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Parish Office Hours: Monday- Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Mass Schedule / Weekend Masses:
Saturday - 4:00 pm
Sunday - 8:00 am and 10:00 am
Monday - NO MASS

Weekday Masses: Tuesday - Friday 8:15 am
Holy Day Masses - As Announced
Confessions- 3:15-3:45pm Saturday

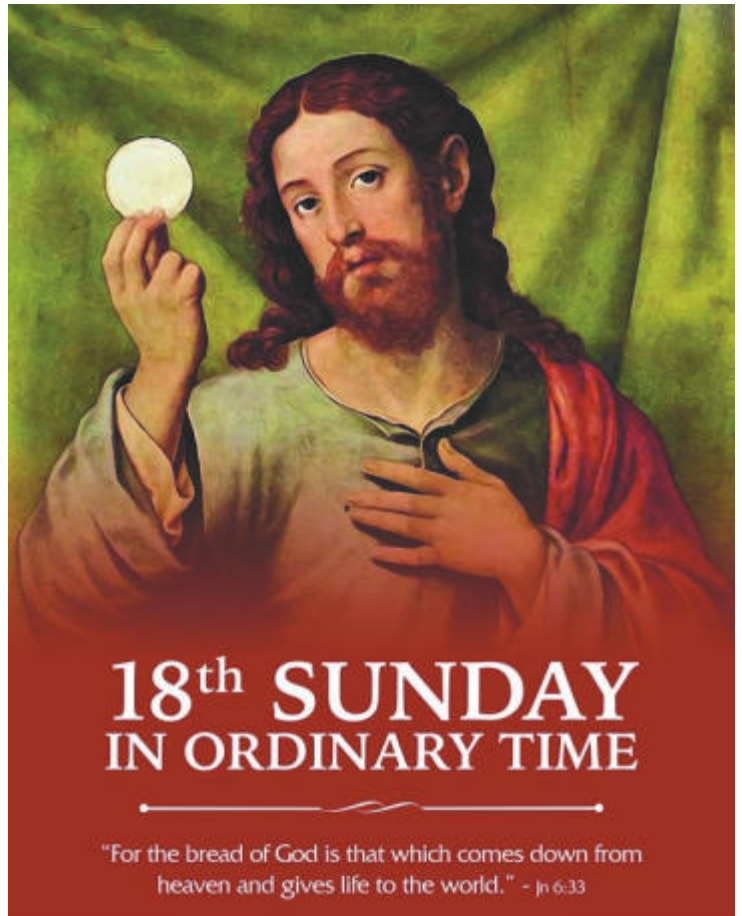
Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions
every Tuesday after Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet every Wednesday after Mass

Rosary every Thursday at 5pm

First Friday adoration after Mass until Noon

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August 1, 2021

Baptisms - Baptismal Preparation Program is required call Rectory for Appointment
Marriage - Call the rectory at least 6 months in advance for appointment. Registration and Active Membership are Required.
Parish Registration - New families and individuals are asked to register at the rectory at their earliest opportunity. Each family or wage earner is requested to use the weekly envelope system.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Catholic, or needing PSR, please call the Rectory Office at 618-465-4221

From the Pastor's Desk - Year of St. Joseph



We need volunteers to take the picture of St. Joseph to their homes during this Year of St. Joseph. You do not have to be a registered parishioner of Ss. Peter and Paul. As we are about to begin our Capital Campaign for the restoration of our church building, what better patron to invoke then St. Joseph who was a carpenter! There are prayer booklets to take with you for the week. Please sign up and participate as this is a wonderful way to enliven our Catholic faith and building up our parish family.

Ite ad Joseph - Go to Joseph!

I will be away on vacation from August 3-12th with my priest friend, Fr. Steve. In my absence Fr. Jeremy from St. Mary will offer the First Friday Mass - August 6th. We will have adoration until noon when Deacon John will offer Benediction. The weekend Masses we welcome once again, Fr. Bob Sieg O.F.M. Thanks Fr. Jeremy and Fr. Bob for sharing your priestly ministry with the parish.

Thanks to all who took the time to fill out the census form last weekend at Masses. We will soon be mailing out forms to those on our parish roster who were not with us at Mass. This is another step towards beginning our parish capital campaign for the restoration of our historic church. For those who haven't heard, I have sent a letter to Bishop Paprocki asking for permission to begin the capital campaign and work on the church. Hopefully he will answer sooner rather than later as the company doing the work would like to begin by September and finish up before winter sets in.

God's blessing in this new week of grace.

