



AUGUST 14, 2022 | 20TH 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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“There is a baptism with which I must be baptized,  
and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!”

- Lk 12:50

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## PASTOR'S CORNER

Jeremiah, in our First Reading, is presented as experiencing the consequences of the burning word of God within him. Jeremiah's preaching divided the city and incited such opposition that people sought his death. He showed the courage of his prophetic conviction by telling the king that he had to surrender to the mighty army of Babylonian empire to save Israel. The result was that Jeremiah was thrown into a deep, muddy cistern to die for his "treason." Standing in this prophetic tradition, Paul in the second reading challenges the Judeo-Christians to stand firm in their faith in Jesus, ignoring the ostracism imposed on them by their own former Jewish community. Jesus, too, in today's gospel, preaches the word of God which continues to divide families, a word which would lead ultimately to his death. The fire Jesus brings is the fire of love and the fire of hope. The disruption, division and revolution Jesus and his true followers cause in society by the fire of sacrificial love and the fire of justice is necessary to re-set what's fractured, put right what's dislocated, cleanse what's infected. In other words, the curative pain caused by Jesus' ideas and ideals is necessary for the establishment of real shalom of God. Even though Jesus brings a sword and causes division, he is the bringer of true and lasting peace. In pursuing his mission, Jesus brings division because some follow him and others oppose him. We must make a decision to follow him or not, to share his "baptism" or not. This choice can result in division, even within families.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK** God is walking around Heaven one day, and notices a number of people on the heavenly streets who shouldn't be there. He finds St. Peter at the gate and says to him, "Peter, you've been remiss in your duties. You're letting in the wrong sort of people." "Don't blame me, Lord," replies Peter. "I turn them away just like you said to. Then they go around to the back door and Jesus' mother lets them in."

## 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!

## 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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## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

### First Reading:

The court official, Ebed-melech, courageously advocated for the prophet Jeremiah, having him recused from the muddy cistern. When have you defended someone being ridiculed for their faith?

### Second Reading:

The author of Hebrews encourages his community to remain strong in their faith in Jesus. What or who helps you when you feel spiritually discouraged?

### Gospel:

Jesus forewarned his disciples that his message would bring division, even within families. How does your family deal with this type of tension?



## ST. ANTHONY NEWS

### IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the family and friends of **Evelyn Barkow** who has recently passed away. Eternal rest grant unto Evelyn, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

### FAIR NEWS

Fair tent setup will be Monday, August 15th at 9:30 am so when the football crew arrives at 10:00 things will be organized and ready to go. Thanks for your help! Please call Jim at 7155715687 with any questions.

**We are in desperate need of help. There are a lot of spots still open. Please fill in where you can!**

Donations needed: sliced American cheese, shredded cheddar cheese, and butter.

### WEEKLY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

#### Happy Birthday to the following:

8/15 Patrick Schreiner  
8/19 Thomas Ellenbecker  
8/19 Tricia Cowan

#### Happy Anniversary to the following:

8/14 Kory & Andrea Mader  
8/17 Carlton & Cecelia Frank  
8/18 Scott & Kristen Schilling  
8/18 Joseph & Beth Heier

### STEWARDSHIP

#### August 6 & 7, 2022

Online -----	2296.00
Weekly -----	3173.00
Offertory -----	228.25
Meat Collection -----	320.00
Catholic Life -----	16.00
Assumption -----	25.00
Mission Coop -----	712.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,770.25</b>

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## ST. THOMAS NEWS

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

St. Thomas will be hosting an outdoor pancake and sausage breakfast on August 28th after 8:00 AM mass. Food will be served until 12:00. There will be fun activities for the kids including a bounce house. Donations for the event will be accepted at the back of church. There are also sign up sheets there for those interested in helping on the day of the event. All are welcome to join!

### CCD NEWS

Registration for CCD is now open. Children going into 1st grade-confirmation are welcome to join! Registration packets can be found at the church entrance or contact Lisa 715-305-8334, for more information. Please register by August 24th. The first class of 2022/2023 will be held on the evening of Wednesday September 7th.

