

July 18, 2021 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place
and rest a while." So they went off in the boat by themselves
to a deserted place. - Mk 6:31b-32

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Holy Mass Saturday 5:00 PM; Sunday 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Monday– Friday 8:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation Monday, Tuesday and Friday 6:00 PM;
Saturdays 4:00 PM; or by appointment

**BULLETIN
STANDARD DEADLINE:
9:00 A.M. MONDAY**

Dear Parishioners,

Today our Gospel reminds us of the importance of rest. Jesus said to his disciples, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." This is quite an appropriate Gospel for these days of summer. After all, it's the time of the year when many of us take time away from our busy schedules to go away and rest awhile. However, we need to truly rest. What tends to happen instead? We make our rest time into a busy schedule in itself. We say, "Ah, tomorrow is Saturday, a day for leisure. Let's go to the amusement park in the morning, a movie in the afternoon, and to dinner with our friends in the evening. Then we will still have time to see that video, check our mail, and watch the news before bed." Then, we wonder why we are still tired. Or what else do we do? Many of us, when we want to rest, just flip on the television. In fact, the average American, according to a recent survey, watches an incredible six hours of television per day. And television at times can be relaxing, but it can never really refresh people. Imagine the difference if the average American spent at least ONE hour of those six hours going to Jesus, telling him about the day, what you've done and said, listening attentively to his interior inspirations and, simply praying. Or taking out the Bible and meditating on the life of Jesus. Or going on a walk with a spouse praying the rosary. Or making a visit to the Blessed Sacrament in Church. We have Eucharistic Adoration every evening Monday through Friday at 6PM. Why not make that 6-7PM Holy Hour Monday through Friday part of your daily routine? It will change your life. Or do yourself a favor and sign up to go on a retreat. I would recommend a retreat 1) from the Milles Christi Brothers at <https://www.mileschristi.org/spiritual-exercises/> at Marytown in Libertyville, IL or 2) from Opus Dei at the Shelbourne Retreat Center in Valparaiso, IN. For additional information on Opus Dei Men's Retreats call 847-859-9171, men@shellbourne.net. For additional information for Opus Dei Women's Retreats call 219-548-8791 or women@shellbourne.net. People say things like, "Father, I don't have the time to pray." However, oftentimes your time of prayer just needs to become a priority and part of your daily routine.

God Bless,
Fr. Butler



CEMETERY NEWS

Just a reminder per Rockford Diocese there can be no free standing glass of any kind including vases, statues, jars, etc. or metal allowed at the cemetery. If you have any questions, please call Jeff Weseman at 815-995-7115

SILVER & GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Is 2021 the year in which you and your spouse celebrate your 25th, 50th, 55th, 60th, 65th, 70th or more wedding anniversary? Bishop Malloy would like to celebrate this milestone with you. Couples celebrating the milestone wedding anniversaries are invited to a special Mass on Sunday, August 22nd at 2:30 PM at St. Mary Parish in Huntley celebrated by Bishop David Malloy. A cake and punch reception will immediately follow. Please register by phone at 815 399-4300 or online at www.rockforddiocese.org/anniversary by August 10.



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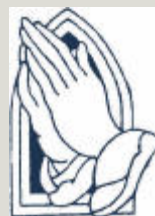
24 HR ADORATION August 6-7

First Friday 24 hour adoration is continuing on August 6th beginning at 8:30 am and ending on August 7th at 8:30 am. First Saturday Mass will follow at 9:00 am. If you would like to schedule an hour, please call the Office or sign up on our Website:
www.stjbsom.org



New Members

We welcome the following new parishioners to our faith community:
Jamison and Katie Schnabel
Cael and Haylee



We pray for . . .

Dennis Stoia

...That he may now enjoy the great blessings of eternal life. We pray for his family and friends, that they may find peace in the promises of Christ.

