



AUGUST 21, 2022 | 21ST 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

## PARISH STAFF

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### Principal

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“Some are last who will be first,  
and some are first who will be last.” - Lk 13:30

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## PASTOR'S CORNER

As he continues his fateful journey to Jerusalem, Jesus answers the question as to how many will be saved by answering four presumed questions: Who will be saved? How? Why? When?

In the first reading, Isaiah's prophecy speaks to the returning Babylonian exiles some 400 years later, telling them that salvation was not a Jewish monopoly, and that was why Yahweh would welcome the pagans also into Judaism. The prophet ends his great book as it began, with a vision of all the peoples of the world streaming toward Jerusalem, acknowledging and praising the God of Israel. In the second reading, exploring with his readers the consequences of Christian commitment, St. Paul explains "the narrow gate" of Jesus as pain and suffering resulting from God's loving disciplining of His children. The responsorial psalm, "Go out to all the world and tell the Good News," reflects the mission of God's chosen people to be instruments of salvation to the whole world. In today's gospel, Jesus clearly explains that any one who follows him through the narrow gate of sacrificial service and sharing love will be saved. Jesus also admonishes his followers to concentrate on their own salvation by self-discipline rather than to worry about other peoples' salvation.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK** Irish solidarity on the "wide way" to hell. The Irish pastor said, "Everyone who wants to go to heaven stand up!" and the whole church stood up. And he said, "And those who want to go to hell, remain standing!" At the back of the church, old Murphy remained standing. The pastor said, "Murphy, do you want to go to hell?" Murphy said, "No, Father... I just hate to see you go there all by yourself!"

## INSPIRED BY THE SPIRIT CAMPAIGN

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: May the Lord give you peace. With a sense of joy and optimism, I write to share with you our plans for the Inspired by the Spirit campaign. The recent years have certainly been filled with some difficult and challenging times for each of us personally and socially. Yet, this time has provided me the opportunity to pray and reflect on the future of our beloved Diocese. As we look forward to the future of the Church of La Crosse, we should look forward with hope and opportunity, to go boldly into the world, to prepare our parish communities for a vibrant and usable future. Therefore, I call upon the Holy Spirit to intercede as we embark on the Inspired by the Spirit campaign effort.

This campaign offers all parishioners an opportunity to invest in the future of their local community and the overall Church of La Crosse. It is an occasion to come together, talk about the future, prepare for it, and invite others to participate. For each parish, this may mean something different; some parishes may be "Inspired to Renovate," others may be "Inspired to Build," while others still may be "Inspired to Evangelize" utilizing the funds raised to invest in evangelization ministry programs.

Today, I invite you to join this important endeavor and for all of us to be "Inspired by the Spirit!" I humbly, and sincerely ask for your leadership and participation. In conclusion, I encourage you to please pray for the success of this campaign. God be with you.

Very truly, in the Hearts of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I am

+William Patrick Callahan Bishop of La Crosse

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**First Reading:** The final prophecy in the Book of Isaiah speaks about the end times when God will gather "all nations and tongues" and all the world will finally see the full "glory" of God. Why do you think this event has been revealed to us? **Second Reading:** Our author of Hebrews speaks of the trials and tribulations of our lives as a "discipline" from God meant to teach and train us. Can you think of a lesson learned from some difficult situations in your life? **Gospel:** As Jesus continues on his journey to Jerusalem, he teaches the crowds about the urgency to accept his invitation for salvation. Why do you think so many people lack this sense of urgency for their own salvation?

### ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

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## ST. ANTHONY NEWS

### CCD REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2022-2023 will be held on Wednesday, August 24th at 6:30 PM in the school hall. Letters have been sent to families that are already in the program. If you are a new family that will have a student that is in 1st grade, please come that evening to register your child. They should come to this class if you desire them to receive their First Holy Communion in second grade.

We are also in need of a first grade teacher and subs. If interested please let Sharon know by calling the school office (715-257-7541) during the day or at home at 715-370-0583 or her email: sharon.westfall@staathens.org. Teachers will meet at 6:00 PM on the 24th to discuss Safe Environment requirements. Letters were also sent out to them.

### BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Joelle Rausch** who was recently baptized. She is the daughter of Michael and Brittany Rausch. Congratulations also to **Isaiah Schreiner**. He is the son of Richard and Maxine Schreiner.

### WEEKLY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

#### Happy Birthday to the following:

8/21 Kristina Knott	8/23 Jayne Massop
8/21 Jackie Schmidt	8/25 Dean Ellenbecker
8/22 Richard Schreiner	

### STEWARDSHIP

#### August 13 & 14, 2022

Online -----	906.00
Weekly -----	3515.00
Offertory -----	244.00
Meat Collection-----	340.00
Assumption-----	205.00
Mission Coop-----	100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,310.00</b>

### LIGHTER SIDE

#### Bulletin Bloopers

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and the community.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

Parents are asked to remind their children to be on their best behavior.

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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 the St. Thomas CCD program remains open for all youth grades 1st-Confirmation. The first night of CCD will be held on Wednesday September 7th from 6:30-7:30 PM at St. Thomas. Registration forms are available on the table located in the back of church. You can also register at the first night of CCD. Please contact Lisa 715-305-8334 with any questions.

### WEEKLY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

#### Happy Birthday to the following:

8/21 Susan Ellenbecker	8/24 Brooke Bruesewitz
8/22 Tammy Felix	8/26 Ann Weigand
8/22 Tracy Yessa	

### STEWARDSHIP

#### August 14, 2022

Weekly-----	695.00
Offertory-----	56.00
Donation-----	100.00
Assumption -----	335.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,186.00</b>

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Getting to know Jesus Christ in a deeper way:

Reading the Catechism in 10 months We grow in our love for someone as we get to know them better. Would you like to grow in your love for Jesus Christ through coming to know Him better? Reading the Catechism, a few pages each day, will help you to deepen your understanding of His incredible love for you. A modest schedule of 15 paragraphs per night (roughly 3 pages) has been arranged that will take about 10-15 minutes of reflective reading, 5 nights a week over 38 weeks. A schedule is emailed to participants every two weeks. To sign up, email Ann Lankford at alankford@diolc.org with the word Catechism in the subject line. There are usually over 100 people who participate each year and they express that the fruits are well worth the effort. Invite your friends to join.

# Liturgical Ministers



## **SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2022**

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

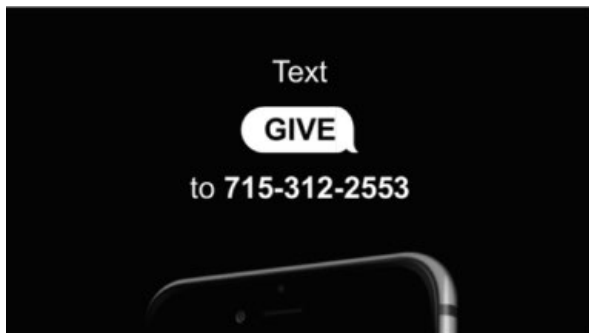
## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2022**

### **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



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 St. Anthony CCD Coordinator  
 Lisa Beran 715-305-8334  
 St. Thomas CCD Coordinator  
 Tom Ellenbecker St. Anthony Council Chair  
 715-581-6404  
 Roger Bartnik St. Thomas Council Chair  
 715-257-1000

## MASS INTENTIONS

### **Monday, August 22, NO MASS**

*The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

### **Tuesday, August 23, 8:15 am**

*St. Rose of Lima, Virgin*

† Helen & Oliver Schueller - Debbie Weber & Family

### **Wednesday, August 24, 8:15 am**

*St. Bartholomew, Apostle*

The Unborn - Mothers Choose Life - PCCW

### **Thursday, August 25, 9:00 am at A. L.**

*St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest*

† Rev. Charles Hiebl

### **Friday, August 26, 8:15 am**

*Weekday*

† James Tessmer - Mary Tessmer & Family

### **Saturday, August 27, 4:00 pm**

*St. Monica*

† Rev. Charles Hiebl

### **Sunday, August 28**

*22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**8:00 am** † Linda Beran - Beran Family

**9:30 am** † Ethel & Nick Schommer

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF August 21, 2022

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

**Monday:** 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday:** 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26

**Wednesday:** Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 24:42-51

**Friday:** 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 25:14-30

**Next Sunday:** Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14



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