### WEEKLY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

#### Happy Birthday to the following:

8/15 Betty Wichlacz

### STEWARDSHIP

#### August 7, 2022

Weekly-----	1360.00
Offertory-----	85.00
Mission Coop -----	345.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,790.00</b>

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Fall Festival at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Hwy. 102, Rib Lake** will be held Sunday, August 28, 2022. The event begins with a Polka Mass at 9:30 am, followed by a dinner, serving 10:30 am until 1 pm (or until gone). 1/2 Chicken or Beef Tips dinner (\$12); 1/4 Chicken or Kielbasa & Kraut dinner (\$10); Two-meat combo dinner (\$12). Meal includes real mashed potatoes, gravy, baked beans, cucumber salad, coleslaw, cheese, rolls, dessert, milk or coffee. Activities begin 10:30 am with basket raffles, silent auction, kids' games, guessing contest, 50/50 raffle, bean bags, shake of the day, and paddle raffles. Afternoon fun begins 1 pm with Plinko, 21 Aces and Pokeno. Raffle drawings start 3 pm.

# Liturgical Ministers



## **SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2022**

LECTOR: Dee Brewster  
 BODY OF CHRIST: Nicole Ellenbecker  
 BLOOD OF CHRIST:  
 USHERS: Group1  
 SERVERS: Daxton Diethelm  
 McKenna Lepak  
 SCRIP SELLER: Dolly Schreiner

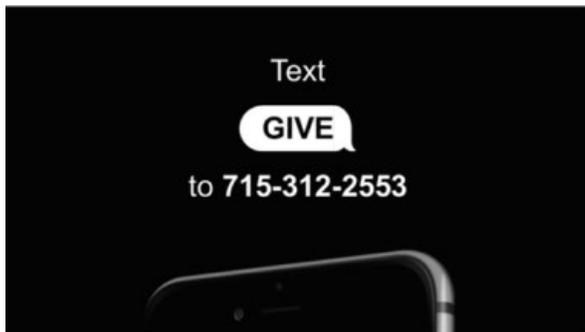
## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2022**

### **ST. THOMAS - MILAN - 8:00 AM**

LECTOR: Judy Yessa  
 USHERS: Mike Schreiner  
 Ron Yessa  
 SERVERS: Tryce Schreiner  
 Julie Braune  
 SCRIP SELLER: Beth Heier

### **ST. ANTHONY - ATHENS - 9:30 AM**

LECTOR: Linda Ellenbecker  
 BODY OF CHRIST: Mark Ellenbecker  
 BLOOD OF CHRIST:  
 USHERS: Group 3  
 SERVER: Emma Krueger  
 Volunteer  
 SCRIP SELLER: Heather Krueger



Sharon Westfall	715-370-0583
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Roger Bartnik	715-257-1000

St. Anthony CCD Coordinator  
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## MASS INTENTIONS

### **Monday, August 15, NO MASS**

*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

### **Tuesday, August 16, 8:15 am**

*St. Stephen of Hungary*

Deceased Members of PCCW - PCCW

### **Wednesday, August 17, 8:15 am**

*Weekday*

† Helen Schueller - Debbie Weber & Family

### **Thursday, August 18, 9:00 am at A. L.**

*Weekday*

† Adeline Gauerke - Jane Bunkelman

### **Friday, August 19, 8:15 am**

*St. John Eudes, Priest*

† Cassie Denk - Family

### **Saturday, August 20, 4:00 pm**

*St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church*

† Travis Westfall - Dan & Sharon Westfall

### **Sunday, August 21**

*21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**8:00 am** † Rev. Charles Hiebl

**9:30 am** † Peter Albrecht - Teresa & John Heier

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF August 14, 2022

**Sunday:** Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18  
[14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

**Monday:** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12,  
16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

**Tuesday:** Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30,  
35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday:** Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt  
20:1-16

**Thursday:** Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/  
Mt 22:1-14

**Friday:** Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt  
22:34-40

**Saturday:** Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12,  
13-14/Mt 23:1-12

**Next Sunday:** Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2/Heb 12:5-7,  
11-13/Lk 13:22-30

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