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Gospel Meditation

There's an ordinary pine grove located on a tree farm not too far from town where life's stresses and demands seem to melt away. It is here that all that seemed so important out there no longer is and one can get lost in the rows of trees and majestic beauty. God is here and all is good. We need to connect with the Divine Source of all that is in order to understand what it is we are doing and why we are doing it. Otherwise, things stop making sense and bitterness can overcome one's spirit. It's okay to play once in a while and to discover that place of profound life and peace. People always have needs and there is constantly something to do. And while all of that is necessary and we are needed, there is also that inner solitude within that needs to be celebrated and released.

We all need a pine grove. It's that little place we can go and leave all that consumes us behind. It's a place where technology can be set aside and wonder, and awe given some time. We don't have to text, calculate, or orchestrate anything in the pine grove. It is a somewhat deserted place where all of that can be set aside and we can just be. The anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and occasional apathy, all can fall to the ground like all of those pine needles that once held their place on the branch of a Frasier Fir. The needles can let go. We can let go. We are beings connected with Being and we all need to remember what really matters, who really matters and what life is truly all about. We need to find that place where we can rest and let go of all of the barnacles we accumulate. Rest, breathe, seek, and love.

The world will need us again when we leave the pine grove. It will all be waiting for us, beckoning for our attention. But we will have prayed and will have marveled at the silence and the beauty of goodness. We can go back, ready, and eager to listen, to help, to heal, to cry, to embrace, and attend to all that is asked of us. But, having let go of the distractions in that deserted place we will have a renewed sense of purpose. We will know better Who it is we serve and what we are meant to do. It will all be clearer now that we have been Divinely touched and refreshed.



Suzanne Burton, Patricia Butler, Jill Carlson
Kathleen Carr, Patrick Doherty, Joann Duffy,
Joan Frieders, Sharen Gavin, Michael Geever,
Brad Glass, Denise Green, Virginia Hann, Margaret
Hardekopf, Linda Hickey, Mary Holevas, Ted Ivanauskas,
Jim Johnson, Jan Magioni, Mary Mokry, Irene Osifchin,
Noah Poland, Bob Scholl, Gavin Springsteen, Bob
Wade



SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Our candle offerings this week are in
memory of:

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Req by Don & Marilyn Ciesielski



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elective abortion for 45 years. Now, pow-
erful members of Congress want to take
away these laws that both Democrats and
Republicans have supported for nearly
half a century. Billions of taxpayer
dollars could be used to pay for abortion.
It is critically important for Catholics
to send a strong message before
Congress moves forward
to impose taxpayer-funded abortion.
They will vote the second half of July.**

MASS INTENTIONS

July 19-25 2021

Monday 8:00 am Helen Turner
Req by Kathy Turner
Tuesday 8:00 am Don & Jean Wegener
Req by Chuck Gunier
Wednesday 8:00 am Byron Mickelson
Req by Pat Voga
Thursday 8:00 am Richard Ramos Sr.
Req by Knights of Columbus
Friday 8:00 am Marilyn Meyer
Req by Jerry & Carol
Hinterlong
Saturday 5:00 pm Jean Wegener
Req by Marie Filipski
Sunday 8:00am Harriet Fanchi
Req by Joseph Fanchi
11:00am Pro Populo
People of the Parish

LITURGICAL ROLES

July 24-25, 2021

Saturday 5:00 pm Lector N/A
Extraordinary Ministers N/A

Sunday 8:00 am Lector N/A
Extraordinary Ministers N/A

Sunday 11:00am Lector N/A
Extraordinary Ministers N/A

ALTAR SERVERS

July 24-25, 2021

Saturday 5:00 pm N/A

Sunday 8:00 am N/A

Sunday 11:00 am N/A

JULY USHERS

Saturday 5:00 pm N/A

Sunday 8:00 am N/A

11:00 am N/A

THE WEEK AHEAD

FRIDAY, July 23, 2021

Rosary at Grotto

8:30 am

Steubenville Youth Retreat

SATURDAY, July 24, 2021

Steubenville Youth Retreat

SUNDAY, July 25, 2021

Steubenville Youth Retreat



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of July 18, 2021

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc,-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Ex 14:21—15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [cf. Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

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