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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

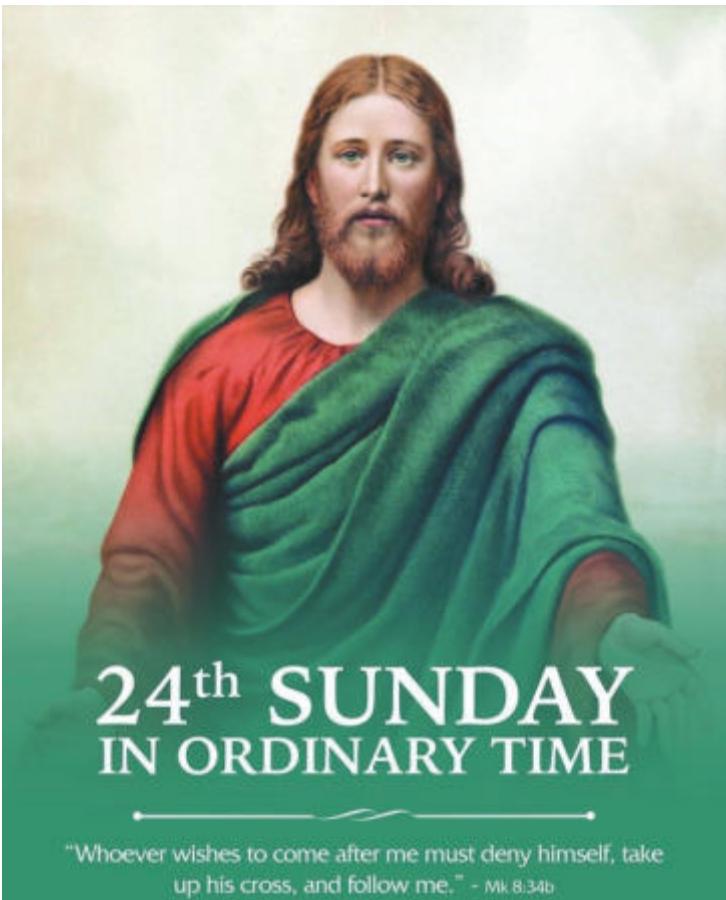
**Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions**  
every Tuesday after Mass

**Divine Mercy Chaplet** every Wednesday after Mass

Rosary every Thursday at 5pm

First Friday adoration after Mass until Noon

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**September 12, 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*



**20 years ago** on this Saturday, September 11, a day that will be remembered for years to come, terrorists attacked the United States, taking the lives of so many innocent lives, in the planes, in buildings and on the ground. Those who lost loved ones still bear the scars of the pain and suffering they experienced that day and the weeks and months that followed. We hold their memory in our hearts and minds as a people of these United States.

That event began the day our country went after the terrorists and in these 20 years many in the military gave their lives in service for our country. Just as we were exiting Afghanistan, 13 more military personnel lost their lives by suicide bombers at the airport. We mourn their loss this weekend as well. May our prayerful Eucharistic Celebration this weekend strengthen us to love our enemies, to pray for their conversion and to always seek peace and justice right where we live and work. God bless America!

**Beginning last weekend** there are now liturgy booklets with the hymns and readings for anyone who find the hymnals a little difficult to handle. The programs are on the table in the back of the church in a box appropriately marked. Please return the program to the box after Mass.

**Coming soon.....**the month of October is the month of the Holy Rosary and on the 7th of October is the feast of the Holy Rosary. The rosary is a powerful scriptural prayer and it was the powerful weapon (alongside military weapons) used in 1753 to defeat the Turks (Islamic forces invading Europe) at Lepanto, Italy. Pope Saint Pius V established this October 7th feast to thank God for that victory. So, during this coming month I am asking that the rosary be prayed a half hour before each weekend Mass (3:30 Saturday, 7:30 and 9:30 Sunday.)

Then on Thursday, October 7th I am asking for volunteers to pray the rosary on every hour from 9am to 7pm in church. The prayerful praying of the rosary can help us to center our hearts and minds on Jesus, through the intercession of the Mother of God. The power of the rosary can dispel the power of the evil one who prowls around the world seeking the ruin of souls. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church. The needs of the world and our parish are many and great. Please take the time to sacrifice a half hour of your time and volunteer. Thanks.

