



# faith FORMATION

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11th  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

## *In the Beginning...*

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Summer is upon us and we're back in Ordinary Time, so the liturgical color is green. The word "ordinary" does not mean "routine" or "boring." It comes from the Latin word "ordinalis" which means "numbered" or "ordered." The Latin phrase "tempus ordinarium" means "measured time." So we use "ordinary time" to measure the days and weeks in the liturgical calendar.

According to the USCCB: "Christmas Time and Easter Time highlight the central mysteries of the Paschal Mystery, namely, the incarnation, death on the cross, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time, on the other hand, take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ. **Ordinary Time** is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe."

If you're traveling this summer, remember that your Sunday obligation to attend Mass does not get waived if you're somewhere else. Use [MassTimes.org](https://www.mass-times.org) to find a Mass wherever you are in the US! It's great to realize that no matter where you are, the universal church has a Mass for you to attend! Have a blessed and safe week!

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# SUNDAY LITURGY REFLECTION

By Scott Hahn

Readings:

[Exodus 19:2-6](#)

[Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5](#)

[Romans 5:6-11](#)

[Matthew 9:36-10:8](#)



[LISTEN HERE](#)

The words God speaks to Israel in today's First Reading are intended for us as well. The Church is the fulfillment of God's covenant promises to Israel—a kingdom of priests and a holy nation (see [Deuteronomy 26:19](#); [Isaiah 62:12](#)).

In the Church, we have been gathered as the new "Israel of God" (see [Galatians 6:16](#)). He has made us His own people, the flock He tends, as we sing in today's Psalm.

Moses was Israel's first shepherd (see [Exodus 3:1](#)). With the Promised Land in view, he prayed that God would raise up a successor so that God's people would not be left as sheep without a shepherd (see [Numbers 27:17](#)).

These same words are used in today's Gospel to describe Jesus' pity for the crowds, who are "troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd."

Israel's shepherds—the Pharisees and scribes—had abandoned and misled the people through their hypocrisy and spiritual blindness (see [Matthew 23:1-36](#); [Jeremiah 50:6](#)).

But God had long before promised that He Himself would come and save His sheep—searching over the whole earth where they had been scattered "for lack of a shepherd" (see [Ezekiel 34:1-24](#)).

Jesus is the new Moses and new David promised by the prophets, a divine shepherd-king sent to restore God's priestly kingdom (see [John 10:11](#)).

As Moses commissioned Joshua as his successor, so we see Jesus today giving the Twelve His powers and authority (see [Matthew 9:35](#); [10:1](#)). In God's plan, they are to seek out the lost sheep of Israel first and then bring all nations into the fold (see [Acts 13:46](#); [Romans 1:16](#)).

Together we have been saved and reconciled to God, as we hear in today's Epistle. As He delivered Israel, He has also made us a kingdom of priests in the Church (see [Revelation 1:6](#)). So we come in this Mass to serve Him with gladness, to praise His kindness, which endures forever.

*"36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; 38 pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."*

MATTHEW 9:36-38

# The Gospel at Home

## ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Gospel Reading:

Matthew 9:36-10:8

Jesus sends the twelve apostles to proclaim the kingdom of heaven.

### Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel, Jesus shares his mission to proclaim the kingdom of heaven with his disciples. The signs of the kingdom's presence consist of the work that Jesus has already been doing: the sick are cured, lepers are cleansed, demons are driven out, and the dead are raised to life. The disciples are sent to continue doing the work that Jesus has begun. This is a moment of transition in Matthew's Gospel. The focus has shifted from the ministry of Jesus to the work of the community that he has inaugurated. More than any other Gospel, Matthew's Gospel elaborates on the work of the Church, which is to continue after Jesus' death and resurrection.

The Gospel reports that Jesus commissions twelve disciples. Many scholars believe that the twelve disciples symbolize the twelve tribes of Israel. It designates, therefore, continuity between Israel and the Church.

Matthew lists the names of the twelve disciples, as do Mark and Luke. Matthew also uses the word apostle when referring to the Twelve. The word apostle means "one who is sent." In this context, Matthew is calling attention to the mission that the twelve disciples are being given. They are sent by Jesus to proclaim the kingdom of heaven in word and deed.

As Jesus sent his disciples to continue his work and mission, so too the Church is sent by Jesus. The Church is his continuing presence on earth. Every member of the Church is sent by Jesus to contribute to this mission.

