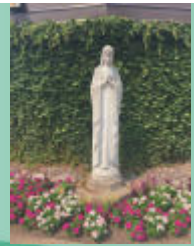


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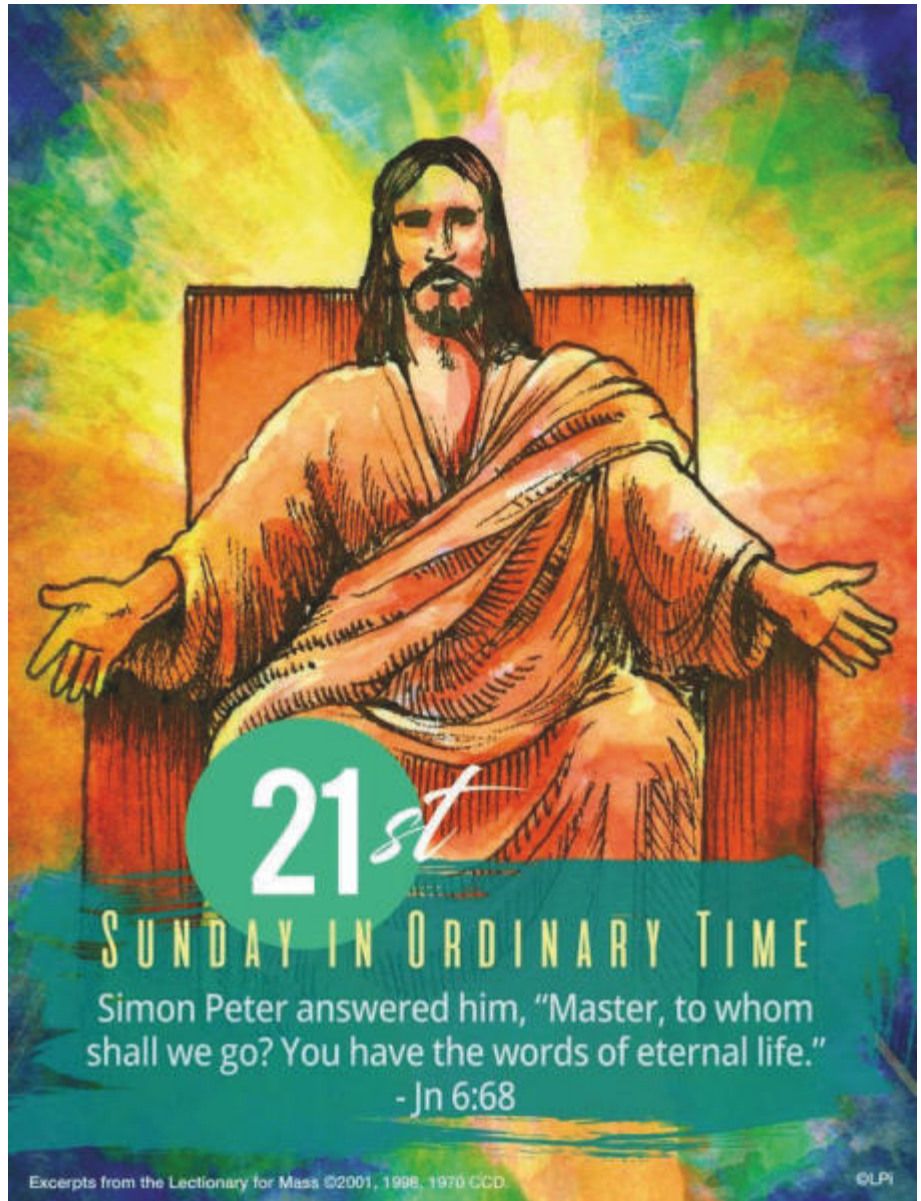
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## Weekend Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 9:15 am, 11 am

Daily masses M, T, W, F 8 am

Reconciliations Saturday 3:30 pm

A recording of the 4:30 Mass  
will be posted online.

## Readings for Sunday, Aug, 22 2021

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Ephesians 5:21-32

John 6:60-69

## Mass Intentions

Mon, Aug 23 +

Tue, Aug 24 + Rev James Himmelsbach

Wed, Aug 25 +

Fri, Aug 27 + James Kappes, Jr.

Sat, Aug 28 + Rita Kunkel

Sun, Aug 29 (9:15) The Parishioners

Sun, Aug 30 (11) + Christy Huber

Call the parish office to have a Mass  
offered for the intention of a living or  
deceased loved one.

