



JULY 31, 2022 | 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Anthony

417 Caroline St, PO Box 206
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Tues, Wed, & Fri - 8:15 am
Thursday - Athenian Living - 9:00 am
Saturday - 4:00 pm
Sunday - 9:30 am
Confession, Saturday - 3:00 pm

St. Thomas

232451 Vilas St, Athens
Sunday - 8:00 am

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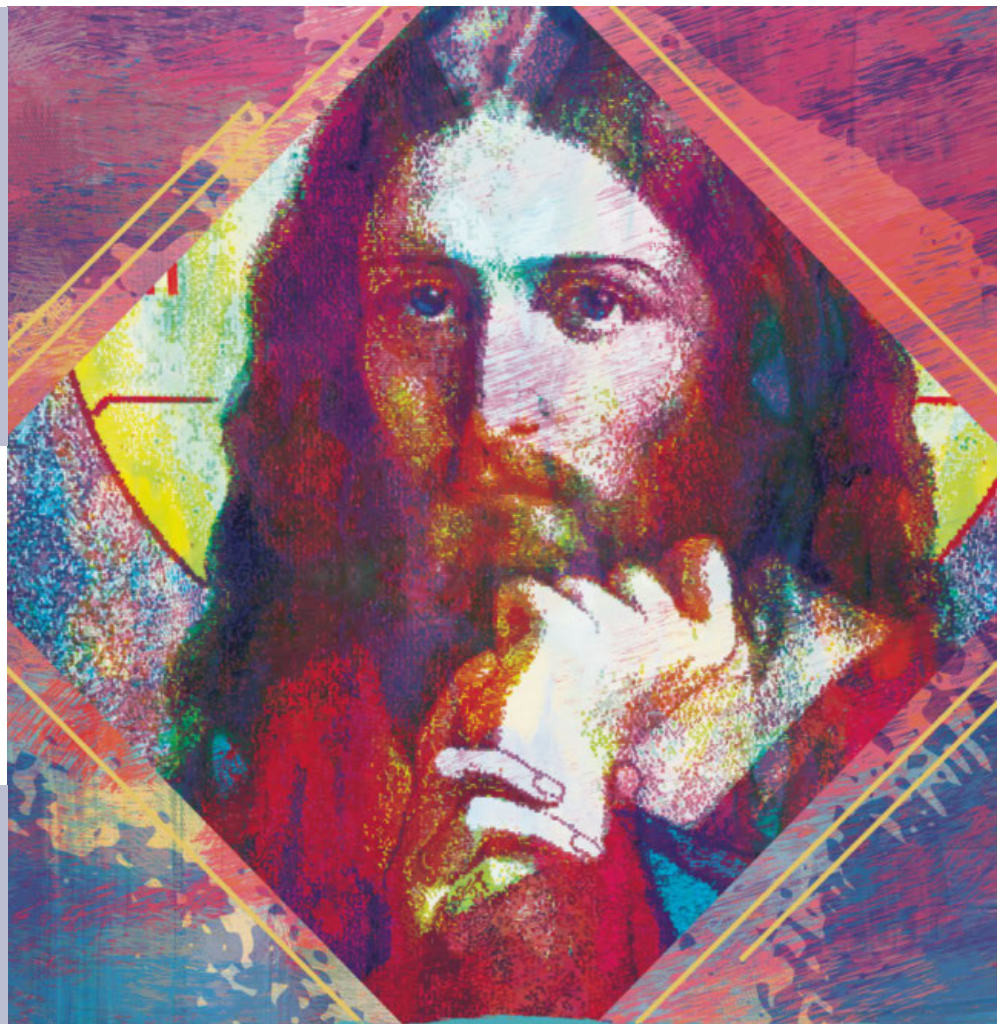
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“Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves
but are not rich in what matters to God.” - Lk 12:21

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PASTOR'S CORNER

The first reading, taken from Ecclesiastes, reminds us that the greedy acquisition of goods and the selfish hoarding of them are useless because when the hoarder dies he goes to eternity empty-handed, and his heir gains, and perhaps squanders, his riches. In the responsorial Psalm, the psalmist challenges us to listen to God and allow Him to soften our hearts that we may share our blessings with others: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts" (Ps 95:8). In the second reading, Paul directs our attention to lasting, heavenly treasures and warns that greed for wealth and influence is idolatry. He advises, "Put to death, your parts that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry"(Colossians 3: 5). In today's gospel, by telling the parable of the foolish rich man, Jesus warns us against all types of greed, because greed takes our life's focus away from God and away from serving and loving Him in other people. Jesus says God calls the greedy rich man a fool because the man thought he would not die soon and was not accountable for the way he used his riches. He forgot that his wealth was loaned to him by God for sharing with the needy. Jesus also warns us that our eternal life does not consist of earthly possessions(Luke 12: 15), which we should share to gain eternal life.

JOKE OF THE WEEK The greedy man and the genie.

A man is walking down the beach and comes across an old bottle. He picks it up, pulls out the cork and out pops a genie! The genie says, "Thank you for freeing me from the bottle. In return I will grant you three wishes." The man says "Great! I always dreamed of this and I know exactly what I want. First, I want one billion dollars in a Swiss bank account." Poof! There is a flash of light and a piece of paper with account numbers appears in his hand! He continues, "Next, I want a brand new red Ferrari right here." Poof! There is a flash of light and a bright red, brand-new Ferrari appears right next to him! He continues, "Finally, I want to be irresistible to women." "Poof! There is a flash of light and he turns into a box of chocolates.

