

Father Paul's Weekly Email

August 11, 2023

International Left-Handers Day every August 13 is a day to celebrate the uniqueness and differences of left-handed individuals and to remind right-handers of the challenges these *southpaws* experience. Left-handed people make up 5% to 10% of the population, men being twice as likely to be left-handed than women. The Incas of Peru believed that being left-handed was a sign of good luck. The Latin Word for *left* is *sinister*. In Scotland, if a person is unlucky, it is said that he or she "was baptized by a left-handed priest." God bless all left-handers. Wish the ones you know a happy day.

Just in case Saint Dismas was left-handed, the Dismas Club is holding a *Pancakes and More Breakfast* this Sunday, August 13 between the two Masses. There is no charge, but donations are appreciated. Come and enjoy good food and company. Feel free to invite friends and family. Come celebrate Left-Handers Day by bringing something for Hygiene Sunday whenever you come to Mass.

Tuesday, August 15 is the Feast of the Assumption in which we are expected to come to Mass, if at all possible. Come at 12pm noon or 6pm. Lunch Bunch happens following the noon Mass. *You can read about it in your bulletin.*

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Wednesday Bible Handout <https://blessedsacramentwv.org/download/bible-sharing-08-16-23/?wpdmdl=1418&refresh=64d6763a935141691776570>
This Sunday's Bulletin <https://blessedsacramentwv.org/download/8-13-2023/?wpdmdl=1423&refresh=64d6763a892821691776570>

Headlines and Happenings and on the Horizon

Sunday (13th) Pancake Breakfast between the Masses in the Parish Hall
Tuesday (15th) Feast of the Assumption Masses and Lunch Bunch

Headlines

Monday September 11 the OCIA begins at 6pm in the Library

Sunday September 17 at 10:15 am Faith Formation for children, youth, and adults begins anew. You can read all about it soon *in your bulletin*.

PRAYER

One way of using sacred scripture in prayer is to allow oneself to improvise by adding, subtracting, and going wherever the Holy Spirit chooses to lead. In this prayer, we see what happened when Sister Olga did just that with the Song of Mary in Luke 1:46-55.

MUSINGS ON THE MAGNIFICAT

My soul glorifies you my God,
My spirit rejoices in you my Savior!
For you have blessed me lavishly
and make me ready to respond.
You shatter my little world
and let me be poor before you.
You take from me all my plans
and give me more than I can hope for or ask.
You give me opportunities and the ability
to become free and to burst through
my boundaries.
You give the strength to be daring,
to build on you alone, for you show
yourself as the ever greater One
in my life.
You have made known to me this:
It is in my being servant
that it becomes possible
For your realm to break through
here and now.

-- adapted by Olga Worenski, IBVM

CARBONATED GRACE ***

In light of the new school year, here are words of wisdom from children.

1. Never trust a dog to watch your food. - Patrick, age 10
2. When your dad is mad and asks you, "Do I look stupid?" don't answer him, - Michael, 14
3. Never tell your mom her diet's not working. Michael, 14
4. Stay away from prunes. - Randy, 9
5. Never pee on an electric fence. - Robert, 13
6. Don't squat with your spurs on. - Noronha, 13
7. Don't pull dad's finger when he tells you to. Emily, 10
8. When your mom is mad at your dad, don't let her brush your hair. -Taylia, 11
9. Never allow your three-year old brother in the same room as your school assignment. - Traci, 14
10. Don't sneeze in front of mom when you're eating crackers. - Mitchell, 12
11. Puppies still have bad breath even after eating a tic tac. - Andrew, 9 12.

12. Never hold a dust buster and a cat at the same time. - Kyoyo, 9
13. You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass milk. - Armir, 9
14. Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts. - Kellie, 11
15. If you want a kitten, start out by asking for a horse. -Naomi, 15
16. Felt markers are not good to use as lipstick. Lauren, 9
17. Don't pick on your sister when she's holding a baseball bat. - Joel, 10
18. When you get a bad grade in school, show it to your mom when she's on the phone. - Alyesha, 1
19. Never try to baptize a cat. - Eileen, 8

*** Anne Lamott calls laughter *carbonated grace*