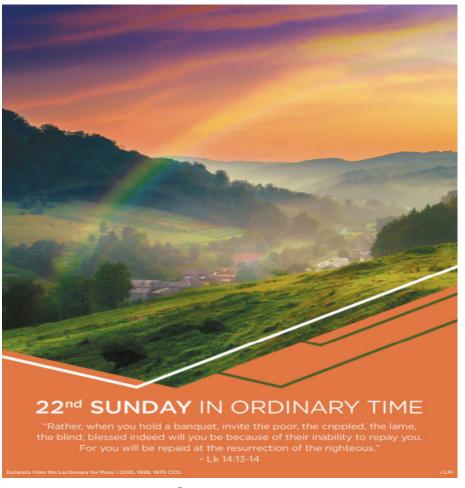
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# St. Agnes Parish

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#### SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Baptism - Baptisms are celebrated on the third weekend of the month. To register for a preparation class, call Amy Martin at St. Agnes 715-359-5675.

Sacrament of Marriage - Contact the parish office at least 1 year in advance of the wedding date. Couples need to complete a FOCCUS inventory. Also, couples will register for a Deanery Marriage Preparation Class. These requirements are needed prior to the wedding date.

**RCIA:** If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, receiving the sacraments of first communion and confirmation or just learning more about the Catholic Church, call Father Greg (ext. #3) at the parish office.

Anointing of the Sick—Anointing is offered at weekday Mass if you are aware of upcoming surgeries or if you are ill.

#### Website

www.stagnescatholicparish.com

#### Welcome New Parishioners

For Registration Materials Contact the Parish Office or Check the Website Above

#### Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:30 PM Mass Sunday 8:30 AM Mass Wednesday and Friday 8:00 AM Mass Sacrament of Reconciliation Sunday 8:00am

#### Parish Contact Information

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#### Parish Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday 8:00AM—3:00PM Friday—CLOSED

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# WEEKLY PRAYER

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 28, 2022

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11/Heb 12:18-19,

22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Mk 6:17-29

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk

4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/

Lk 14:25-33

#### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 28, 2022**

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Augustine, Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

Monday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

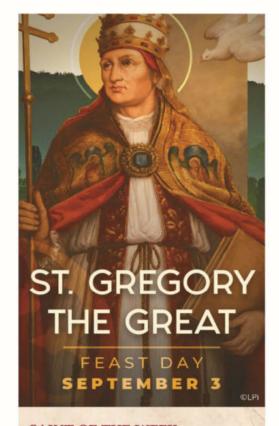
Saturday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration for the week

"Humble yourself the more, the greater you are." These words from Sirach are packed with wisdom. Who we become, and the success we achieve, is due not only to our own merits but also to God's grace. Without God, we cease to be. This is a simple fact. If we ever feel entitled to honor, superior treatment, or privileges, then we are deluding ourselves. The person who truly understands and is responsible for their well-being and success will quickly become a servant of others. We tend to forget how important service is. Being generous and kind, especially to those who cannot repay us, is the hallmark of the Christian life. Are we willing to put ourselves last? An easy way to seek an answer is to determine how much value you place on sitting in the seat you occupy today or the space you choose to park your car. Would you offer these to someone else?



#### SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Gregory the Great lived in a most turbulent time. There were devastating episodes of plague, the sacking of Rome and the breakdown of strong Roman rule, invasions by Lombards and Franks, floods, and a widening gap between imperial Byzantium and the Roman Church.

Born around 540 into a noble Roman family, Saint Gregory was probably trained in law, and started his public service as a Prefect of Rome. However, upon the death of his father, he converted his family home to monastery, where he resided as a monk. He built six more monasteries in Sicily and one in Rome.

Often called the father of the medieval papacy and Apostle of the English, Saint Gregory was proclaimed Pope by acclamation in 590. Although he was reluctant to assume this post, preferring the cloistered life, his accomplishments were many. He was an extremely capable manager of Church estates and tenants and is known for his reform of the liturgy. He was instrumental in the consolidation of papal power and led the fight against the many heresies promoted by small Christian groups at the time. Through his prolific correspondence he oversaw monastic life, curtailing the power of grasping bishops, correcting abuses, and enforcing discipline. He was particularly concerned with the conversion of England, sending 40 monks from his monastery including Saint Augustine of Canterbury to evangelize there.

Saint Gregory died in 604 and was sainted immediately. He is one of four key doctors of the Western Church, including Saints Augustine, Ambrose, and Jerome.

