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18TH 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

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Current Mass Schedules

Weekend: Saturday 4:00 pm;
Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Weekday: Tuesday–Friday 8:15 am

Holyday: announced times in bulletin.

Sunday 8:30 am Mass is also available
by Live Stream or Recording on
SSM Facebook Page

Sacraments

Baptism: Call parish office for appointment and preparation.

Confession:

- By appointment

Marriage: Please contact priest at least six months in advance.

Bulletin Deadline-Monday Noon

St. Stephen Martyr Parish Vision:

To be a community that loves and serves God and one another

St. Stephen Martyr

Parish Mission Statement:

To worship God as a Catholic faith community for the salvation of all

WHY DO WE DO THAT?
Catholic Life Explained:



Question: What can I do to help our family practice our faith each day?

Answer: Some families treat the life of faith as just another event on their schedule: go to church, observe Lent, help at the parish picnic, go to a meeting, volunteer time, make your confession, use your envelope... But the focus should not only be on what we do, but also on who we are—God’s people, in relationship with him, loved, forgiven, and redeemed, and called to live and proclaim the Gospel. Our awareness of God’s presence and our sense of mission are supported by the daily rituals, celebrations, and traditions that help us stay focused. Sharing our faith strengthens us and clarifies the beliefs and values of Christian living.

Daily family practices include time for prayer—before meals, before bed, before important meetings and activities. Attend Sunday Mass together and discuss the homily afterward. Create family celebrations for holy days and holidays. Make your Catholic faith the most important part of your life. Include others, especially the elderly and the less fortunate, in your activities and charitable efforts. By applying the virtues of faith, hope, and love to each day, faith becomes part of who your family is. It influences how you act towards others, what you value, and how mindful of God you are. Faith is the leaven of life that helps all of us rise to our calling and dignity as God’s people.



Readings for the week of 08/01/2021

Sun: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/ Jn 6:24-35

Mon: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21

Tue: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wed: Nm 13:1-2, 25–14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21- 22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28

Thurs: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23

Fri: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/ Mk 9:2-10

Sat: Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4. 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20

Next Sun: 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

Time, Talent and Treasure
Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life

“And put on the new self, created in God’s way in righteousness and holiness of truth.” Ephesians 4:24

The distinction of being a beloved son or daughter comes from imitating Christ. When we are baptized, we put on a new self. This is a self that is lived in imitation of Christ.

Parish Support

07/24/2020 - 07/23/2021 = \$390,923.61
07/24/2019 - 07/23/2020 = \$440,031.52
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... and for all our sick and homebound.
... and all our families who remain homebound due to virus concerns

Pray for our Parish Community

LITURGICAL LIFE
QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

Early in their Exodus journey, the Israelites expressed fear and frustration to Moses. God heard and responded to their “grumbling” by sending bread from heaven. When you have you experienced God answering your plea for help?

Second Reading:

Paul told the Ephesians that as believers in Christ you should “put away” the bad parts of “your former way of life.” How have you done this in your life as a believer in Christ?

Gospel Reading:

We hear today the introduction of Jesus’ extended “bread of life” discourse. In referring back to the ancient Israelites who ate “manna” (bread) in the desert, Jesus tells the crowds: “I am the bread of life.” How would you explain to someone how Jesus sustains you?

Update From the Desk of Bridget Britt, Principal

In Father Jacques Philippe's book, *Searching for and Maintaining Peace: A Small Treatise on Peace of Heart*, he calls to mind this metaphor for the soul:

"Consider the surface of a lake, above which the sun is shining. If the surface of the lake is peaceful and tranquil, the sun will be reflected in this lake; and the more peaceful the lake, the more perfectly will it be reflected. If, on the contrary, the surface of the lake is agitated, undulating, then the image of the sun can not be reflected in it."

WOW! What a profound insight! Our soul can only reflect God's love and grace when it is calm. How many of us are searching for calm every day? When you think of those who reflect God's love the most to you, how many reflect calm waters? So, how do we maintain the calm? Peace comes from knowing God loves us. Not just saying God loves us, but knowing it deep down. When times are rough, we keep our peace and search for our inner calm through God's words.

If we acquire peace, then we find that all the good we do pours out, even in the face of great suffering or hardship. The saints aren't saints because they never sinned; they are saints because they harbored a peace laced with the understanding that they were loved infinitely by God—despite their own sins, sufferings, and temptations. When we accept our smallness with humility, we receive the light of his peace and presence.

"Peace I Leave With You, My Peace I Give To You" – John 14:27-28

Bridget Britt,
Principal



Father, Creator of all,
thank You for summer!

Thank you for the
warmth of the sun and
the increased daylight.



Thank You for the
beauty we see all
around us and for the opportunity to be out-
side and enjoy Your creation.

