

# Welcome to the Catholic Churches of SAINT JEROME And SAINT JAMES



AUGUST 1, 2021 • 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:32-33

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCCB

### Readings for the Week of August 1, 2021

**Mon:** Nm 11: 4b-15/ Ps 81: 12-13. 14-15. 16-17/ Mt 14: 13-21

**Tues:** Nm 12: 1-13/ Ps 51: 3-4. 5-6ab. 6cd-7. 12-13/ Mt 14: 22-36

or Mt 15: 1-2. 10-14

**Weds:** Nm 13: 1-2. 25 -- 14: 1. 26a-29a. 34-35/ Ps 106: 6-7ab.  
13-14. 21-22. 23/ Mt 15: 21-28

**Thurs:** Nm 20: 1-13/ Ps 95: 1-2. 6-7. 8-9/ Mt 16: 13-23

**Fri:** Dn 7: 9-10. 13-14/ Ps 97: 1-2. 5-6. 9/ 2 Pt 1: 16-19/  
Mk 9: 2-10

**Sat:** Dt 6: 4-13/ Ps 18: 2-3a. 3c-4. 47 and 51/ Mt 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

Notes (♪) from Steve's Journal

### Love and Resistance

In today's gospel, the people challenge Jesus: "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you?" This they ask right after Jesus had multiplied the five loaves and two fish to feed 5000! They say this because they do not want to believe in him as the Son of God, the One sent from heaven. To believe in Him would require that they change; it would require their conversion of heart and total commitment to Him. But they don't want to change; they just want Jesus to keep the bread and fish coming!

I realize, however, that I am so often just like these people: even as I have been converted and I want to think of myself as a faithful disciple, still I often just want Jesus to do what I want him to do. But true conversion is a lifelong commitment, and it requires taking a step forward every day. Although I would like God to continue to change my life for the better, I often don't really want to do my part.

Maybe it's not so much that I don't want to do my part but that it's just so difficult to overcome inertia; I offer resistance even when that is not what I intend. This is how it is with so many things in my life. Even though I want to continue to grow in faith and love of God, to listen to him, still I resist the daily commitment to conversion, to letting God be God in my life. In spite of all the good things He has done and continues to do for me, still I resist. I know that it is by his grace alone that I have experienced many changes for the better in my life. But I always want the last change I've made to be the last change I'll ever have to make – I just want to "be there" and be done with it....

And yet Jesus is faithful, loving, and endlessly patient. He waits for me to come around again and to take the next step toward Him, when I am finally ready. And I have come to find that he isn't as concerned with my resistance as he is with loving me. He allows me the freedom to find my way, little by little, however long it takes. And it's best for me to confess, to admit to him my resistance, and ask him to break through it for me. How gently he then helps me to remember that He is God, and I am not. And he feeds me the Bread of Life, fills me with his love. Why would I, how could I resist that?

*Steve*



The following are the scheduled Mass intentions:

**2021 Aug 3 Tue: Ordinary Weekday**

8:00 a.m. † All Souls (St. James)

**2021 Aug 4 Wed: John Mary Vianney, p M**

8:00 a.m. † Gertrude Mersinger (St. Jerome)

**2021 Aug 5 Thurs: Ordinary Weekday/ Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome**

8:00 a.m. † Sanctity of Human Life (St. James)

**2021 Aug 6 Fri: TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD F**

8:00 a.m. † Deceased members of the Cowie Family  
(St. Jerome)

**2021 Aug 7 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ BVM/ Sixtus II, pp, mt, & co., mts/ Cajetan, p**

4:00 p.m. † Margaret Diepholz (St. Jerome)  
5:30 p.m. For the parishioners of St. Jerome and  
St. James (St. James)

**2021 Aug 8 SUN: 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.**

8:30 a.m. † Deceased members of the  
Knights of Columbus (St. Jerome)  
10:30 a.m. † Mae Grapperhaus (St. Jerome)

## Calendar of Events

**2021 July 31 Sat:**

**1:00-2:00 pm:** Confessions at St. James

**2:30-3:30 pm:** Confessions at St. Jerome

**4:00 pm:** Mass at St. Jerome

**5:30 pm:** Mass at St. James

**2021 Aug 1 SUN:**

**8:30 am:** Mass at St. Jerome and Livestreamed

**10:30 am:** Mass at St. Jerome

**8:00-9:00 pm:** Eucharistic Adoration at St. Jerome

**2021 Aug 7 Sat:**

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**4:00 pm:** Mass at St. Jerome

