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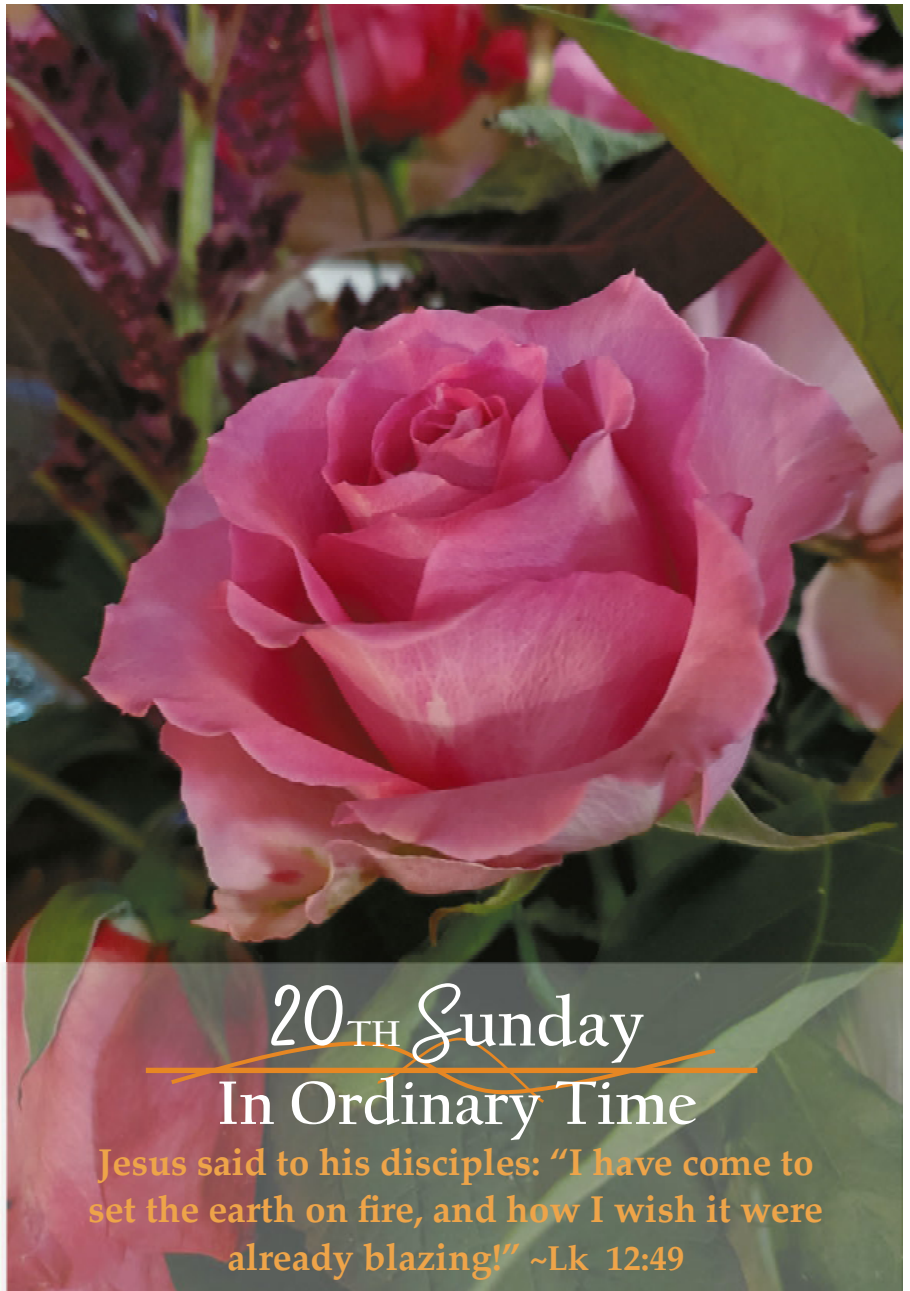
Saturday—4:00 PM  
Sunday—8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

## **Pax Christi Adoration Chapel Hours:**

Sundays—11:00 AM until 11:00 PM  
Wednesdays—7:00 AM until 11:00 PM

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20<sup>TH</sup> Sunday  
In Ordinary Time

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to  
set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were  
already blazing!" ~Lk 12:49



In Christian charity we pray for **Ralph Furger and Linda L. Brickner** who passed away recently. We

extend our sympathy to their families. Eternal rest grant unto Ralph and Linda, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

**Masses** for the feast of the *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary* will occur on Sunday evening at 6:30 and Monday morning at 8:00. Note: because the feast falls on a Monday, the obligation to attend is removed.

**RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** will be holding inquiry sessions on Sunday, August 28, following the 8:00 and 10:00am Masses. This will be held in the Abler Room in the church. Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith is welcome. For more information or if you are unable to make this date, call Deacon Gordy Ruplinger at 715-297-3513.

**Congratulations** to Michael Kindlarski who received the rank of Eagle Scout. God bless you, Michael!



Please remember our diocesan seminarians in prayer. In particular we pray for **Brian Ward**.

## Parish Stewardship for August 7, 2022

Average amount needed in weekly stewardship envelopes..... \$13,300.00

Adults Env. & Online .....	\$ 11,521.00
Students .....	\$ 31.00
Plate .....	\$ 698.76
Automatic Direct Donation avg.....	<u>\$1,930.26</u>
<i>Total for the week.....</i>	<i>\$ 14,181.02</i>
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## August Bulletin Announcement Deadline

**Bulletin Date:**  
August 28

**Deadline Date:**  
August 19



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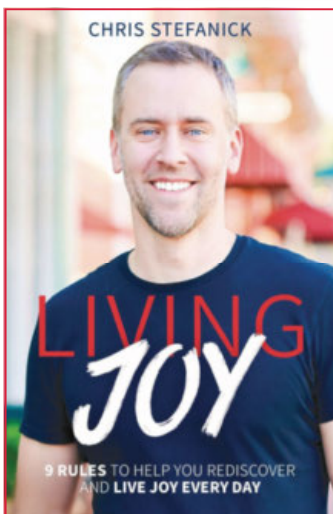
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## Week at a Glance

**Sun., Aug. 14** ..... Assumption of the Blessed  
 .....Virgin Mary Mass 6:30pm  
**Mon., Aug. 15** ..... Assumption of the Blessed  
 .....Virgin Mary Mass 8:00am





**Chris Stefanick to speak on *Living Joy*** - Wednesday, August 24, 5:30-7:30pm. Chris, an internationally known author and speaker, and will present simple Rules—based upon evidence, humorous real-life experiences and common sense—to help rediscover and live Joy every day. Cost is \$10 and the first 480 who register will receive his new book, “*Living Joy*,” a \$23 value.

Parishioners may register at [diolc.org/catechesis/witness-joy](http://diolc.org/catechesis/witness-joy).

From Chris’ book:

*Living Joy* is an urgently needed message for a world grasping for joy but settling for short-lived pleasures. Joy isn’t a luxury. It’s a necessity. One reason that we need the power of joy is to remain steadfast in trials: both the large and small difficulties of everyday life.

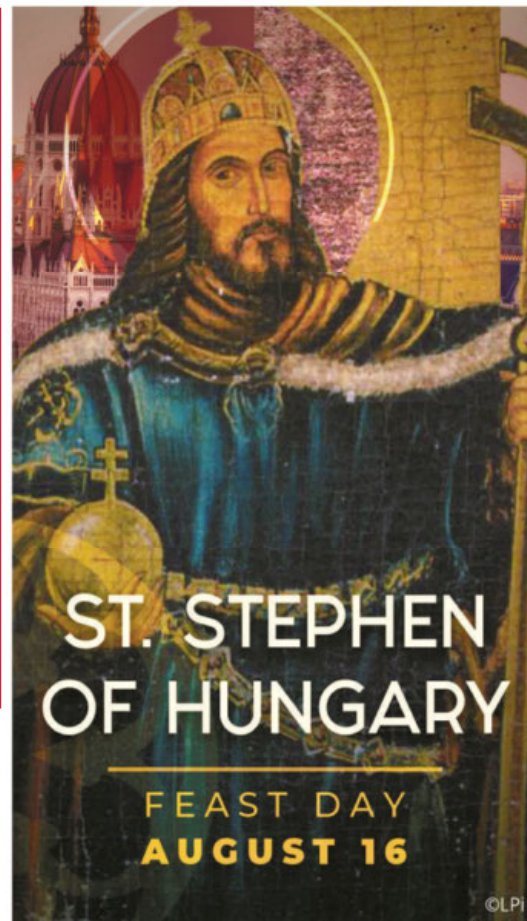
## WEEKLY PRAYER

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 14, 2022

- Sunday:** Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
- Monday:** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
- Tuesday:** Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday:** Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday:** Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14
- Friday:** Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday:** Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12
- Next Sunday:** Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 14, 2022

- Sunday:** 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
- Monday:** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Tuesday:** St. Stephen of Hungary
- Friday:** St. John Eudes, Priest
- Saturday:** St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Pius X, Pope



### SAINT OF THE WEEK

Born a pagan in the 10th century Saint Stephen was baptized as a boy when his father converted to Christianity. Saint Stephen married Gisela, daughter of Duke Henry II of Bavaria who would become Saint Henry II. He succeeded his father as leader and began to transform the nation into a Christian kingdom.

