



# St. Ann Catholic Church

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St. Ann Catholic Church, Channahon strives to be a welcoming, caring and faith-filled parish family who desires to bring one another closer to Jesus through Prayer, Involvement and Generosity on our way to the Heavenly Father.

**FROM FATHER JOHN:** *“Incline your ear, LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and oppressed. Preserve my life, for I am devoted; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God; be gracious to me, Lord; to you I call all the day. Gladden the soul of your servant; to you, Lord, I lift up my soul. Lord, you are good and forgiving, most merciful to all who call on you. LORD, hear my prayer; listen to my cry for help. On the day of my distress I call to you, for you will answer me.” ~ Psalm 86*

**Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!!!**

As a child, I always found the story of Jonah to be one that was exciting and full of wonder and awe. I imagine it was because I usually focused on Jonah getting swallowed up by the whale. But, there is a great spiritual Truth we can learn from.

*“Jonah was greatly displeased and became angry that God did not carry out the evil he threatened against Nineveh. He prayed, ‘I beseech you, LORD, is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? This is why I fled at first to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, rich in clemency, loath to punish. And now, LORD, please take my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live.’*

*But the LORD asked, ‘Have you reason to be angry?’ Jonah then left the city for a place to the east of it, where he built himself a hut and waited under it in the shade, to see what would happen to the city. And when the LORD God provided a gourd plant that grew up over Jonah’s head, giving shade that relieved him of any discomfort, Jonah was very happy over the plant.*

*But the next morning at dawn God sent a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered. And when the sun arose, God sent a burning east wind; and the sun beat upon Jonah’s head till he became faint. Then Jonah asked for death, saying, ‘I would be better off dead than alive.’*

*But God said to Jonah, ‘Have you reason to be angry over the plant?’ ‘I have reason to be angry,’ Jonah answered, ‘angry enough to die.’*

*Then the LORD said, ‘You are concerned over the plant which cost you no labor and which you did not raise; it came up in one night and in one night it perished. And should I not be concerned over Nineveh, the great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who cannot distinguish their right hand from their left, not to mention the many cattle?’”(Jonah 4:1 – 11)*

Jonah tries disobey God and to run away from Him. And in that process Jonah suffers greatly, even being swallowed up by a whale. He finally obeys God and then goes off sulking when God didn't do what he expected. You see, for Jonah, his relationship with God was all about himself and what he wanted rather than about God's will and God's mercy and compassion. The story actually ends happily. Nineveh is saved!

But, that's not what Jonah wanted. He wanted Nineveh destroyed. The scripture above begins with, **“Jonah was greatly displeased and became angry that God did not carry out the evil he threatened against Nineveh.”**

Jonah went through a lot before he finally obeyed God. The punishment he endured was great. But, unfortunately, he was focused on his own suffering and his anger toward the Ninevites. Then God went ahead and forgave the Ninevites. After all the trouble he had gone through, God had not done what Jonah wanted.

The interesting thing to see when we see Jonah's anger is that his anger made him absolutely miserable. So much so, that he told God that he wanted to die. **“Then Jonah asked for death, saying, ‘I would be better off dead than alive.’”**

St. Augustine wrote that *“to withhold forgiveness is to take poison and expect the unforgiven to die.”* It's obvious from both our readings today, and from the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus that God our Father wants us to forgive one another. When we hold on to our anger, to our bitterness, to our frustrations, we end up being miserable just like Jonah was miserable. Being angry and bitter with others does not help us nor does it bring us any real happiness or joy.

It's when we accept God's will and forgive one another that we find the burden of anger lifted from our heart and our soul. And that's one of the keys to living a life of discipleship and growing spiritually and in our relationship with our Lord Jesus. We need to let go of the anger and forgive others because our anger is a heavy burden on our heart and our soul.

And once the anger and bitterness is lifted, we are able to find great joy, the Joy our Lord and God intends us to have. I looked up what the opposite of anger was in an online Thesaurus. What I found were words like Happiness, Calm, Peace, Delight, Love and Joy.

I think the lesson that Jonah gives us is that anger leads to misery, our misery, but when we let go of the anger, the bitterness and the frustration we grow spiritually, we grow as disciples of our Lord Jesus and we find the graces and blessings that God wants us to have, namely, Happiness, Calm, Peace, Delight, Love and Joy.

May God Bless you and all those who love the Lord.