**5:30 pm:** Mass at St. James

**2021 Aug 8 SUN:**

**8:30 am:** Mass at St. Jerome and Livestreamed

**10:30 am:** Mass at St. Jerome

**8:00-9:00 pm:** Eucharistic Adoration at St. Jerome

***Below are reflections from Shelly Sands of Missions International and sister parishes in Guatemala.***

On my recent trip to Guatemala, I was given the opportunity to meet with the bishops of Jalapa, Jutiapa, Izabal, and Peten. It is such a blessing to be with the priests and bishops of these dioceses of Guatemala. I can't even begin to express the overwhelming joy of being able to sit and talk with the pastors of your sister parishes. They are so grateful and although it is difficult to describe the feelings of appreciation they gave; I will try my best. In a meeting with the priests and bishops, Padre Teodoro, pastor for the sister parish of Carlyle, stood up and began to thank me and his sister parish for their support during Covid. What everyone needs to understand is not only were their churches closed much longer than ours, but the priests do not get paid. They rely on the donations, money or food, from their parishioners to survive. Without contact with parishioners, the pastors of our sister parishes were left with little resources. As Padre Teodoro continued to express his gratitude, I wished that all parishes in the United States could hear his authentic thanksgiving for his sister parish. After he finished his expression of thanks, one by one all the other pastors stood and stated that they too gave thanks to God for their brothers and sisters in their sister parishes. The pastors of Guatemala were amazed that during our struggle we continue to support them. This was a true act of love, just as Jesus would do. I could feel in my heart their loving gratitude and continued prayerful support of all of us. THANK YOU

"Sister parishes from the United States, in the midst of their pain, kept our parishes open in Jalapa, Jutiapa, Izabal, and Peten."

Padre Teodoro Beltran pastor at Santa Catarina Martir





## **Stewardship of Treasure: July 17/18**

**St. James:**

**St. Jerome:**

Totals will be available next week.

**Thank you for your continued support!**

# **Catholic social teaching**

*My source for this series is the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops ([usccb.org](http://usccb.org)).*

The Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. Modern Catholic social teaching has been articulated through a tradition of papal, conciliar, and episcopal documents. The depth and richness of this tradition can be understood best through a direct reading of these documents. In these brief reflections, we highlight several of the key themes that are at the heart of our Catholic social tradition.

### [1.] Life and Dignity of the Human Person

The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, human life is under direct attack from abortion and euthanasia. The value of human life is being threatened by cloning, embryonic stem cell research, and the use of the death penalty. The intentional targeting of civilians in war or terrorist attacks is always wrong. Catholic teaching also calls on us to work to avoid war. Nations must protect the right to life by finding increasingly effective ways to prevent conflicts and resolve them by peaceful means. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.

### [2.] Call to Family, Community, and Participation

The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society -- in economics and politics, in law and policy -- directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. Marriage and the family are the central social institutions that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

### [3.] Rights and Responsibilities

The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Therefore, every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities--to one another, to our families, and to the larger society.

*To be continued ...*

*Fr. Kevin*

**THE TITHE...** Beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> we wrapped up our ACSA assessment and now begin a new means of supporting our greater church through parish tithing. 10% of our monthly parish collection will be used to provide regular financial contributions to Diocesan resources. Moving forward, there will no longer be a yearly "ACSA assessment" from Springfield. Please prayerfully consider redirecting any gifts you may have intended for that purpose back to St Jerome or St. James Parishes.

### **Please Pray For All The Sick, Especially:**



Ross Bushur, Michael Daugherty, Joseph Mueller, Hunter Mersinger, Gary Walmsley, Tina Bruner, Charlee-Kate Grapperhaus, Mary Wilson, Ava C., Betty D., Pat Aleman, John & Sharon Aleman, Mary Ann Becherer, Judy Touchette, Don Siegel, Kay Grotefendt, Bula Jones, Gerald Loyet, Mike Luczak, Dale Grotefendt, Katie Fuller, Otto Baumgartner, Helene Kilpatrick, Barbara Klostermann, Millie Loyett, Nancy Varda Smith, Jessica C., JoAnn (Vesci) Graeff, Roy Bouse, Colleen Campe, Dennis Jablonski, Teresa Dickman, Austin Acree

*To request a name to be put on the prayer list, contact Jodi at the office (667-6571 ext. 10 or [stjerome@stjeromeparish.org](mailto:stjerome@stjeromeparish.org))*



## Nurturing Our Faith

Sr. Linda Mary, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation

Reflections are taken from: Pflaum Publishers: [www.Pfalum.com](http://www.Pfalum.com).  
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time • August 1, 2021 John 6:24–35

Sunday's Gospel introduces us to the gift Jesus wants to give us. He gives us himself (Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity) in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist (Communion). Jesus reminds us that he is the Bread of Life. Jesus wants to fill our physical and spiritual needs.

