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AUGUST 22, 2021 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

KC BREAKFAST SUNDAY

St. Ann KCs will host their first Breakfast of the year **SUNDAY, August 22**, in the Great Hall. All are invited to come enjoy a meal and support our KCs!

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION THIS WEEKEND!!

you can register *in person* with **Joyce and/or Julia** on August 21- 22 and 28-29 at all Masses, or on-line **now**. Catechists and classroom helpers are still needed for some of the class levels.



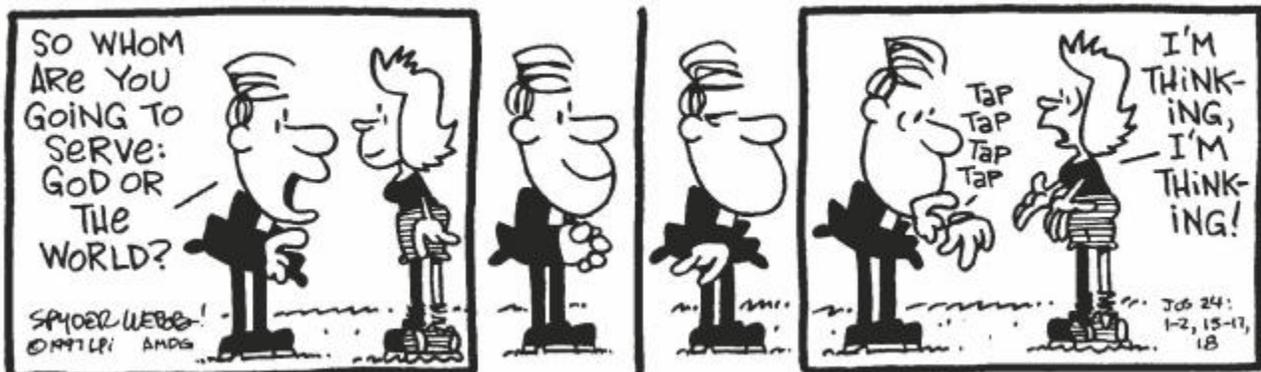
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Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

8/21 Sat Jim Shannon 4:00 p.m.
8/22 Sun Connie Herriges 8:00 a.m.
8/22 Sun People of the Parish 10:30 a.m.
8/24 Tue Jim Beck 8:30 a.m.
8/25 Wed Ralph & Emily Braun 8:30 a.m.
8/26 Thur Florence Suttle 8:30 a.m.
8/27 Fri Mary Therese & Howard Cronkleton 8:30 a.m.
8/28 Sat Ervin Splinter 4:00 p.m.
8/29 Sun Marie & Richard Weishar 8:00 a.m.
8/29 Sun People of the Parish 10:30 a.m.
Please contact the office if you are interested in requesting a Mass be said for a friend or loved one. Mass offering is \$5.00.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS:

Fiscal year is

July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

ENVELOPES/AUTOMATED GIVING:

August 14-15 \$ 5,697.00
YTD collection: \$ 61,797.00
Goal for YTD: \$ 67,865.00
Goal for fiscal year \$ 504,122.00
Under Goal: \$ -6,068.00

For July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 Fiscal Year

DEBT RETIREMENT:

Thru July 26, 2021

Total for July \$ 11,377.00
Monthly payment YTD: \$ 13,750.00
Collected YTD: \$ 11,377.00
UNDER Goal: \$ - 2,373.00

ROOF REPLACEMENT:

As of July 1, 2021: \$ 57,416.00

On-line giving is available as are stock donations.
Contact the office for more information.

ST. ANN Bulletin:

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Due to vacations and holidays, bulletin information will be due on these dates:

8/29 bulletin: was due by 8:00 a.m. 8/20

9/5 bulletin: due by 8:00 a.m. 8/23

9/12 bulletin due by 8:00 a.m. 8/26

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!!!

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL IS OPEN WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING.

Chapel is open during office hours or as scheduled with office, for groups of six or less. St. Joachim Chapel is available for groups larger than six. Please contact the office if you wish to use either Chapel.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF:

August 21-22 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Psalm 34:2-3, 16-21;
Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69

Monday: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10; Psalm 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday: Revelation 21:9b-14; Psalm 145:10-13, 17-18;
John 1:45-51

Wednesday: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Psalm 139:7-12ab;
Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Psalm 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17;
Matthew 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Psalm 97:1-2b, 5-6, 10-12;
Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Psalm 98:1, 7-9;
Matthew 25:14-30

Next week: August 28-29 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; Psalm 15:2-5;
James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27;
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

UP-COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS:

Sunday, August 21-22 & 28-29—Registration for Faith Formation “in-person” classes at Masses

August 26-28—KC Tootsie Roll drive in community

September 8—1st Youth Night for grades 7-12
7:00 p.m.