#### August 29, 2022 — September 4, 2022

#### Monday, August 29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist No Mass

#### Tuesday, August 30

No Mass

#### Wednesday, August 31

8:00am Mass †Raymond Krolikowski by James & Susann Spranger

#### Thursday, September 1

No Mass

#### Friday, September 2

8:00am Mass †Shirley Landowski by Michael & Julie Vesel

#### Saturday, September 3

St. Gregory the Great 5:30pm Mass †Clara Literski by David & Sharon Gwidt

#### Sunday, September 4

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am Mass †August Zoromski by Greg & Tracy Zoromski

> Mass Intentions are full for the year 2022. Intentions for 2023 are now being taken in the office.

# **STEWARDSHIP**

# STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE AUGUST 21, 2022

Adult Envelopes \$3,521.00 Loose Collection \$ 393.13 Students \$ 0.00 Votive Lights \$ 17.50 **Total** \$3,931.63

If I can put one touch of rosy sunset into the life of any man or woman, I shall feel that I have worked with God. John MacDonald

#### **MINISTER SCHEDULE**

#### Weekend of September 3rd & 4th, 2022

#### Saturday, 5:30pm

Greeters Rodale & Brenda Budleski
Reader Tanya Steger
Eucharistic Ministers Eileen Gottwald
Sacristan Barb Gruna
Ushers Rich Heil, Chris Kirchner
Servers Madeline & Natalie Huntington

#### Sunday, 8:30am

Greeters Greg & Kay Aldrian
Reader Rosemary Hunt
Eucharistic Minsters Connie Budleski, Marilyn
Foley, Rodell Grabko
Sacristan Judy Bartnik
Ushers John Dorshak, Bud Lewens,
Thomas Lloyd, Ed Purull
Servers Levi Baker, Nathaniel
Schaefer

If you cannot be at Mass for your assigned ministry please be sure and call a sub from the minister schedule that you received. Thank you.



## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### Prayer for Students Returning to School

Dear Iesus. Thank you for the gift of learning! *I want to grow closer to you* in everything I do at school. In math and science, help me to see your beautiful plan in the world. Help me to discover new stories and values as I read and write. In arts and music, help me to be creative. In sports, help me to treat my teammates and my opponents fairly. Help me to learn new skills in technology. *Iesus, you are the perfect teacher.* Help me to listen with open ears, an open heart, and an open mind to all my teachers at school. Help me to treat my classmates with care, kindness, and respect. Thank you, Jesus, for school!

Amen.

# **Sports Banquet News**

The Sports Banquet is getting closer! Have you sold or purchased your UTV/\$10,000 cash tickets! Have you offered to help sell tickets at area stores in the community! Call Terry Pisca at 715-359-6946 or check the poster board in the vestibule for time and places. If you need more tickets see Deb in the office or check the table in the vestibule.

If you would be interested in making a donation—we are taking \$50 gift cards for the bucket raffle. See Deb in the office.

We cannot do this without you and we thank you in advance for your support and encouragement. Call Jerry Seim at 715-551-5285 or Deb in the office 715-359-5675 if you have any questions or need more information.

#### **RCIA**

If you are interested in becoming Catholic or are Catholic and would like to receive the sacrament of Eucharist and or Confirmation contact me. We will be starting our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) mid-September. I will teach an overview of the Catholic faith. We will concentrate on Scripture, salvation history, sacraments, the Creed, and prayer. Contact me if you would like to sign up or if you have any questions. If you know someone who seems like they would be interested, please share this information with them and have them contact me. Thanks, Fr. Greg

Catholic Daughters Court St. Rose will begin a new year on September 1, 2022 at 1p.m. at St. Therese Church. Please bring your August newsletter containing information that will be discussed and voted on, will save time when everyone has a chance to review budget and standing rules before hand.. Looks like it will be a very rewarding year lots of ways of expanding our work for the Lord in our churches, community and in our lives. Looking forward to seeing all. All area Catholic women are invited to come and learn about Catholic Daughters.

#### Jesus Calling

I Continually Call You to closeness with Me. I know the depth and breadth of your need for Me. I can read the emptiness of your thoughts when they wander away from Me. I offer rest



for your soul, as well as refreshment for your mind and body. As you increasingly find fulfillment in Me, other pleasures become less important. Knowing Me intimately is like having a private wellspring of Joy within you. This spring flows freely from My throne of grace, so your Joy is independent of circumstances.

Waiting in My Presence keeps you connected to Me, aware of all that I offer you. If you feel any deficiency, you need to refocus your attention on Me. This is how you trust Me in the moments of your life.

