

AUGUST 22, 2021

Saint John *the* Baptist

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Parish Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Outreach Ministry Hours

Monday and Wednesday
9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Confessions

Saturday 3:30 pm or by appointment.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am

Weekday Mass Schedule

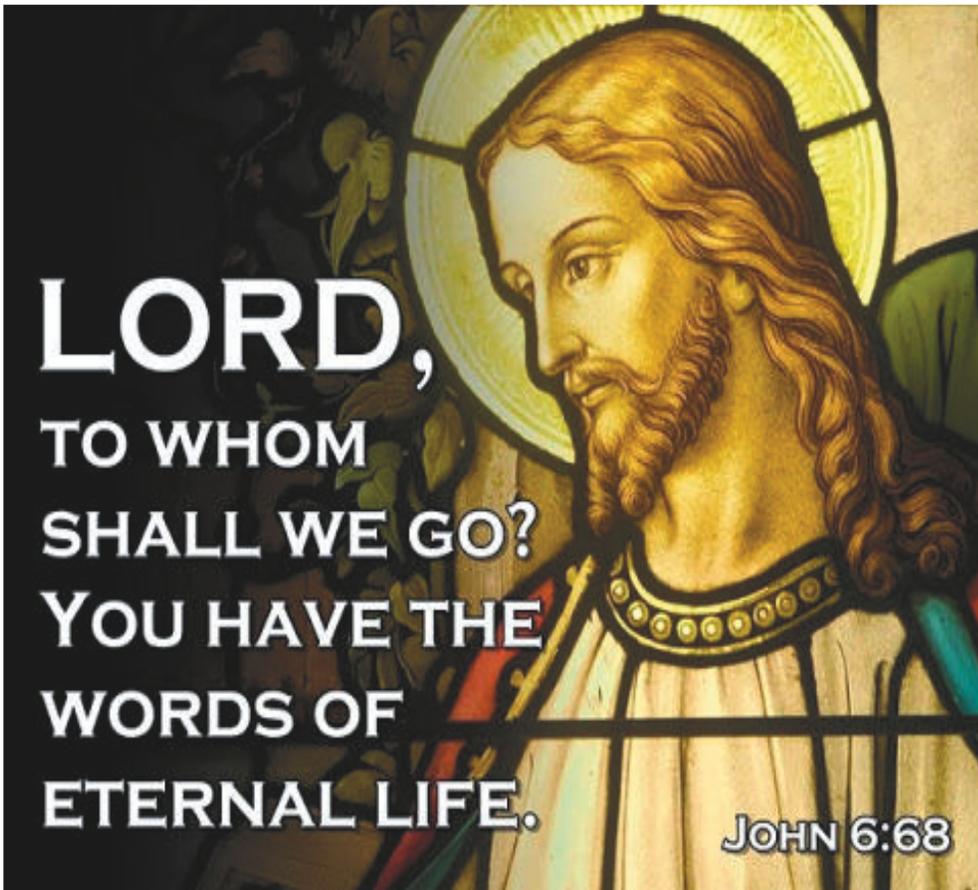
Monday 8:00 am
Wednesday 8:00 am

Baptism

Parents must be registered members and attend a class prior to scheduling the Baptism. Contact the Parish Office for further details.

Marriage

Couples planning a marriage need to have a personal interview with the Pastor at least six months prior to the date of the wedding.



Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69



MASST INTENTIONS

Monday, August 23rd

8:00 am The People of St. John the Baptist and Sacred Heart Parishes and Their Benefactors

Tuesday, August 24th

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Wednesday, August 25th

8:00 am + Deceased Members of the Mollet Family

Thursday, August 26th

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Saturday, August 28th, 22nd Sunday in Ord. Time

4:00 pm ++ John and Mary Roszkowski

Sunday, August 29th, 22nd Sunday in Ord. Time

8:30 am No Mass

10:30 am No Mass

11:00 am + Bill Maxwell (Weldon Springs Mass)

Prayers for Those in Nursing Homes
Sue Thompson

Prayers for the Sick

Kay Bailey, Connie Brown, Susan Cooper, Phyllis Fehr, Roy Harrold, Bev Hartsock, Mary Hirsch, Linda Kilgarriff, Patty Lecomte, Steve Lighthall, Mike Mannix, Tina Mannix, Jon Menter, Joni Mollet, Fran Runyen, Bill Sargent, Angie Walden, Cale Wayne, Rita Williams, Brett Willits, Florence Workman, Charles M. Yeagle.