September 12—1st Faith Formation class for grades Pre-K thru 6

September 12—KC Golf Outing—Glynns Creek Golf Course

September 14—Guild Salad Supper 6:00 p.m.
Great Hall—all women invited

Lector & Eucharistic Minister Schedule

This Week— August 21

4:00 p.m.: Mary Gross, Nancy Shannon,
Sandy Radke, Linda Lahann

August 22

8:00 a.m.: ???? , ???? , ???? , ????

10:30 a.m.: Jennifer Rochholz, ???? , ???? , ????

Next Week—August 28

4:00 p.m.: Joe Gross, Nancy Shannon,
Brian Murphy, Cindy Grems

August 29

8:00 a.m.: ???? , ???? , ???? , ????

10:30 a.m.: ???? , Jennifer Rochholz, ???? , ????

A new schedule has been made, starting September 4. Please check the schedule for dates you have been assigned. Contact Nancy if you have any problems or questions. Thank you for your service to St. Ann!

PARISH HAPPENINGS

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

Submission as Stewardship.

We aren't comfortable with the idea of submission. Our society champions equality, and rightly so — but it's a mistake to think that submission is at odds with equality. To submit ourselves fully, we must first be free. We must first be our own masters. God has granted us that freedom with the salvation He offers. We are no longer the slaves of sin. Now He asks us to be subordinate to one another, in the name of Christ.

What a completely uncomfortable task! What He's asking is for us to be subordinate to the person who irritates us the most. The person we really can't stand. The person who doesn't respect us or appreciate what we have to offer. The person we think we're smarter than, more talented than. The person we envy.

That's the real challenge of stewardship, isn't it? Subordination. Inconveniencing myself by giving of time, of money, of relationship. Putting the needs or wants of another above my own when they haven't done anything special to earn it.

I invite you to consider the cross — the most radical expression of submission, and of stewardship, that ever existed. If there was ever someone who deserved superiority, isn't it the God who let Himself be nailed to a tree, who gave so freely of His life, His body, His blood, His everything?

To look at him in his agony is to truly understand the beauty of submission — of laying down what you have for the good of the other.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

FAITH FORMATION NEWS:

GOD ACTS THROUGH US!

God acts through events and people. Pope Francis goes so far as to call Joseph the "miracle" by which Jesus and Mary were saved. He says that Joseph was the one chosen to guide the history of redemption. That's a pretty weighty responsibility to take on for someone who never speaks in the Scriptures! What does that say to us? We may not do phenomenal, world-changing things, but we can smile at someone, thank someone, and simply do our jobs and live our lives with courage, compassion, love, forgiveness, and generosity.

Ponder: What one thing can I do today to brighten someone's life?

Pray: God of wonder and surprise, strengthen me to be aware of all the ways I can show your goodness to others in everything I do.

FAITH FORMATION:

Today is the first weekend to register for the fall Faith Formation!!! If you haven't registered yet, please see us next weekend after any Mass or go on-line at our website: www.stannslonggrove.org under Faith Formation to register.

Classes start on Sept. 12 and are 9:00 –10:15 a.m. I am in need of two Catechists and four aides. Please give me a call at the office or e-mail me if you can help this year
jkloft@stannslonggrove.org

I am looking forward to having classes face to face but also understand we are still in uncertain times. I will send notices out through our *Flocknote* system to inform you of any changes to our schedules. You need to join this line of communication by texting the keyword STANNLG to the number 84576. Follow the directions to complete the registration. List the groups/grades that you want to follow, and you will be all set. If you have any concerns, please share them with me so they can be properly addressed. -- Joyce

NORTH SCOTT FOOD PANTRY:

FOOD NEEDS:

- August — canned peas, canned carrots, Jelly, jam, school supplies
- September — school lunch items, snacks

The pantry is also collecting personal items like soap, shampoo, deodorant, razors, etc.

The Food Pantry is open:

Tuesday evening — 5:30 — 7:00 p.m.

Friday morning — 9:30 — 11:00 a.m.

The North Scott Food Pantry is located on the northwest side of Faith Lutheran Church, 500 W. Le Claire Rd, Eldridge.

We are always collecting food and supplies for the NS Food Pantry. Please drop them in the basket in the entryway, or in the basket by the offertory table as you enter the church. Thank you for your donations and continued support of the area food pantry.

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK:

Many people give their allegiance to something until it asks them to do something challenging or radical. Then, they find themselves rethinking whether they want to be associated with it. The same holds for God. Either we serve God, or we don't. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom, love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, and trust that the Eucharist is in fact Jesus' very Body and Blood. For some, buying into these things may prove too difficult and a return to a life without them is preferred. But truth is truth and it can only be found in God. If we find it hard to accept it from the mouth of Christ, where else can we go to find it? The task before us is to commit to the truth even when it may be easier to pursue something else. Truth is always worth obtaining even when it is difficult. Jesus offers us the truth of life, a life that is found in his own flesh and blood and a life of discipleship.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

August 22, 2021

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods.” We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these “gods” because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with “who is God” and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised “more.” But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only “feels” true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God’s kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It’s a choice we all have to make.

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