#### FUN AT THE BRAT FRY!













# Fall is Coming. This tree in the circle drive is always one of the first to turn!





#### Mark Your Calendar!!!!

The following events are coming up in Religious Ed and Youth Ministry:

Sept 7 Catechist In-Service- speaker- St. Anne

Sept 11 High School Youth Group 7-8pm in Abts Hall

Sept 14 6-6:30 Parent Meeting

6-6:30 K-5 Safe Environment

6:30-8pm 6th-10th Grade CCD Session

# FORGOT TO SIGN YOUR STUDENT UP FOR CCD??? There is still time.

Registrations were due August 1, 2022.

Final orders for workbooks and classroom supplies will be put in soon.

Classes are held on Wednesdays. Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> Grade 5:15 -6:15pm (once a month). 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Grade 6:30-8:00pm (every week).

Our parent meeting/K-5 Safe Environment Training and first night of 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> classes will be Wed. Sept 14<sup>th</sup>. 6pm for an all parent meeting, family folder pick-up and K-5<sup>th</sup> grade safe environment training. 6:30-8:00pm for our 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grade class (including safe environment training).

We would love to have you come and learn with us! Invite a friend to sign up too!

Forms available at the back of church or on our website.

#### Volunteers Still Needed

We have had some amazing people step up to fill our open catechist and aide positions. Thank you so much to those that have.

If you have been considering joining our volunteer staff, but haven't contacted me yet, please do so asap. We really need vou!

Main catechists

Grade 7

Grade 7 (2nd classroom)

Aides

Grade 9- male



And our 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grade meets most Wednesdays.

#### The Challenge of Saint John Paul II

Challenge #80

"Dear young people, be generous in giving your life to the Lord."

Challenge:

Thank your parents and your parish priests for all the loving sacrifices they have made for you. Pray, today, for guidance for your own future and vocation.

From the Lifeteen Booklet: The Challenge of Saint John Paul II

### **YOUTH MINISTRY**

# Staying Holy: A School Year Game Plan (Part 1) by FAITH NOAH- Lifeteen.com

# So you figured out your <u>summer prayer plan</u>. No issues, right? You crushed it, didn't you?

Well...ok, I know it's not necessarily that easy. But whether you did indeed crush it or not, or if you've never had a prayer plan set in place before, the school year is starting up again, and that means it's a great time to adjust those prayer plans around your schedule. Maybe you function better without the busy-ness of the school year, or maybe a hectic schedule is exactly what you need to get motivated. Regardless, whip out those new ink pens: it's game (plan) time.

#### 1. Recap, Reflect, Reconsider

What were some of the focuses of your prayer last school year? How did you grow? What about this summer? Identify the places where you were strengthened in your relationship with God, and where you were lacking. These reflections can help ground you in how best to go forward, and reveal what goals will keep you moving toward spiritual growth.

Say, for example, that this summer you really grew in your understanding of the Mass. Then ask yourself: how can I take this further into the school year? How can I more actively participate in the Mystery God is revealing to me? Perhaps you can volunteer to altar serve, lector, or serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. If possible, maybe you can make it out to daily Mass. Keeping in mind your practical limitations and availability, take a leap of faith and commit to growing even more.

Alternatively, say you really struggled thinking about God during your day-to-day. How, then, can you change your prayer routine to avoid making the same mistake? How can you make Him a part of every second, and not just an hour on Sunday? Consider adopting some new habits, such as praying on your way to class, stopping by a chapel during your free time, or incorporating Him into your daily schedule with <u>Liturgy of the Hours</u>, for example. No matter your strengths or weaknesses, a new school year means a fresh start to adapt and grow. Our relationship with God is always evolving, so shouldn't our prayer lives do the same? **2. AMDG** 

I don't know about you, but I always struggle with knowing how much prayer is too much. Of course, there's no really such thing as too much prayer...but that doesn't necessarily mean God wants us skipping class to pray. It's always a balance between our vocations as students and our calling to commune with the Lord.

So as you prepare a prayer plan, be reasonable. Don't overbook yourself and don't abandon your responsibilities to get in an extra rosary. But at the same time, know that being with the Lord is more important than anything else we can do during the day.