Pax et Bonum,

Fr. Jeff



The Franciscan Feast of Our Lady of the Angels

Occurs on August 2. The Portiuncula Indulgence may be gained on this day as well. The Portiuncula is a little chapel in Assisi, Italy where St. Francis began his Order/movement. In a vision Francis received from Jesus and Mary, he was assured that whoever came to this chapel and prayed would be granted many graces if they repent of their sins and go to confession. This indulgence would only be granted if

Francis went to Pope Honorius III and asked this of him. Francis did, the Pope said yes, and in coming years this Indulgence was granted to all who on this day, visited a church or chapel, went to confession and Holy Communion and prayed an Our Father, the Creed and a prayer for the intentions of the Pope.

(One has a week to go to confession to obtain the indulgence.)

August 1, 2021 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You cannot see the forest for the trees" is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don't like, want, and don't want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don't move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the "now" time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty. ©LPi



August 6 - Feast of the Transfiguration

Our divine Redeemer, being in Galilee about a year before His sacred Passion, took with him St. Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, Sts. James and John, and led them to a retired mountain. Tradition assures us that this was Mount Tabor, which is exceedingly high and beautiful, and was anciently covered with green trees and shrubs, and was very fruitful. It rises something like a sugar-loaf, in a vast plain in the middle of Galilee. This was the place in which the Man-God appeared in His glory.

Whilst Jesus prayed, he suffered that glory which was always due to his sacred humility, and of which, for our sake, He deprived it, to diffuse a ray over His whole body. His face was altered and shone as the sun, and his garments became white as snow. Moses and Elias were seen by the three apostles in his company on this occasion, and were heard discoursing with him of the death which he was to suffer in Jerusalem.

The three apostles were wonderfully delighted with this glorious vision, and St. Peter cried out to Christ, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three tents: one for thee, one for Moses, and one for Elias" Whilst St. Peter was speaking, there came, on a sudden, a bright shining cloud from heaven, an emblem of the presence of God's majesty, and from out of this cloud was heard a voice which said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him" The apostles that were present, upon hearing this voice, were seized with a sudden fear, and fell upon the ground; but Jesus, going to them, touched them, and bade them to rise. They immediately did so, and saw no one but Jesus standing in his ordinary state.

This vision happened in the night. As they went down the mountain early the next morning, Jesus bade them not to tell any one what they had seen till he should be risen from the dead.

--Excerpted from Butler's Lives of the Saints, Benziger Bros. ed. [1894]

St. Joseph Candles August

- ❖ In Memory of Meyers Family - Anonymous
- ❖ Special Intention - Dunphy Family
- ❖ In Memory of Robert Logan - Theresa Logan
- ❖ For all our Family Members living and deceased - Dick & Margie Dunn



The Saints on the Eucharist & Priesthood
After God, the Priest is everything! "O, how great is the priest!...If he realized what he is, he would die...God obeys him: he utters a few words and the Lord descends from heaven at his voice, to be contained within a small host..."

St. John Vianney



July 31

Thomas Daly

August 1

Malea Dixon

August 2

Sharon Velloff

Julia Kercher

Alyson Rasaili

Chelsea Chestnut

Kendra Eberhart

Jayson Wilson

August 3

Nancy McKee

John Maguramy

Allie Hamberg

August 4

Steve Creasy

Vicki Bruce

Thomas Twichell Jr.

August 6

Denver Hardesty

Thomas McMullin



Ss. Peter and Paul Gift Shop
will be having a
JEWELRY SALE
the weekends of 7/31 - 8/1
and 8/7 - 8/8
All items \$20 and under!!!

There will be NO MASS OR COMMUNION
SERVICE ON August 4th and 5th

Fr. Jeremy from St. Mary's will have Mass on First
Friday August 6 at 8:15 am at Ss. Peter and Paul.
There will be adoration until noon. Deacon John will
have Benediction at noon.

Father Bob Sieg O.F.M. will have confessions and
Masses on the weekend of August 7th and 8th

There will also be NO MASS OR COMMUNION
SERVICE ON August 9, 10, 11, and 12

Father Jeff will be on vacation

Father Jeff will return to have Mass on
Friday August 13 at 8:15 am

Flowers on the Altar
this weekend
are for
the Glory of God

and in Memory of

Marc Roller



THE PARISH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
FRIDAY
AUGUST 6, 2021

