



ST. JOHN VIANNEY CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 22, 2021

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR B

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Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am

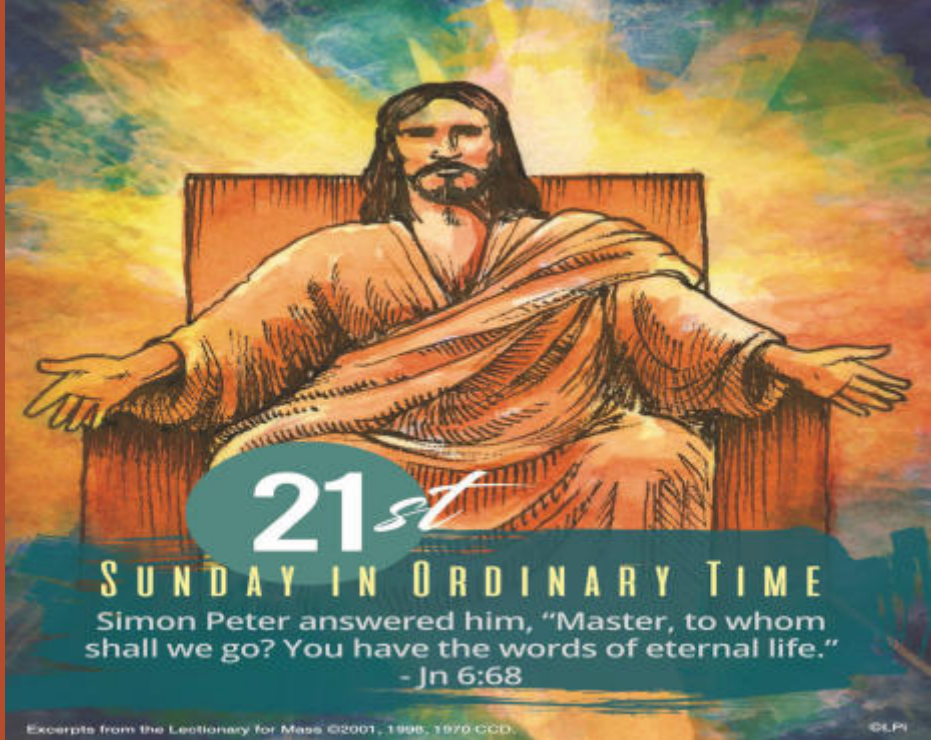
Weekday Masses

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 8:00am
Wednesday: 6:00pm

Holyday Masses As Announced

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00-4:45pm
Wednesday: 5:00-5:30pm
or by appointment



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**THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
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(Josh.24:1-2.15-18; Ps.34; Eph. 5:21-32; Jn. 6:66-69)

**MAKE A RIGHT CHOICE IN LIFE OF
REMAINING WITH CHRIST ALWAYS!**

Beloved brothers and sisters, on this 21st Sunday of ordinary time, the Holy Mother Church invites and encourages us to always make a right choice in life by the freedom God has given us, to ever remain with Christ the Holy One of God, in every circumstance of life. Of course, after life, freedom is God's greatest gift to us. Here we have the power to choose our freedom to obey or disobey, to do good or to do evil.

The choice to or not to serve God and to follow Christ is the connecting point between the 1st reading and the Gospel of today. Joshua who became the leader of God's people after Moses died, gathering the people together after they had entered the Promised Land to renew their covenant with God put a choice before them: to serve the false gods of their neighbors or to serve the true God of their ancestors, Yahweh. Of course, their descendants were seduced by the pagan practices of the Canaanites and thereby turning away from God. This 1st reading episode prepares us for the Gospel where many of Jesus' disciples turned away from him after his teaching on the Eucharist, while others instead, made a right choice of remaining with him. Both choices were without any compulsions.

Notice that when Jesus saw them leaving after he told them that he was going to give them his flesh to eat and his blood to drink, he asked his apostles if they wanted to leave as well. Interestingly, what Jesus was saying was so serious and no compromise at all, that he was willing to let everyone walk away if they chose to. Dearest ones in Christ, as the hard teaching of Christ made people make their choices, since what they heard was not what they expected to hear from him; when we come to the

crossroad of life, we may be confused about which way to go. But then, these are moments when we must make the right decisions, and the decisions and choices we make at such moments shape our future. Many of us come to Christ thinking that everything must be easy. Some come with a very shallow faith. Yet, some of us come with fixed expectations and just to hear what we wish to hear. So, if our expectations are not met, we quit and bid Christ farewell.