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

"Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God." (Jos 24:18)

### Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

### Second Reading:

This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church. (Eph 5:32)

### Gospel:

Simon Peter answered him, "Master to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." (Jn 6:68)

## Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

Many people give their allegiance to something until it asks them to do something challenging or radical. Then, they find themselves rethinking whether they want to be associated with it. The same holds for God. Either we serve God, or we don't. 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, love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, and trust that the Eucharist is in fact Jesus' very Body and Blood. For some, buying into these things may prove too difficult and a return to a life without them is preferred. But truth is truth and it can only be found in God. If we find it hard to accept it from the mouth of Christ, where else can we go to find it? The task before us is to commit to the truth even when it may be easier to pursue something else. Truth is always worth obtaining even when it is difficult. Jesus offers us the truth of life, a life that is found in his own flesh and blood and a life of discipleship.

### Please pray for the repose of the souls of

**Arnie Kunkel** (funeral 8/30);

**Cherrie Bruns**, wife of Thomas Bruns ( funeral 9/3).

May their souls and those of all the Faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, Amen.

*In Remembrance*

Pray for . . .

The following have asked for your prayers: Vera Kulus, Rick Reed, son of Mugs Reed, George Laurance, Juleen Lenz, Perry Westphal, Lorraine Meyer, L Marilyn Bowers, Diane Kowalzyk ,Terrie Bares, sister-in-law of Mary Fletcher-Olson, Melvin Botzet, JoAnne O'Brien, Dan Kirk, Mary Reckers, Chris & Janet Meyers, Kevin Smith, Alex Marquette, Thomas Claude Smith, Jr., Aurelia Drier, Ruth Heibel, George Wolf, Nick Hitler, John Hatlestad, Tom Belson, Teresa Hickey, Martha Schliesman, Matty Cuta, Mike Diedrich, Daryl Sather, Lois Peterzen, Dennis Stoll, Anna Bergquist, Marian Botzet, Judy Dungan, Michelle Pajari, Eileen Cavanagh, Russell Fallstad, JoAnn Aronson and those in hospitals, nursing homes, the homebound, the families of the sick, caregivers, and the members of the military and their families.

## Gospel Meditation

"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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## Faith FORMATION



### Important Dates for Faith Formation

Wed, Sept 22, 6:30-7:30 Welcome Night for Students and Parents in the classrooms  
Sun, Sept 26th, 9:15 Mass Installation of Catechists at our Catechetical Sunday Celebration  
Wed, Sept 29th, 6:15 -7:30 pm First Night of Class for Grades 1-6  
Wed, Sept 29th 6:15 Confirmation Kick – Off for Grades 7 – 10 in the Church  
Sun, Oct 3 First Sunday School Session 9:10 AM

### Volunteers are at the Heart of our Faith Formation Program!

It takes many volunteers in a variety of roles to make St. Mary's Faith Formation programs GREAT! Parents, Grandparents, high school students, and parishioners with a love of their faith; everyone is invited to become involved. Opportunities include teaching and assisting in the classrooms, being hall monitors, helping out with our special events, and many other roles. If you are interested in helping in any capacity, please contact the Faith Formation & Youth Office at 763-545-1443 Ext 16. There is an interview process, and for the safety and care of our children, a background check, agreeing to a volunteer code of conduct, and participating in an Archdiocesan VIRTUS class are required for volunteer opportunities.

### FORMED Pick of the Week

Who are the early Church martyrs? What fueled their witness to the faith? How did monasticism develop? These questions and more are addressed in this show.



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### Everyday Stewardship Submission as Stewardship.

We aren't comfortable with the idea of submission. Our society champions equality, and rightly so — but it's a mistake to think that submission is at odds with equality. To submit ourselves fully, we must first be free. We must first be our own masters. God has granted us that freedom with the salvation He offers. We are no longer the slaves of sin. Now He asks us to be subordinate to one another, in the name of Christ.

What a completely uncomfortable task! What He's asking is for us to be subordinate to the person who irritates us the most. The person we really can't stand. The person who doesn't respect us or appreciate what we have to offer. The person we think we're smarter than, more talented than. The person we envy.

That's the real challenge of stewardship, isn't it? Subordination. Inconveniencing myself by giving of time, of money, of relationship. Putting the needs or wants of another above my own when they haven't done anything special to earn it.

I invite you to consider the cross — the most radical expression of submission, and of stewardship, that ever existed. If there was ever someone who deserved superiority, isn't it the God who let Himself be nailed to a tree, who gave so freely of His life, His body, His blood, His everything?

To look at him in his agony is to truly understand the beauty of submission — of laying down what you have for the good of the other.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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