the demons Jesus kept casting out wherever he went? If so, then we twenty-first-century folks might conclude that that was then, and this is now. The management of demons, though clearly a very big deal in the past, has little to do with the likes of us. But isn't it true that people can become obsessed with thoughts that lead to other thoughts that build upon still more thoughts until folks become walking Jenga towers of thoughts, top-heavy and unbalanced and emotionally exhausted from holding it all together? Social media provides all the examples we might ever need that this can indeed happen to a person.

So what if someone came along and—lightly, lovingly, but very firmly—pulled out the thought at the bottom of the pile? The tower would tumble, releasing a person from psychological bondage. I think this may have been what was happening when Jesus drove out a demon. When he lifted his hand and commanded a fraught and exhausted mind to leave a person in peace. *Paula Huston*

Word of Life

"A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned." Pope Francis, Message for the 29th World Day of the Sick 2021 © 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Roger Ringer, Earl Kuhn, Cortlyn Hill, Ella Rundle, Eileen Schmidt, Jerome Ricke, Charlotte A. Ringer, John Eck, Herb Landwehr, Jaunita Ricke, John Harding, Mike Lynch, Ronald Ringer, Pete Eck, Hugh Rankin, Corona Hoch, Charlie Jo Warner, Mary Eck, Helen Eck, Sandy Ricke, Ruth Blick, Miles Sheldon

For the Faithful Departed:

Vernon Rinke, Joe Hrencher, Gerard Ricke, Evan Withrow, Gladys Christensen, Victor Blick, Roman Blick Jr, Eulanda(Butch) Criser, Steve Eck, Ernest Young, Deven Leis, Art Junger, Ted Hauser, Jim Ricke, Laura Seiler, Anita Patterson, Sue Smith, Mary Traffas, Betty Ricke, Walter Sedlak and all the souls in Purgatory. May they rest in perfect peace.

For the Military:

Austin Stull, Jackson Petit, Captain Rebecca Wright Lopez, Christopher Coggins, Dylan Allison, Sheldon Hart, Bianca Lewis, Luke Fisher

Church News

Pastoral Council

The pastoral council will hold their next meeting February 9th, 7:00 pm at Holy Rosary.

The Holy Land Trip is a GO

Our travel specialist is being told Israel is expecting to reopen in June. She recommends signing up for the trip and buying the “cancel for any reason” insurance. As of Friday, 24 people have signed up. They would like to cap the trip at 36.

Save the Dates for a Lenten Retreat

Final preparations are being made for a Lenten retreat. Reserve the evenings of March 7th, 8th, and 9th. We will gather at St Boniface in Sharon and we will begin at 7 pm. You won't be disappointed.

St. John Celebration – February 14th

Grab and Go cupcake and coffee after Mass in the parish hall to celebrate Valentine Day and Mardi Gras. Don't forget to look for the baby in your cupcake as you will then get to bake the Kings Cake next year.

Help from Catholic Charities Catholic

Charities staff members want to help if you are in need as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Call our helpline at 620-272-0010 or send us an email at COVID19help@CatholicCharitiesSWKS.org. We can help with food assistance, non-food pantry items, tracking down your stimulus check, health insurance paperwork, basic taxes, housing, counseling and other basic living needs.

Ministry Schedule February 13th – February 14th

Week 2	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Karin Traffas	Chris Tharp	Brian Withrow
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Hannah Schmidt
Lector 2	John Hern	Tom Tharp	Brian Withrow
General Intercessions	Brayden Schmidt	Tom Tharp	Julie Thompson
Eucharistic Ministers	Eileen Schmidt Carol Ricke Robin Inslee Marilyn Traffas Michelle Eck	Linda Forester John Forester Delores Moreno	Norman Clouse Frances Land Lisa Withrow Brian Withrow Julie Thompson
Servers	Brayden Schmidt Vondie Landwehr Lane Crenner	Volunteer	Grady Clouse
Musician	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm
Greeters			Norman and Becky Clouse
Sacristan	Eileen Schmidt	Linda Pulliam	Brian Withrow
Rosary	John Hern		Leroy and Diane Seiler