### Family Connection

Every person in the Church is sent by Christ to do the work that he did. This task can seem daunting. Yet when we have learned to work together with others to achieve a common goal, we have learned something of what it means to do the work of Christ. The family is one such place in which we work with others, sharing a common task and a common goal.

As family members gather, invite each person to reflect upon their contributions to family life. Invite each one to share one or two things that they do to help keep your family life flowing smoothly. Take time to thank one another for the contributions each person makes to your family life.

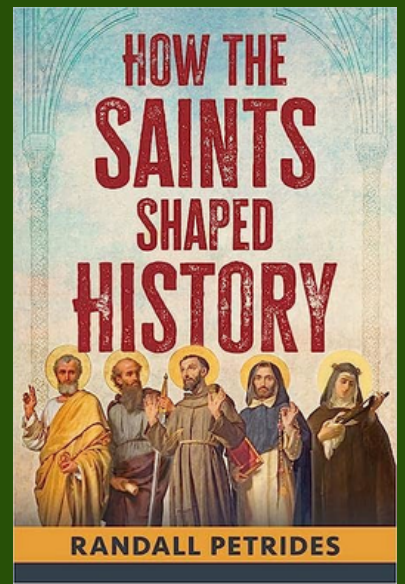
Invite a family member to read aloud today's Gospel, Matthew 9:36-10:8. In this Gospel, Jesus sends the disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. Point out that the disciples are called to work together just as family members must work together. Pray together that your family will always work together as a family to help one another. Pray that your family can be a model for other families. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

*"5 These twelve Jesus sent out, charging them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, 6 but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And preach as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' 8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying, give without pay."*

MATTHEW 10:5-8

# Did You Know?

## Randy Petrides is the father of a St. Jude Parishioner!



Acclaimed author Randy Petrides recently released his new book *How the Saints Shaped History*. It was a #1 new release on Amazon! In addition to being an accomplished author, Randy is the father of St. Jude Parishioner Anne Tawney. You might recognize Anne as one of the pianists who fills in at Mass from time to time. She also runs our St. Jude Book Club. Appreciation for good literature runs in the family! Please support our parish family by attending Randy's presentation on July 7 at 6:30pm.

### About the book:

In every era of the Catholic Church, holy men and women have shaped history through their gifts and talents and, most importantly, through their resolute commitment to Jesus Christ. Some led armies, some founded monasteries, some lived a radical call to charity - and each one had a unique part to play.

*How the Saints Shaped History* focuses on the essential role of the saints, as vessels of God's grace, in moving the Church (and the world!) through her two-thousand-year history. Written especially for everyday Catholics hungry to learn more about the Faith, this book is both comprehensive and accessible. It reveals how more than 180 saints, from Saint Mary Magdalene to Pope Saint John Paul II, led the Church through many crises and back to its spiritual roots.

As our Church continues to face crises, this book reminds us that we still have reason to hope in our own time. As the providential hand of God worked through the saints to shape history, each of us is called to become a new saint to shape the history of the Church today.

### About the author:

Greetings! I am the author of "*How the Saints Shaped History*," published by Our Sunday Visitor Press. It's new, and I'm excited about it. My book tells the story of the history of the Catholic Church, primarily through the ministry and doings of over 180 saints whom I discuss chronologically as I weave the historical narrative. There are many fine histories and fine saint books out there, but here I have blended history and saints together in one narrative. This is what I think makes my book unique. I am retired after 40 years of practice as a lawyer and I have a Masters in Theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville. Back in the day I attained degrees from the U. of Michigan and Notre Dame. But it was my more recent theology studies which kindled my interest in church history and led to the writing of this book, which has allowed me to combine my Catholic faith, my love of writing, and my interest in history. I live in Michigan with Elizabeth, my wife of over 43 years where we raised our five children. So far, we have been blessed with 16 grandchildren.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

Opportunities to Grow in Faith

## **Saturday, June 17:**

4:00pm - Mass

## **Sunday, June 18:**

8:30am - Mass

10:30am - Mass

## **Tuesday, June 20:**

8:30am - Mass

7:00pm - Men of Emmaus in the Millennium Conference Room.

## **Wednesday, June 21:**

8:30am - Senior Men's Group in the Thaddeus Center.