Pope Sylvester II proclaimed him the first king of Hungary in 1001, sending him a crown and gold processional cross. The crown, made in the Byzantine style, has become a symbol of Hungarian nationhood.

King Stephen's reign was a relatively peaceful and prosperous time. He outlawed paganism, mandated church building, and tithing for support of the parish, and commanded all to marry except clergy and religious. He founded a Benedictine monastery, and Hungary became an important place along the route to the Holy Land for many pilgrims.

Unfortunately, Stephen's son and heir died in a hunting accident, causing much conflict over the succession when the saint died. Eventually the kingdom was won back for Christendom and father and son were canonized in 1083 by Pope St. Gregory VII. Saint Stephen I is now patron saint of Hungary.

## Our Mission and Identity

Our parish, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, grows only in Christ and through the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Flowing from these gifts, we dedicate ourselves to live and proclaim the Gospel message of Christ's love. To live Christ's love may at times be difficult. Nevertheless, it is our goal.

We are called to reach out to our parish family, to the needs of the local community, the diocesan Church, the universal Church, and to the global community. We do this by being attentive to the voice of God found in the Sacred Scriptures, in the Sacred Tradition of our Catholic faith, and through an informed conscience which we try to cultivate.

In light of our baptism, we try to be Christ centered in every aspect of our faith life.

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## Pax Christi Adoration Chapel

The Adoration Chapel can ONLY be described as a wonderful gift. It is the gift of being close to the presence of the Lord Jesus as we contemplate His love for us.

During the Holy Mass, the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. During times of Adoration when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, we see the consecrated bread and the consecrated wine which have truly become the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. In one sense, this is a miracle in our midst – that Jesus would come to us in this way. But often that is the way of the Lord – a silent and unobtrusive way. He comes to us in silence, remains within us and invites us to carry Him into the world around us. None of us can ever fully understand how this occurs, but we do know why it occurs. It happens because God loves us and loves this world so deeply. He wants to remain with us and we with Him.

If you are willing to give the Lord even a bit of your time by adoring Him in the Blessed Sacrament, you will find these words to take on new meaning:

*Come in faith, Remain in hope, go out in love.*

**The effects of adoration:** Here is a comment from one of our parishioners who has a weekly hour of adoration. “In the past, I never had a personal relationship with Jesus. I knew of him, I knew about him, but I didn’t know him. I didn’t really love Jesus because you can’t love someone you don’t know. The first time I went to adoration, I was bored out of my mind and spent most of the time looking at my watch. During my second visit, I didn’t pray at all. The third time, however, I was at a low point. Adoration has improved every aspect of my life. I’m no longer in a state of constant worry about situations I have no control over. I don’t know what the future holds, but I find great comfort in knowing the One who does.”

**\*Currently the Adoration Chapel is open on Sundays and Wednesdays.**



## SACRAMENTS and SPIRITUAL LIFE

### Weekend Mass

Saturday at 4:00PM

Sunday at 8:00AM and 10:00AM

### Weekdays

Holy Mass is offered most days. A Communion Service is scheduled at 8:00AM on weekdays when the Mass is not celebrated.

### Baptism

Preparation classes will be held each month in the church meeting room. Pre-registration is required by calling the parish office.

### Reconciliation

Anytime by request.

### Marriage

Couples desiring marriage should contact the pastor at least six months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding.

### Anointing of the Sick

Anytime by request.

- Regular visits are made to the hospital. Families may notify the parish office when a parishioner is hospitalized.
- If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please call the Religious Education Office.
- If you are interested in the religious life, the diaconate, the priesthood or lay ministry, please contact the pastor for further information.
- All adults (anyone beyond high school age) living within the parish and regularly participating in the liturgy may register as parishioners. To register, please contact the pastor.

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