OCTOBER 17, 2021 ~ TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SACRAMENTS

Baptisms:

Catholic parents have the responsibility to have their infant children baptized within the first few weeks of life when possible. Baptism prep will be the 3rd Saturday of the month @ 2 PM in the Fireside room, call the parish office to schedule. Baptisms will be the 1st Sunday of the month at 11:15 AM (Exceptions for holiday weekends.) Please call the parish office to schedule and for information. [parishoffice@stannchannahon.org](mailto:parishoffice@stannchannahon.org) or 815-467-6962, Ext. 10.

Eucharist, Reconciliation, Confirmation for Children:

Formation is held during religious education sessions. Registration/questions contact Tom x13.

Reception of Baptism, Reconciliation, R.C.I.A.,

Eucharist & Confirmation for Adults:

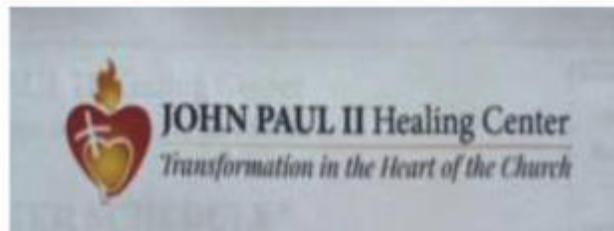
Inquiries about reception of Sacraments, contact Tom, Ext. 13.

Engagement Preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage:

Couples need to be registered and active in parish life and attend weekly Mass. Preparation begins eight months before proposed date. Contact Parish Office 815-467-6962.

Validation of a Civil Marriage:

If you were married civilly by the State and wish to validate your marriage as a Sacrament, contact Dcn. Bob, Ext. 12 or the parish office, Ext. 10



Would you like to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ?  
Have you forgiven, but are still experiencing negative emotions?  
Do you feel like you are bringing the same sins to confession, again?

Sin leaves all of us wounded, and as Pope Francis reminds us, the Church is a field hospital with all of us in need of healing from the Divine Physician.

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When St Isaac Jogues Parish hosted this retreat in Fall of 2019, there were 450 attendees who experienced wonderful healing from Jesus.

# VETERANS APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

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## Tree of Light Blessing (Online Video)

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OCTOBER 26, 2021



This special Tree Blessing Ceremony remembers infants lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, other pregnancy losses, and infant or early childhood death.

In order to help all families through the grieving process, The Office of Family Ministry in the Catholic Diocese of Joliet is offering a Tree of Light Blessing (Online Video) to honor all infants in lieu of an in-person mass this year.

In the pre-recorded video, each baby will be acknowledged giving each family the opportunity to have their loss acknowledged.

Please register to receive the video online link by email [familiministry@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:familiministry@dioceseofjoliet.org) or online at <https://bit.ly/2zWNhtY>

## You and your family deserve to be safe and loved in your home.

Sometimes bad things happen in good families. Yelling, hitting, shoving, insults, not sharing income.

If you are experiencing or using these behaviors at home or living in fear, change is possible. You can be safe and bring peace to your family.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

— Matthew 11:28

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# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 17, 2021

- Sunday:** Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/  
Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45
- Monday:** 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9
- Tuesday:** Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 [8 and 9]/  
Lk 12:35-38
- Wednesday:** Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/Lk 12:39-48
- Thursday:** Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53
- Friday:** Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]/Lk 12:54-59
- Saturday:** Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9
- Next Sunday:** Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

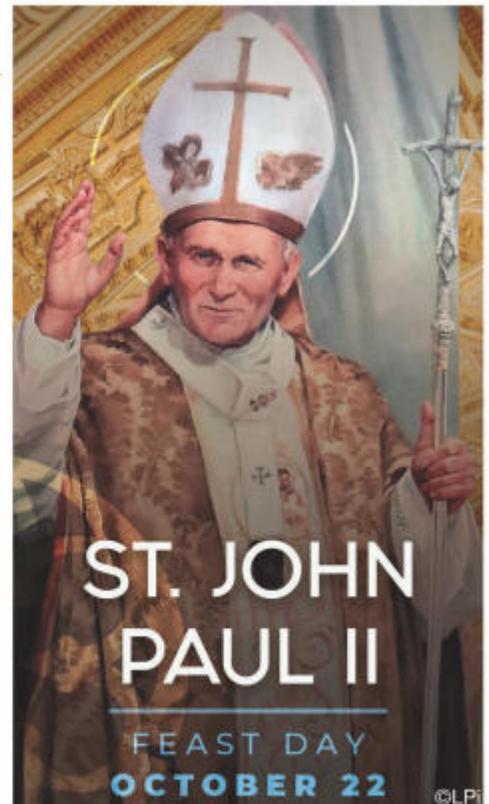
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 17, 2021