We perceive a pattern developing. Free food isn't quite free, even when manna rains down from Heaven for all takers. Faith isn't free, either, when professing the Creed winds up demanding your life in conformity with your words. Going to church is a whole lot more than free shelter from life's storms. It also *implies* a surrender to service. And when Jesus says, "I am the bread of life," our AMEN recognizes this bread being both a gift and a responsibility.

"Give us this bread always," the crowd around Jesus begs. Give us miracle bread that takes away the fear of want. You and I are part of that crowd, of course, asking for something we don't fully



understand. We want the bread that is really the life of Christ, so we're assured of eternal life. And yes, Eucharist is that kind of guarantee—but it's not for free. Even though the ushers don't stop and take tolls from us as we approach the sanctuary for Holy Communion, Eucharist implies service. Once Christ-life is in you, you are Christ for the sake of the world. Ask yourself: what did it cost Jesus to be Jesus?

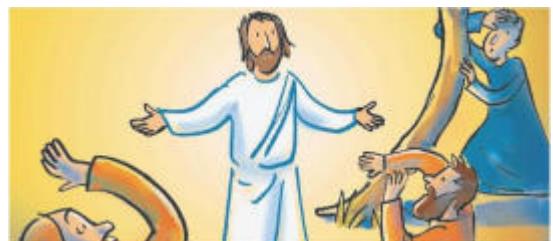
*"Jesus said to them "I am the bread of life" –John 6:35*

In Church: The Eucharist is our church family's special meal. Look for a special table in the church (the altar).

### Questions of the Week

- Why does Jesus tell us that if we eat the bread he gives us, we will never be hungry?
- What does that mean?
- How are you the bread of life for those around you—and those who are far off?

On Friday of this week, we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. This event in Jesus' life is also shared in the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Lent every year. Pay attention to Peter's reaction: "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." Peter wanted to hold on to this mountaintop experience and build dwelling places for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah.



Aren't we all like Peter sometimes? We have a mountaintop experience and want to stay there. We don't want to drop back down into the valleys and plains of life. But just like Peter when he saw that Moses and Elijah were no longer there, we need to face reality. Mountaintop experiences aren't meant to last, and neither are our times in the valley. Our mountaintop experiences give us hope for better days when we are in the valleys of our lives.

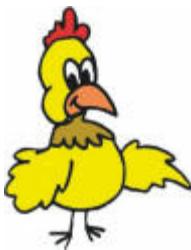
Lord, you gave us everything you had: your life, your Body, and your Blood. Teach us to give everything we have to you! Amen.

Pax *Sr. Linda Mary*

## St. Jerome Carry out Chicken Dinner

Sunday, August 22nd  
11:30am – to 6:00pm

\$11.00 meal includes:  
4 Pc fried chicken,  
green beans, and coleslaw



### Dates Available for Baptisms

Sept 18/19

Oct 23/24

Nov 20/21



Beginning in  
September,  
baptisms  
return to  
celebrations  
during mass.

To schedule a date:  
Please contact the Parish Office:  
667-6571 or  
[stjerome@stjeromeparish.org](mailto:stjerome@stjeromeparish.org)

### **FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN!**

Beginning in mid-September our weekly Faith Formation sessions will be held on **SUNDAY MORNINGS** from 9:30-10:30 between our liturgies. We are excited about the possibilities this new schedule offers.



Registration for K-5 continues as an option as PFF (Parish Faith Formation) or HFF (Home Faith Formation.) Think about how YOU can continue to make our program a success! We could use catechists and parents to assist.

Children in grades 6-8 are part of the parish Youth Ministry. They meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from NOON-2:00 PM.