God's blessing in this new week of grace.

Pax et Bonum,  
*Fr. Jeff*



**September 12, 2021    24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.      ©LPI

## **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

### **Can You Walk the Walk?**

I've met and talked with enough people to feel confident that if you polled 100 fallen-away Catholics about why they didn't want anything to do with the Church, the term "accountability" would pop up in almost all of their answers.

And to be fair, a lack of accountability isn't just a Catholic problem. Talking the talk but not walking the walk has been a shortcoming handed down throughout the ages, across all creeds and nationalities.

Loving our neighbor, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, feeding the poor — it all sounds fantastic, especially when we're the ones saying it. But the doing — well, that's a different story, isn't it? We would do well to remember that Christ calls one of his best friends "Satan" when Peter tries to convince Jesus to stray from his destiny.

Have you ever been called Satan by one of your good buddies? I'll bet it's not a great feeling. But think about what Peter was doing. He had just said, "You are the Christ." And now, mere moments later, he's saying: "Don't say these things. Don't say you're going to suffer. Don't say you'll be killed."

He was telling Christ to squander what the Lord had given him. He was telling him that having faith was fine, but being faithful? It's just a little too hard. God has a destiny for you, too, and He's asking you to be open to it. Maybe it's not in your comfort zone. Maybe you don't think you can do it.

Lord, give us faith — but help us, also, to do the work.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## St. Joseph Candles September

- ❖ In Thanksgiving for Blessings-Sherry Rexford
- ❖ For the deceased members of the Velloff Family  
-Chris and Sharon Velloff
- ❖ In Memory of Jeanne Walkes - Theresa Logan



September 11

Emily Schulz

September 13

Michael Osborne

Raymond McFadden

Peter Williams

Isabel Figueroa

Sean Williams

September 14

Regina Shaw

Sharon Hudgins

September 15

John R. Von Almen

Mark Duffin

September 16

Kathy Croxton

Jackson Boyd

September 17

Ellie Chestnut



September 11-12 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Saturday 4 pm **†** Emmett Fitzgerald and Deceased  
 Members of the Gore and Rehg Families

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

10:00 am **†** Croxton, Terlisner, and Velloff Families

Monday September 13 St. John Chrysostom  
 NO MASS

Tuesday, September 14 Exaltation of the Cross  
 8:15 am Jason & Theresa Rexford and Gari Ann Meyers

Wednesday, September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows  
 8:15 am **†** Richard & Vi Kruegel and **†** Katherine Kruegel

Thursday, September 16 Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian  
**†** Richard Clarkson

Friday, September 17 Stigmata of Holy Father St. Francis  
 8:15 am **†** Robert Logan

September 18-19 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Saturday 4 pm **†** George and Spiv Woelfel and  
**†** Jim Hendrickson

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

10:00 am **†** Jack and Betty Schwarte



September 18-19

### Lector

4pm - Patti Kruegel

8am - Chris Dunphy

10am - Bob Luken

### Extraordinary Ministers

4pm - Dave Cordes

8am - Janice Dunphy

10am - Neil Schulz

### Servers

4pm - Mike Fitzgerald

8am - Josh Cordes

10am - Jim Schwegel

### Ushers

4pm - Rick Monje, Danelle St. Peters, &  
 Paul Cordes

8am - Joe Barrett & Bill Merkle

10am - Jack Snyders & Jim Hernandez



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  
Rita Parker  
Beverly Fischer  
Helen Sands  
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  
Shirley Plunk  
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  
Richard Siemer  
Annette Walsh  
Jim Gross  
Sara Cleary  
Angie Campagna-Goska

- ◆ 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 - September 12, 2021**  
**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Processional: #845 America, the Beautiful

Readings and Responsorial Psalm: #998

Offertory: #501 Take Up Your Cross

Communion: #732 Only This I Want

Recessional: God Bless America

The greatest destroyer of peace is abortion.

-Mother Teresa (Nobel Peace Prize Lecture)

Reflection: You have heard people say that being wrong on abortion outweighs being right on other issues, and that is correct. The full truth is, if you are wrong on abortion, you can't be right on other issues.