Indeed, we must ask ourselves today. How many times have we abandoned God and his Church (stopped going to Mass), especially at difficult moments in life? Remember that there are inevitable moments in life when the authenticity of our faith and fidelity to God must be tested by the fire of afflictions (1 Pt 1:7). When those moments of faith challenges come, will you walk away just as those disciples who parted company with Jesus or like the apostle Peter and his colleagues standing with Christ say: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. You are the Holy One of God." Or, like Joshua say: "As for me and my house, we shall serve the Lord." This is a right choice, let us today reaffirm our faith in Christ wholly: Lord Jesus Christ, I'll continue to remain with you, come what may! May God give us His grace!

Our Parish Volunteers: Many thanks to our parish volunteers. Your job is highly appreciated. May God bless you as you contribute to and promote the life of this parish! I thank everyone for their generosity and financial support to our parish. Keep to such spirit!

Welcome and Good Wishes: We welcome all those joining us at Mass today. Feel free to ask questions and sign up using the parish membership forms at the back. We love you all. We are one family united in the love of Christ. Have a great week!

Fr. Freddie Mbiere



CFF MARK YOUR CALENDAR - Sunday, September 19, at 12:00pm noon, we will have a "CFF Kickoff" to start this year off right. The Knights of Columbus will provide hotdogs, chips, and drinks. Fr. Freddie will be joining us. The first CFF class will be on Sunday, September 26. Preschool and Kindergarten will meet during the 8:00 am Mass, while Grades 1-8 will meet after Mass (at 9:15 am).

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Reflect on Scripture

One Last Bread of Life Story. The gospel today is filled with doubt, murmuring, shock, and disbelief. So much so, that many stopped following Jesus, returning to their former lives. Jesus, thus, asked the Twelve: "What about you?" Peter answers for them: "To whom shall we go? We are convinced you are the Holy One of God."



- ◆ Why do I still follow Jesus?
- ◆ Of what am I convinced about him?
- ◆ Bread of life. Communion. What do I believe?

Rest in Peace

Please remember in your Masses and prayers, the repose of the soul of parishioner, **Dennis Johnson,** husband of **Patty.**

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace.

Amen



MASS INTENTIONS

(† indicates deceased)

Monday, August 23

Weekday

8:00am— Roger Ray †

Tuesday, August 24

St. Bartholomew, Apostle

8:00am— Byron & Ruth Keach †

Wednesday, August 25

Weekday

6:00pm— Anna Eleyidath †

Thursday, August 26

Weekday

8:00am— All Souls †

Friday, August 27

St. Monica

8:00am— Joe Kloba †

Saturday, August 28

Vigil

5:00pm— Nancy Saathoff †

Sunday, August 29

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am— For the People (Pro Populo)

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 28 — 5:00pm (St. John Vianney)

Lector: Carol Shehorn

Eucharistic Minister: Stacie Henderson

Server: Avery Glasgow

Sunday, August 29 — 8:00am (St. John Vianney)

Lector: Russ Friedewald

Eucharistic Minister: Gail Hahn

Server: Ethan & Austin Grebner

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 ©LPi



Wed, Aug 25: 7:00am - 6:00pm Adoration
5:30pm Rosary
6:45pm Bible Study



THANK YOU to the hard working volunteers that picked up the numerous tree branches scattered all about the church property and cut up the large fallen tree branch.

You are amazing and we are so blessed by your efforts!



KC Vocation Raffle

Vocation raffle tickets---\$15.00 per book
Proceeds go to help with vocations
in our diocese and state.

Books are on the table at the back of the church.

Grand prize ----\$10,000

Please take a book or several books, fill out and return to the church or the office. Thank you for your generosity.

HELP WANTED—JOB OPPORTUNITY

St. John Vianney Parish is seeking an individual to fill the paid position of a Cleaning Person for the Activity Center. If interested, please contact the Parish Office for more information.



Save the Date

Resurrection Parish Annual Chicken Dinner

Sunday, September 12th

11:00am—2:00pm

Carry Out Only

Outdoor Seating will be available

Country Store will be selling Baked Goods

St. John Vianney WEEKLY PARISH OFFERING August 14 & 15, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,696.00
WeShare Donations	\$737.08
Loose Collections	<u>\$483.00</u>
Total	\$4,916.08
Weekly Budget	\$4,788.46
Weekly Surplus / Shortfall	\$127.62
Capital Improvements	\$90.00
Building & Maintenance	\$10.00
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Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation To report allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by clergy, even if it is in the past, individuals are encouraged to call 217-321-1155. Individuals may also contact the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-25-ABUSE, or contact your local police authority.

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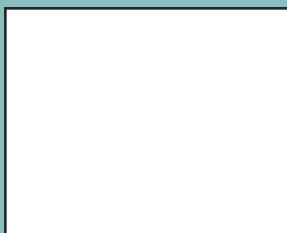
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