## **Thursday, June 22:**

8:30am - Mass

## **Friday, June 23:**

8:30am - Mass

### **ST. JUDE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:**

JULY 24-28; 9am – 12noon

Register your children ages 4 through 5th Grade

NOW @ <https://stjudes.net/vbs/>

VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED

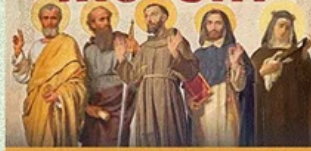
Contact Janet DeBoe at 616/240-2720 or [jdeboe@stjudes.net](mailto:jdeboe@stjudes.net).



JOIN US FOR A  
**SUMMER  
OF SAINTS**

STARTING  
July 7!

HOW THE  
**SAINTS  
SHAPED  
HISTORY**



RANDALL PETRIDES

STARTING July 7 at 6:30pm in the Brophy Center...

Author Randy Petrides will give a presentation on his newly released book *How the Saints Shaped History*. It's a fascinating chronological look at how more than 180 saints, from Saint Mary Magdalene to Pope Saint John Paul II, led the Church through many crises and back to her spiritual roots. Books will be available for purchase.

AND THEN.... for the following four weeks we'll screen a movie based on the life of one of the Saints that Randy talks about in his book!

July 14, July 21, July 28, August 4 at 6:30pm in the Brophy Center

"Jesus replied,  
'The first is  
this: 'Hear, O  
Israel! The Lord  
our God is Lord  
alone! You shall  
love the Lord  
your God with  
all your heart,  
with all your  
soul, with all  
your mind, and  
with all your  
strength.'"

MARK 12:29-30

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## *Jesus Sends Us to Do His Work*

Today's Gospel reading tells the story of Jesus sending out His twelve apostles to do His work in the nearby towns. He was teaching them to do His work: healing the sick, raising the dead, and even driving out demons. Do you think they might have been a bit nervous, or even scared, to do this work?



Did you know that you are also called to be a disciple of Jesus? Some people are called to be missionaries and bring Jesus' word to far away places, but most of us - especially when we are young - are called to do Jesus' work close to home.

What are some of the ways you can be an apostle for Jesus? Maybe you can pray for sick or hurt people that you know of. You can tell people the stories of Jesus that you know. And did you know that even by being a good example to others, you are teaching them about the love of Jesus by your actions?

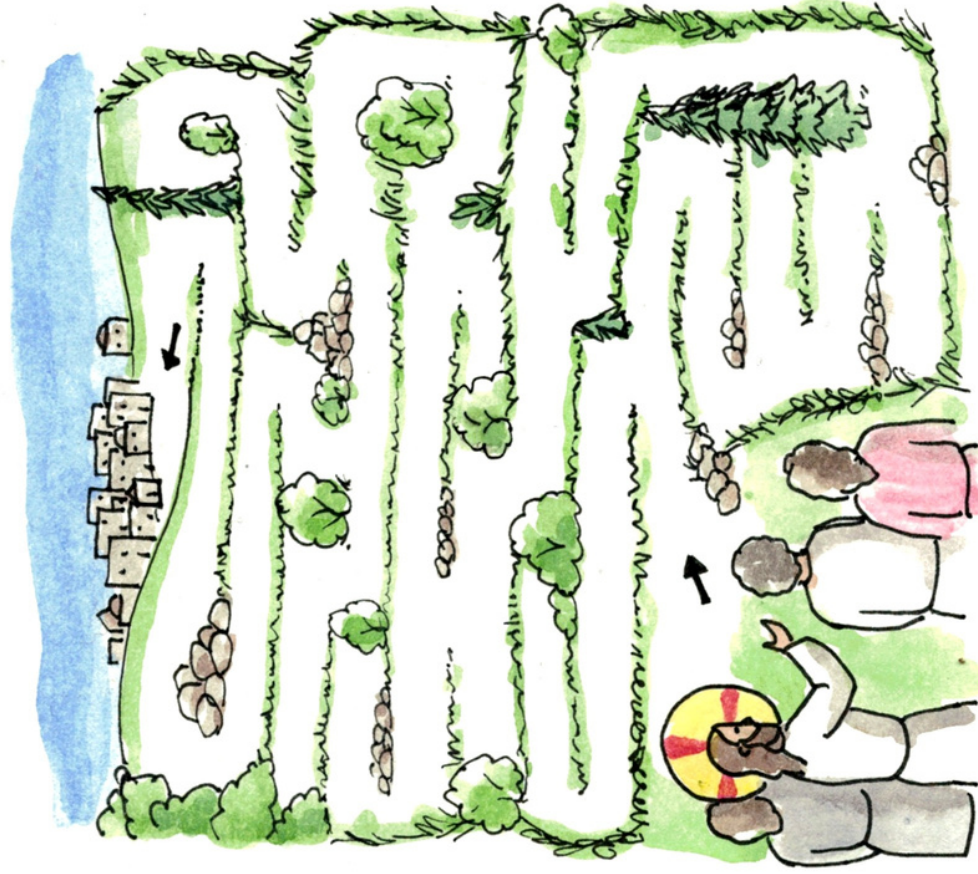
Don't be scared - do Jesus' work for the people around you today!