To permit abortion, but then cry out for the right to work, housing, education, healthcare, and peace is to say that these other rights belong to some people but not to all.

Prayer: Lord, forgive our nation for allowing all the rights of the unborn to be taken away.

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REQUEST TO:  
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**THE HOLY FATHER'S  
PRAYER INTENTIONS**  
September 2021  
Universal Intention-An environmentally sustainable lifestyle  
We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are seriously committed to this.

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.**

From the Office of the Business Manager:

I have received several calls regarding Parish Tithing (formerly called ACSA). The Church does not get “taxed” if it is sent directly to the Diocese of Springfield. You will just need to put a note on the memo line reading “SS Peter & Paul Alton Tithing.” You may want to notify me via e-mail at clew-is@ssppalton.com to let me know it was sent so I can verify the donation on my monthly report from the Diocese. Please call me at the parish office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Chrissy Lewis



**Due to the early printing of the bulletin because of Labor Day  
The collection amounts from the weekend of September 4-5  
will be in next weekends bulletin**

Pray for the repose of the soul of  
**RICHARD CLARKSON,**  
husband of Joan Clarkson  
who passed away on July 2, 2021  
A Mass for the Dead will be offered  
at 8:15 am on September 16th with  
burial following.  
Eternal rest grant unto him, O  
Lord, and let perpetual light shine  
upon him. May he rest in peace.

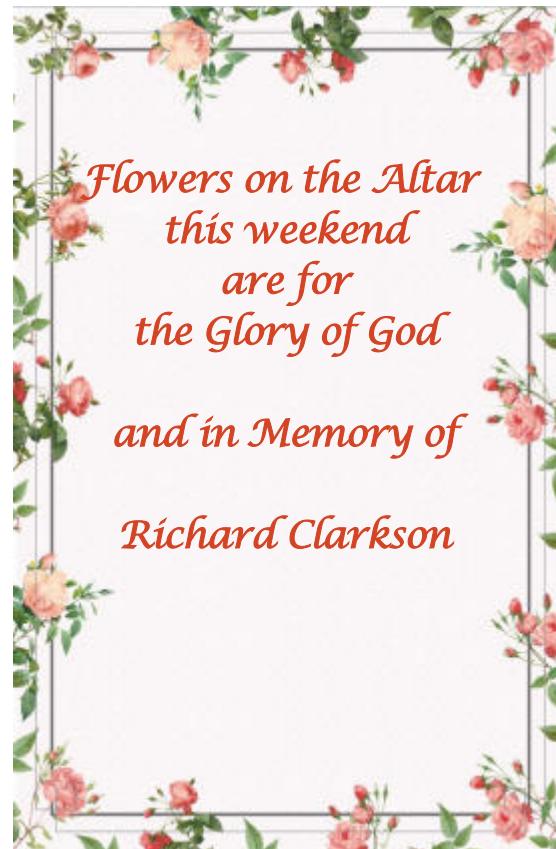
#### Are you being called to be a deacon?

There will be an informational meeting at St. Mary's Parish Center, 1215 Milton Rd, Alton, on September 16, 2021 at 6:30 PM. The Diocesan Director for the diaconate, Deacon Dave Sorrell will present the exciting news of a new class for those interested in the Permanent Diaconate Program beginning Fall 2022. Other deacons and their wives will be present and will share their own vocations stories - how they sensed God calling them to this service in the Church.

The Diaconate is open to men between the ages of 32 and 57 who are active in the practice of their faith and who desire to grow in relationship with Our Lord in service to their Parish Community. If interested, and if married, wives are most welcome and encouraged to attend.

If you have questions please feel free to reach out to Deacon Dave at: [dsorrell@dio.org](mailto:dsorrell@dio.org)

Please join us at the St Mary's Parish Center at 1015 Milton Rd, Alton IL.



#### Homebound Parishioners

If you are a homebound parishioner or in a nursing home, and cannot make it to Mass on Sundays, and are interested in pastoral visits for companionship and/or communion, please give Theresa a call at the Rectory and I will contact you to make arrangements.

God Bless, Deacon John.

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 September 12, 2021

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/ Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/ Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-3

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