- Sunday:** 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Luke, Evangelist
- Tuesday:** Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues,  
Priests, and Companions, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
- Friday:** St. John Paul II, Pope
- Saturday:** St. John of Capistrano, Priest; BVM
- Next Sunday:** 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

It's the positions of power and great authority that people often admire. We equate success with six figure incomes, high positions, management, and influence. We even go above and beyond to find favor with our bosses so that we can get a little extra recognition and maybe the next promotion when it comes up. This is the way of the world. Those who have their values set on earthly things are going to work by earthly rules. We forget that it doesn't work that way in the Kingdom of God. Success is measured not from the place of status, influence, or prestige but from the place of humility, service, and sacrifice. The authority that one hopes to achieve is not an authority over others but an authority that comes from wisdom and developing one's relationship with God. Jesus flips the tables on our priorities. Even the first disciples had a tough time understanding this. They really thought that they would somehow receive a privilege or bonus from being faithful. We often operate under that same illusion.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. John Paul II was born Karol Wojtyła in the small Polish town of Wadowice. During World War II, when the Nazis invaded Poland, Karol secretly studied for the priesthood in an underground seminary. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1946, appointed Archbishop of Krakow in 1964, and three years later he was made a cardinal. In 1978, he was elected the 264th pope, where he took the name John Paul II.

St. John Paul II made evangelization a key part of his papacy and made pastoral visits to all parts of the world. In 1981, he was shot twice in an assassination attempt. Following Jesus' example of compassion, he later met with his would-be assassin in his prison cell, where he forgave him for what he had done.

St. John Paul II was well-known to be an active sportsman throughout his life, hiking and skiing well into his 60s. In 1992, his health began to decline, and it was later discovered that he suffered from Parkinson's disease, a degenerative disorder of the central nervous system.

Near the end of his papacy, it became difficult for him to speak, and his poor health and physical suffering made public appearances difficult. Still, he continued his pastoral work. He died April 2, 2005, and he was declared blessed on May 1, 2011. He became a saint on April 27, 2014.



**Saturday, October 16, 2021**  
 4:00 pm The People of St. Ann Parish

**Sunday, October 17, 2021**  
 8:00 am +Patty Connor & +Matthew Chouinard/  
 Women's Faith Group  
 10:00 am +Barbara J. Bielawski/Patty Dagdigan

**Monday, October 18, 2021**  
 8:00 am Liturgy of the Word w/Holy Communion

**Tuesday, October 19, 2021**  
 8:00 am Healing for Marlena Bonitez

**Wednesday, October 20, 2021**  
 8:00 am +Randall Reisner/John Meyer

**Thursday, October 21, 2021**  
 8:00 am President's Intentions

**Friday, October 22, 2021**  
 8:00 am SI Larry & Geraldine Super on their  
 60th Wedding Anniversary/Rose Marie Super

**Saturday, October 23, 2021**  
 4:00 pm +Bernadine Kulaga/Laurie & Jim Kirkolis

**Sunday, October 24, 2021**  
 8:00 am The People of St. Ann Parish  
 10:00 am The People of St. Ann Parish

† = denotes deceased person / SI = special intention



## Stewardship of Treasure



October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

**Our Weekly Offertory → \$ 8,489**  
**Budgeted 8,169**  
**Difference + 320**

**October 17, 2021**

**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."  
 (MARK 10:45)*

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God's love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from "I want more" to "thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share". This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others. Pray daily to become less self-centered and to become more God-centered.



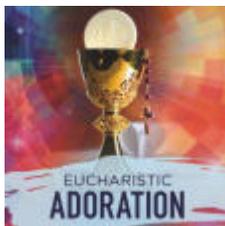
## CREATE A FAMILY LEGACY!

Use this free tool to create a Will, write your testimony and make sure your wishes and objectives are passed on to those you love!

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Diocese of Joliet



**Wednesday Mornings**  
**8:30-10:30 AM**



**Catholic Ministries Appeal 2021**

**October 3, 2021**

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