DUE TO CARPET CLEANING



Lisa Curtis
Jennifer Martin
Lisa Brinkman
Beth Ann Alvi
Patricia Harmon
Wes Schultz
Shane Fin
Barb Hinson
Vicki Conley
Gary Osborne
Julie Gray
Maren Poettker
Regina Shaw
Trent Ward
Bill Parker
Mary Schwegel Gillett
Matthew Paulda
Regan Taylor
Tim Holt
Ryan Lopez

Jodie Huber
Carl Hamberg
Rita Parker
Beverly Fischer
Helen Sands
Roberta Fleming
Robert Curry
Tony Marin
Susan Hendrickson
Earl Phillips
Brianne Bagwill
Leo McCleod
Tracy Mahan
Carla Mackelden
Ann and Rich Phillips
Marilyn Smith
John Brinkman
Tony Martin
Dana Fallon
Dave Simonds
Ken Petitti
Carol Woelfel
Shirley Plunk
Vivian Dragone

Ashley Taylor
Amanda Wohlert
Mike Blakely
Our Men and Women in the Military
Our Vincentian Clients
Keep Children of the World Safe
Shirley Hicks
Marilyn Smith
Brad Johnson
James Morris
Richard Siemer

- ◆ Please call the office if a name is to be removed from the list.
- ◆ Names in **BOLD** will be removed unless we receive a prayer update
- ◆ If you know of any parishioner that is in a Nursing Home or Home-bound, please let the rectory office know. Also, let us know which Nursing Home they are in.
Thank You.

MUSIC - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 31-August 1

Processional: #785 Behold the Lamb

Readings and Responsorial Psalm: #980

Offertory: #808 Shepherd of Souls

Communion: #454 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

Recessional: #591 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

HOLY HUMOR

Attending a wedding Mass for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?"

"Because white is the color of happiness, and to-day is the happiest day of her life."

The child thought about this for a moment, then said, "So why is the groom wearing black?"

**DEADLINE FOR THE BULLETIN IS
ON OR BEFORE MONDAY AT 12 NOON.
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REQUEST TO:
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**THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS
August 2021**

Intention for Evangelization - The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

**If you wish to place flowers on the High Altar for a certain weekend, please call Theresa at the parish office.
618-465-4221**

The cost is \$40 for 2 bouquets created by Dick's Flowers.

Aug. 7-8	Saturday 4:00 pm	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 10:00 am
Lector:	Jean Thompson	Chris Dunphy	Judy Pautler
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Little	Janice Dunphy	Christina Argyropoulos
Servers:	Dave Cordes	Sean Williams	Jack Snyders
Ushers:	Rick Monje Brent Thomson Marie Goforth-Allen	Jim Schwegel Barb Von Almen	Richard Phillips Doug Mueller Robert Ryan



SUNDAY COLLECTION

Budget Weekly

Goal.....\$7,500.00

July 24-25

Last Sunday Envelopes.....\$ 5,573.00
 Loose.....\$ 719.25
 Parish Tithing (ACSA).....\$ 80.00
 On-Line.....\$ 120.00
 Assumption of Mary.....\$ 10.00
 Building Fund.....\$ 70.00
 Gift Shop.....\$ 80.00

Difference with Collection...- \$ 1,047.75

OF 239 ENVELOPE 83 HOLDERS
 CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUNDAY COLLECTION

MASS ATTENDANCE JULY 24-25

Saturday 4:00 - 120

Sunday 8:00 - 59

Sunday 10:00 - 101

Total Attendance - 280



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 31-Aug. 1

Saturday 4 pm † JoAnn Walsh

Sunday 8:00 am Living and deceased members of the Parish

10:00 am † Tim Mackelden

Monday August 2 Our Lady of the Angels
 NO MASS

Tuesday, August 3 Weekday
 8:15 am † John Keshner

Wednesday, August 4 St. John Vianney
 NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Thursday, August 5 Dedication of St. Mary Major
 NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Friday, August 6 Transfiguration of the Lord
 8:15 am † Trinity Buehl

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Aug. 7-8
 Saturday 4 pm † Jeannie Adolf

Sunday 8:00 am Living and deceased members of the Parish

10:00 am † Bill Bray



This summer is flying by quickly. Do you have a plan to keep you on the right path in this ever-changing world? Listening to Catholic programming on Covenant Network will help keep you focused on faith in your life. Our daily schedule includes the Mass, the Rosary, the Angelus at noon, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and other prayers to remind you of saints and feasts during the day. Whatever your summer schedule includes, tune in to AM 1080 or FM 92.7, listen on our Covenant Network app on your mobile device or at OurCatholicRadio.org.



Readings for the week of August 1, 2021

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Mt 14:22-36 or

Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/

Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

Saturday: Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4, 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

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