Collection Counters this week are
Nancy Stokowski and Nancy Wikoff.
Thank you for serving in this way.



Saturday, August 14th 4:00pm
and
Sunday, August 15th 8:30am

Sunday Envelopes\$1,483.00
Loose\$387.00
Total Collection\$1,870.00

Assumption Collection \$984.00

DON'T FORGET!!! The Annual Picnic/Mass is next Sunday, August 29th at Weldon Springs. Mass begins at 11:00am followed by the picnic. This is a combined event with St. John's Clinton and Sacred Heart Farmer City. We will gather at Weldon Springs near the sledding hill. Be sure to sign up on the sheets in back of Church so we know how many to plan on.



Also, please let Eric Millburg know if you are able to help transport the items needed for the Mass and picnic. Remember ... We need YOU to make this event a success!

Directions—From Route 10, turn left onto Weldon Springs Road. Then turn left at the Weldon Springs sign. Follow road to sledding hill.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

ADA 2021 weekend is just a few weeks away. The Diocese of Peoria is made up of 157 parishes and over 52,000 registered Catholic families. There are many ministries and apostolates that the Diocese can offer that we as a single parish cannot. Catechetical training for schools and CCD teachers, recruitment and training of priests, medical care for retired priests, ministry to our students on college campuses, evangelization, administration of many of the details of parish finances... these are just a few of the many services we receive from the Diocese of Peoria. Your support, in prayer and through your sacrificial gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal, make it possible to provide these services.



Website Person Needed

Things change ... people's lives change. We now find that we are again in need of a volunteer to manage our parish website. Marla Menter has been doing this job for us for several years, but she is no longer able to do it. This is something that can be done from your home and on your own time schedule. But we need your help. Keeping our parish website current is a vital part of parish communication. Our website is already set up. We just need someone who can monitor it weekly and make necessary updates to keep the "news" timely. If you think this is something you would like to try, please contact Father Jim at the Parish Office. Thank you, Marla, for your service to St. John's.

Don't Forget to Recycle Those Ink Cartridges

Now that a new school year is beginning, it's a great time to gather all of those printer ink cartridges that have been accumulating around your home and office and bring them to church to be recycled. St. John's receives money for all ink cartridges we recycle. A collection box is in the back of the church near the entrance to the Parish Hall. This is one more small way you can help our parish.



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SAINT BARTHOLOMEW'S STORY

AUGUST 24

In the New Testament, Bartholomew is mentioned only in the lists of the apostles. Some scholars identify him with Nathanael, a man of Cana in Galilee who was summoned to Jesus by Philip. Jesus paid him a great compliment: "Here is a true Israelite. There is no duplicity in him" (John 1:47b). When Nathanael asked how Jesus knew him, Jesus said, "I saw you under the fig tree" (John 1:48b). Whatever amazing revelation this involved, it brought Nathanael to exclaim, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel" (John 1:49b). But Jesus countered with, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this" (John 1:50b).

Nathanael did see greater things. He was one of those to whom Jesus appeared on the shore of the Sea of Tiberias after his resurrection (see John 21:1-14). They had been fishing all night without success. In the morning, they saw someone standing on the shore though no one knew it was Jesus. He told them to cast their net again, and they made so great a catch that they could not haul the net in. Then John cried out to Peter, "It is the Lord."

When they brought the boat to shore, they found a fire burning, with some fish laid on it and some bread. Jesus asked them to bring some of the fish they had caught, and invited them to come and eat their meal. John relates that although they knew it was Jesus, none of the apostles presumed to inquire who he was. This, John notes, was the third time Jesus appeared to the apostles.

Bartholomew or Nathanael? We are confronted again with the fact that we know almost nothing about most of the apostles. Yet the unknown ones were also foundation stones, the 12 pillars of the new Israel whose 12 tribes now encompass the whole earth. Their personalities were secondary—without thereby being demeaned—to their great office of bearing tradition from their firsthand experience, speaking in the name of Jesus, putting the Word Made Flesh into human words for the enlightenment of the world. Their holiness was not an introverted contemplation of their status before God. It was a gift that they had to share with others. The Good News was that all are called to the holiness of being Christ's members, by the gracious gift of God.

The simple fact is that humanity is totally meaningless unless God is its total concern. Then humanity, made holy with God's own holiness, becomes the most precious creation of God.

"Master, To Whom Shall We Go?"

"Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods." We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these "gods" because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with "who is God" and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised "more." But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only "feels" true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ.

Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It's a choice we all have to make.

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