### **ST. JOHN NEUMANN NEWS...**

We are excited to introduce Mr. Anthony Bodnar as our new Principal! Mr. Bodnar retired from the Air Force in 2012, where he was an aircraft mechanic on KC-135 refueling tankers, a training instructor, and an acquisitions manager. He taught glass working and wood working at SIUE, and Industrial Technologies at St. Clair High School in St. Clair, Missouri. He now joins us from Trinity Catholic High School in North County St. Louis where he served as the art teacher, Fine Arts Director, and Assistant Principal. In addition, Mr. Bodnar is a professional glass artist. He and his wife own the Third Street Glass Studio in Collinsville. Please join us in welcoming Principal Bodnar to our Crusader family!



**Find Peace and Healing:** Pope Francis says, "God is always waiting for you." If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child or children to abortion, come and experience

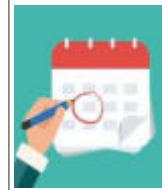
the healing mercy of Jesus Christ on our weekend retreat. To find information about the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat August 13-15 go

to: [www.dio.org/plasm/project-rachel.html](http://www.dio.org/plasm/project-rachel.html), call 217-217-698-4456, or email [projectrachel@dio.org](mailto:projectrachel@dio.org). Scholarships are available for those not able to pay the registration fee.



**AA MEETINGS, MONDAYS AT 7 P.M.** in the Basement of the Wayland Avenue Office (*the brick building by the corner of St. Jerome parking lot*). For more information call Central Service Office at 618-251-4000 or at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org).

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING:** New trainings are continually being added. Please visit [www.dio.org](http://www.dio.org) to view the full schedule.



Bulletin articles are due by  
NOON Aug 5th for the  
Aug 15th bulletin  
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## Protecting God's Children for Adults®

**DIocese of Springfield in Illinois ~ Office for Safe Environment**

Protecting God's Children for Adults® is a child sexual abuse prevention program offered by the diocese to instruct Church personnel on the prevention of child sexual abuse and the steps to creating a safe environment for the protection of children and young people. All Church personnel are required to attend a Protecting God's Children for Adults training session.

See [dio.org/safeenvironment](http://dio.org/safeenvironment) for a description of Church personnel.

Date	Weekday	Time	Training Site
July 1	Thursday	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Highland, 1412 9th St., St. Paul Parish Ctr., (John Room) Church Office, (618) 654-2339
Aug. 5	Thursday	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Highland, 1412 9th St., St. Paul Parish Ctr., (John Room) Church Office, (618) 654-2339
Sept. 2	Thursday	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Highland, 1412 9th St., St. Paul Parish Ctr., (John Room) Church Office, (618) 654-2339

Please call the contact number of the training site to register your attendance. The training sessions are typically 2 ½ to 3 hours. Compliance with the training requirement requires a participant be present for the entire session. There is no fee for attending the training session. Because of the sensitive nature of the training topic children under the age of 18 should not be in attendance.

## OUTREACH COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: AUGUST 7/8

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## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS/COMMITTEES

#### Pastoral Council:

**St. Jerome** ~ John Hopkins (Chairperson), Maggie Brorby, Amanda Detmer, Georgeine Hays, Tom Mines, Andrew Schwierjohn, Greg Schrage, Nathan Krisch

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## NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

New parishioners are always welcome! You may register in person or by calling the Parish Office.

#### SACRAMENTS

**Baptisms** ~ Please contact the Parish Office for registration information. Prior to baptism, parents are required to attend a baptism-preparation session. Parents may attend this before their child is born.

**Penance** ~ Saturdays at 1:00 p.m. at St. James and 2:30 p.m. at St. Jerome or by appointment. Communal services are celebrated during Advent and Lent.

**Marriage** ~ If you are considering marriage, a minimum of six months is required for preparation. A wedding date cannot be set until after the first meeting with the pastor. At that time, the diocesan and parish guidelines will be explained.

**Anointing of the Sick** ~ Parishioners who are seriously or critically ill, or having surgery, should contact the pastor for the celebration of the sacrament.

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** ~ The R.C.I.A. is an ongoing formation process for adults who are interested in becoming a Catholic and would like to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist. Call the Parish Office for additional information.

#### ST. JEROME CEMETERY INFORMATION

St. Jerome owns and operates two cemeteries – St. Jerome Cemetery, located on Troy-O'Fallon Road, and St. John the Baptist Cemetery – located on Lebanon Road. Contact the Parish Office for more information.



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