If you're understandably confused by this advice, let me offer the best of both worlds: AMDG. The Jesuit phrase Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam means "all for the greater glory of God." So consider this: whatever you're doing, whatever your responsibilities are, do it with the Lord. Do it for the Lord. Then, guess what? You've found the loophole to the prayer conundrum. Anything—any task, any conversation, and homework assignment—can become prayer, if it is offered for the Lord, out of love. God put you where you are for a reason, so be assured that whatever you do can be done for His glory. (3 more to come next week)



#### FIRST READING

Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God. (Sir 7:18)



#### **PSALM**

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor. (Ps 68)



#### SECOND READING

You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God. (Heb 12:22)



#### GOSPEL

"For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Lk 14:11)

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# **WORSHIP & MEDITATION**



#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

#### **Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

People who are concerned with their own advancement and agenda have little room for anyone else. With an almost addictive pursuit of esteem and acknowledgment from others, they become little more than entitled embodiments of the vice of pride. Public humiliation or embarrassment can hit them hard. While avoiding humiliation and embarrassment may be advantageous to obtaining worldly success, they are much less desirable motivations for entering the Kingdom of God. Avoiding embarrassment is a self-serving motivation. Pride and all of its manifestations have no place on God's agenda, neither do worldly success and fulfillment. In fact, we have been clearly told that if we love our lives, we will lose them. Therefore, if you really want to find your true station in life, learn to give yourself away.

While this may sound foolish to secular ears, it actually makes perfect sense. God, who is love, makes each of us in His image. Love, and therefore God, is in our DNA. That being the case, love is never love if it is kept to oneself or hoarded. Love needs to be shared and given away. Therefore, it is the only proper motivation for entering the Kingdom of God. The door to happiness is only opened when we realize that all we are and all we have is due only to God's grace. Without God we are nothing.

Love is the remedy for pride and protects us from ourselves. God asks us to be humble. Only when we are free from the traps of pride and arrogance that we can begin to follow the path to true humility. Only one who is humble can rightly love and be of service to God. "God makes use only of the humble as his instruments (Jean-Pierre de Caussade)." The humble one does not need others to give them worth and value. Their self-esteem comes from the much more secure foundation of God. Only those who are entirely free can give themselves freely to others. Love must always be our motivation for doing all things. Be content that God has invited you to the banquet of life. Concern yourself with accepting the invitation, and don't worry about where you will sit.

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#### **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

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#### **Humility and Stewardship**

Some people have "the rich relation" in their family tree. Aunt Cindy, who is always traveling somewhere new and exciting. Cousin Richard and his lake house. Your sister and brother-in-law who buy a new car every year.

Oftentimes these relatives take great happiness in sharing their wealth. You can usually count on an exotic gift from Aunt Cindy's latest adventure or an invitation to go out on Richard's pontoon boat at the end of the summer.

Yet sometimes, that person wants something in return. Not money, of course, but something else. Attention. Flattery. Gratitude. Cindy wants you to ask her where she got the priceless artifact in Istanbul, so she can talk about the many antiquities dealers she visited. Richard wants you to ask about his new boat, so he can talk about how well business has been this year. Maybe the person just wants to know you like the gift or that the experience offered is pleasing to you.

This is a natural inclination that we all possess. There is nothing wrong with wanting to be the person people count on. There is nothing wrong with wanting to offer worthy gifts. There is nothing wrong with hoping that maybe, just a little, we might be appreciated.

What matters is the spirit we carry within our hearts when we do it. What matters is our destination as we approach that proverbial table. Are we headed for the place of honor, expecting it to be waiting for us? Or are we making our way to the lowest place, simply thankful to be invited to the meal?

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

#### PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!





# WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

#### Question:

I have been going to Mass for years and have always wondered: why do we make the three signs of the cross before the Gospel?

#### Answer:

Certainly, many people go to Mass or other devotions, doing and saying things out of habit or reverence and not really understanding the reasons behind some of these things. But everything we do has a meaning or purpose that helps us to worship better, proclaim our beliefs, or focus the attention of the people on something that has a greater importance or significance. A review of the meaning of various gestures and practices can help us have a deeper appreciation for what we do.

There is a little prayer that goes with the three crosses before the Gospel: "May the words of the Holy Gospel be on my mind, on my lips and in my heart." In standing to hear the Gospel, we acknowledge that Jesus is present, and the words of the Gospel are addressed to us. All of the gestures and special postures we adopt before the Gospel are intended to help us prepare for hearing the Word as well as act on it. The incense, the Alleluia, the deacon or priest, and the special dialogue and announcement that introduces the Gospel help us focus our attention on the Good News we are about to hear. The three signs of the cross show our desire and good intention to hear and live the Gospel.



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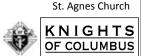
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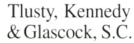
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