MISSION COOP

Last weekend Fr. Pawel preached missions here but forgot to bring envelopes. We had a second collection for him but many were not aware of the second collection. For this reason, next weekend, August 6th and 7th, we shall take another second collection for Redemptorists Mission of Fr. Pawel.

CIRCLE OF JOY

The Circle of Joy is in need of instant oatmeal (packets), canned peaches, fruit juice, JIFFY corn bread mix, boxed pasta (NOT Mac & Cheese), rice, spaghetti, variety soups, boxed potatoes, canned chicken and tuna, pudding and jello, and deodorant. Thank you!

SCRIP

During summer, SCRIP will be sold in school IMMEDIATELY after morning Mass on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, as well as weekend Masses at both St. Thomas and St. Anthony. Any other needs or questions call (715) 257-9274 and Lil or Joanne will help you out.

CONFIRMATION

This year, confirmation for St. Anthony and St. Thomas students will be held on October 8th, 4:00 pm at St. Mary's in Marathon. The required confirmation retreat is September 25th at St. Thomas, Milan. More information to come.

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ST. ANTHONY NEWS

FAIR NEWS

DONATIONS NEEDED: SLICED AMERICAN CHEESE, SHREDDED CHEDDAR CHEESE, AND BUTTER.

We will not have a fish fry this year during the fair. Three new items will be added to the menu. They are fish sandwiches (Friday only), walking tacos, and macaroni & cheese.

There are still some spots left to be filled to work. Please sign up in the back of church. Thank you!

WEEKLY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to the following:

7/31 Bernice Passehl	8/3 Thomas Braun
8/1 Ronald Lavicka	8/3 Crystal Sheahan
8/1 Kara Seliger	8/4 Susan Belter
8/1 James Cracraft	8/6 Thomas Ellenbecker

Happy Anniversary to the following:

8/3 Jonathon & Dominique Fischer

STEWARDSHIP

July 16 & 17, 2022

Online -----	886.00
Weekly -----	3868.00
Offertory -----	203.00
Meat Collection-----	90.00
Mission Coop-----	<u>2680.25</u>
Total	7,727.25

ST. THOMAS NEWS

WEEKLY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to the following:

8/2 Eugene Bartnik

Happy Anniversary to the following:

8/2 Lance & Jill Bloch
8/3 Zachary & Alexa Borter
8/4 Robert & Gwen Sperl

STEWARDSHIP

July 17, 2022

Weekly-----	815.25
Offertory-----	179.00
Mission Coop -----	<u>424.00</u>
Total	1,418.25

DIOCESE NEWS

RETROUVAILLE MARRIAGE HELP WEEKEND

COMING SOON! For more than 40 years, Retrouvaille has been a lifeline of hope and healing for struggling marriages. Here in Central Wisconsin, hundreds of couples have participated in the program since 1998 with lasting success. We thank you for your vital support in sharing these announcements. We are a grass-roots volunteer-run organization by couples that have been through the program, at every level, locally and abroad. With your help we continue to “pay it forward!” The next program begins with a weekend stay, August 19-21, 2022. Registrations are due by August 5th to allow time for room reservations to be guaranteed. Late registrations may be accepted, if space is available. You can visit our website at: <https://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-help/> to get all the information.

DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.



Liturgical Ministers



SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2022

LECTOR: Joanne Roll
 BODY OF CHRIST: Sharon Westfall
 BLOOD OF CHRIST:
 USHERS: Group 1
 SERVERS: Brynn Knott
 Danica Knott
 SCRIP SELLER: Tracy Lepak

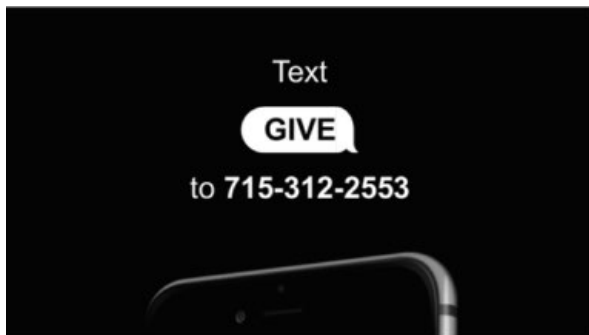
SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2022

ST. THOMAS - MILAN - 8:00 AM

LECTOR: Kaylyn Halopka
 USHERS: Dan Schaefer
 Jane Schaefer
 SERVERS: Tryce Schreiner
 Emma Schmidt
 SCRIP SELLER: Tina Schreiner

ST. ANTHONY - ATHENS - 9:30 AM

LECTOR: Ethan Marohl
 BODY OF CHRIST: Linda Ellenbecker
 BLOOD OF CHRIST:
 USHERS: Group 1
 SERVER: Mary Ly Dalbec
 Vanessa Dalbec
 SCRIP SELLER: Heather Krueger



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Tom Ellenbecker	715-581-6404
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St. Anthony CCD Coordinator
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 St. Anthony Council Chair
 St. Thomas Council Chair

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 1, NO MASS

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday, August 2, 8:15 am

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

† George Schreiber - Family

Wednesday, August 3, 8:15 am

Weekday

† Hattie Ellenbecker - Teresa & John Heier

Thursday, August 4, 9:00 am at A. L.

St. John Vianney, Priest

† Oliver & Helen Schueller - Family

Friday, August 5, 8:15 am

The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

† Peter Albrecht - Shirley Zettler

Saturday, August 6, 4:00 pm

The Transfiguration of the Lord

L&D Members of Janke & Schreiner Families - A & L Schreiner

Sunday, August 7

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am † Irvin & Josephine Yessa - Ron & Judy Yessa

9:30 am † Helen Schueller - Glen & Agnes Paul

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF

July 31, 2022, Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/ Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

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