Answer to Word Find: APOSTLES

# The Kids' Bulletin

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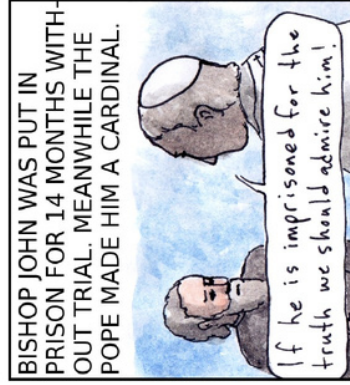
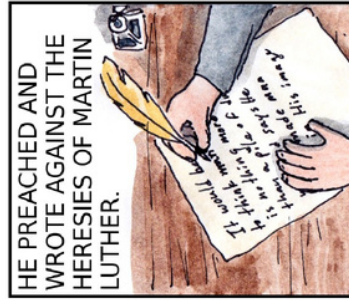


*Jesus sent His Apostles to the surrounding towns to preach and heal. Can you find the way to the nearby town for the Apostles?*



# Saint John Fisher

June 22



SAINT JOHN FISHER DID NOT FEAR THE KING'S ANGER, SINCE HE KNEW THAT OBEYING GOD'S LAW IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN BEING ALIVE. HE SPOKE THE TRUTH EVEN WHEN IT WAS VERY HARD. YOU CAN PRAY TO ST. JOHN FISHER WHEN YOU FEEL PRESURED TO GIVE IN AND AGREE WITH THINGS THAT ARE WRONG.

JOHN FISHER WAS AN INTEL-  
LIGENT AND  
EDUCATED  
PRIEST IN  
ENGLAND IN  
THE EARLY  
1500'S. HE  
TAUGHT AT THE  
UNIVERSITIES  
AND WAS A  
GREAT PREACHER.

HE PREACHED AND  
WROTE AGAINST THE  
HERESIES OF MARTIN  
LUTHER.

BISHOP JOHN WAS PUT IN  
PRISON FOR 14 MONTHS WITH-  
OUT TRIAL. MEANWHILE THE  
POPE MADE HIM A CARDINAL.

BECAUSE HE  
WOULD NOT  
CHANGE HIS  
MIND ABOUT  
THE KING, HE  
WAS FINALLY  
TRIED BY A  
JURY, ACCUSED  
OF TREASON  
AND SEN-  
TENCED TO  
BEHEADING.

# Jesus Sends out the Apostles

## Word-Find

Find the words in CAPITALS hidden in the puzzle.  
Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

The names of the twelve apostles are these:  
first, Simon called PETER, and his brother ANDREW;  
JAMES, the son of Zebedee, and his brother JOHN;  
PHILIP and BARTHOLOMEW, THOMAS and  
MATTHEW the tax collector; James, the son of Alphaeus,  
and THADDEUS; SIMON from Cana, and JUDAS Iscariot  
who betrayed him.

JESUS sent out these twelve after INSTRUCTING them  
thus, "Do not go into PAGAN territory or enter a  
SAMARITAN town. Go rather to the lost SHEEP of the  
HOUSE of ISRAEL. As you go, make this  
PROCLAMATION: 'The KINGDOM of heaven is at hand.'

Cure the SICK, raise  
the dead, cleanse  
LEPERS, drive out  
DEMONS.  
Without cost YOU have  
received; without cost  
you are to GIVE."

I P K I N G D O M A J P  
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R G A S S H E E P A S D  
A A R T I G I V E M U E  
E N T R C S J T P A S M  
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