Thank You for the increased time we have to
be with our friends and family, and for the
more casual pace of the summer season.

Draw us closer to You this summer and
teach us how we can pray no matter where
we are or what we are doing.

Warm our souls with the awareness of Your
presence and light our paths with Your Word
and Counsel.

As we enjoy Your creation, create in us
a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for
You.

A dispensation from the obligation to attend
Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation
for the Archdiocese of Louisville remains in
effect at this time.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most
Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You
sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen

**The word of God
is a light to the mind
and a fire to the will.**

—St. Lawrence of Brindisi

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF August 1, 2021

Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

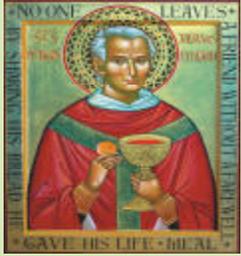
Wednesday: St. John Vianney, Priest

Thursday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Friday: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Saturday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest; BVM

Next Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Peter Julian Eymard

Born: February 4, 1811

Died: August 1, 1868

Peter Julian Eymard was born on February 4, 1811 in La Mure, France. He grew up in a poor family after the French Revolution, at a time when Catholicism was not looked upon kindly.

There is a story about Peter from when he was only about five years old. His sister was caring for him and he disappeared. She was frightened and began to search the whole town, looking for the little boy. She finally looked into the village church, where she saw that her brother had pulled a small ladder over to the tabernacle and had his ear up against its door. When she scolded him and asked what he was doing, the child told her, "I can hear Him better this way."

It was clear from an early age that Peter wanted to be a priest, although his father was not happy with that idea. After he entered the seminary, illness forced him to leave. But he persisted and was finally ordained for the Diocese of Grenoble when he was 23. A few years later he heard some Marist Priests preach. The Marist order is dedicated to Mary, the Blessed Mother. Their message appealed to Father Eymard, and he eventually joined their congregation. He traveled through Europe, giving retreats and missions.

As time passed, he felt very drawn to Jesus through the Eucharist and decided that there needed to be priests who urged devotion to this. In 1856, Father Eymard founded the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament. The men who joined the congregation guarded the Blessed Sacrament 24 hours a day and soon attracted lay persons to do the same. This practice of prayer and devotion before the Blessed Sacrament became known as Eucharistic devotion.

The congregation struggled and was very poor. But Father Eymard did not give up. Despite continuing problems with his health, he even helped form the Sister Servants of the Blessed Sacrament with one of the women who came to him for direction, Marguerite Guillot. Along with the men and women of these congregations, he visited the poor and those in prison, and he tried to educate Catholics in the teachings of the faith.

In 1868, at the age of 57, Father Eymard died. He was canonized 1962 by Pope John XXIII. He has been referred to as "the Apostle of the Eucharist."

Masses for the Week of 08/02/21 – 08/08/21

Tuesday, August 3-

8:15 am Our Parish Community

†=deceased

Wednesday, August 4-

8:15 am Louis Richard Krekel †

Thursday, August 5 -

8:15 am Ann Welch †

Friday, August 6 -

8:15 am Our Parish Community

Saturday, August 7 -

4:00 pm Sherri Fletcher †

Alice Zickel †

Ray O'Daniel †

Sunday, August 8 -

8:30 am Gene & Bernie Conrad †

10:30 am Ellen Bidwell †



Church and School Offices are Open -

School Office summer hours are 9am–2pm (Mon–Thu)

Parish Office hours are 8:30am-4:30pm (Mon-Fri)

Parish Calendar of Events –

- * A Parish Calendar of Events is now available on the home page of the ssmartyr.org web site. This online calendar will be updated at the end of each week.
- * Please call the parish office (635-5813) to request addition of your event/activity to this facility usage calendar. All events/activities must appear on the calendar prior to use of any facility on campus.
- * Schedules for all facilities are subject to cancellation or change pending any revised COVID restrictions that may be imposed.

SSM Dare to Care Food Pantry–

Wednesday – 08/04/2021 -

4:00-5:30 pm Dare-to-Care Food Distribution Weiker Rm

Many thanks and much gratitude are extended to Rev. Dcn. Steve DaPonte and our food pantry volunteers for this valuable service that they continue to provide to the community at large.

Grow Closer to Jesus through Mary



The archdiocesan First Saturday Devotion is moving to the Cathedral of the Assumption beginning Saturday, August 7 and every first Saturday thereafter. It begins with Mass at 9:00 a.m. and the devotion and Sacrament of Reconciliation follows at 9:30 a.m. The devotion includes Eucharistic Adoration, Fatima prayers and the Rosary with meditations. The August 7th event will feature special music by soloist Sarah Nettleton Cleary. This First Saturday Devotion is sponsored by the Marian Committee of the Archdiocese of Louisville.

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