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AUGUST 8, 2021– NINETEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME



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Baptisms: Call the parish office.

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Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday... 8:00am
 Saturday.....5:00 pm
 Sunday.....10:30am

Reconciliation

Monday-Wednesday.....7:30am
 Saturday.....4:00 pm

ST. BENEDICT'S CHURCH-KENWOOD

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Masses

Thursday & Friday.....8:00 am
 Saturday.....8:30 am
 Sunday.....8:30 am
 Sunday (Extraordinary Form).....1:00 pm

Reconciliation

Thursday, Friday, Sunday.....7:30am

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News from Fr. Seth

One of the hallmarks of our Catholic faith is devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. There is no doubt that this is one of the most misunderstood practices of our faith especially by non-Catholics, but even by those who are Catholic. Mary is never an end in herself as that would be idolatry. We treat Mary with respect, devotion, and we implore her intercession precisely because she is not the end, but she will help bring us to greater knowledge, love, and a deeper relationship with her son, Jesus Christ.

Since the beginning of Christianity, Mary has held the highest place among the Saints because she was chosen by the Almighty Himself to be the Mother of the 2nd person of the Most Holy Trinity. All of us have room to grow in our relationship with Jesus, and devotion to His Blessed Mother is one of the surest ways to do this.

Next Sunday we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven. This is a Holy Day of obligation, but this year it falls on a Sunday. When solemnities (the highest level of feast day) fall on a Sunday in Ordinary Time they take the place of that Sunday. So even though this next Sunday would be the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we will be celebrating the Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the weekend Masses. We will have our normal Sunday schedule.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary also has a special significance to me personally because it is the day which I first made my consecration to Jesus through Mary back in 2003. I have renewed my consecration on this day every year since then. In recent years there have been many versions of consecrations to Jesus through Mary which are all very good, but the one I have used is Preparation for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary according to St. Louis Marie de Montfort. This is a thirty three day devotion which is broken up into four parts.

The first twelve days are about understanding the spirit of the world and how that affects us in our lives. The second part is about gaining self-knowledge. In week three we go deeper into knowledge of Mary, Mother of God. Finally, as

all devotions should end with, we grow in deeper knowledge of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This devotion can be completed at many different times during the year as it just has to end on a Marian Feast day.

If you have never made a consecration to Jesus through Mary I encourage you to do so using this devotion, or another popular devotion like Thirty Three Days to Morning Glory. Whichever means you use you can be assured that as your love and devotion for Mary grows so too will your love and devotion for her son, Jesus Christ. Likewise if the rosary is not yet a part of your regular prayer life, I encourage you to begin. You will never regret time spent in praying the rosary. It is a powerful prayer as there is no greater intercessor than Mary, the Mother of God.

God Bless. - Fr. Seth

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Stewardship

for the Week of August 1, 2021

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| St. John's | \$4,755.00 |
| Donations thru Auto Draw | <u>\$2,925.00</u> |
| Weekly Total | <u>\$7,680.00</u> |
| Weekly Budget | \$8076.00 |

Ministry Schedule

for the Week of August 14 & 15, 2021

ST. JOHN'S

Readers

- 5:00 pm Tricia Lasky
- 10:30 am Mary Sitek

JUST A FEW REMINDERS

- ◆ Prayer Chain—do you have a special intention that needs extra prayers. Members of our prayer chain are here to help you. Call the parish office 724-6332 or Diane Mlinar 906-362-5432.
- ◆ Do you have a family member that is sick or hospitalized and would like a visit. Please call the parish office and let us know. Also, note that we do not get calls from the hospitals letting us know that your loved one is hospitalized.

Mark Your Calendars

...**Seven Sisters Apostolate**—the Seven Sisters of St. Benedict & St. John will meet on August 11th at 7:00pm in St. John's Gathering Space. For those unfamiliar with this group, the Seven Sister's Apostolate is a group of women who each commit to praying a holy hour, on a distinct day of the week, for their pastor. If you are a woman interested in learning about this apostolate, please join us!

...**Street Ministry Training**—do you want to learn how to share your faith in a non-confrontational, joyous way? St. Paul Street Evangelization has mobilized thousands of Catholics to fully participate in work on the New Evangelization through its workshops. That doesn't mean you have to become a street evangelist. The workshop focuses on basic methods for evangelization that anyone can use.

With that in mind, St. Benedict Parish has invited St. Paul Street Evangelization to lead their half-day workshop for all active parishioners on Saturday, August 21, 9-12noon. The cost of the workshop is \$10; to register contact adam@stpaulse.com.

...**Theology Untapped**—Thursday, September 23rd. Doors open at 5:30pm. Program begins at 6:30pm at Grace Lutheran Church. Online registration at www.theologyuncapped.org. Please do not call the church to register or drop off payments. Cost is \$25 per person and must be received by September 13th.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION...Thurs., Aug. 12th

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| 9:00-10am | Betty Ostrowski/
Barb LaFlamme |
| 10-11am | Joanne Loukes/
Ginny Oberg/
Jocelyn Hoium |
| 11-12noon | Ginny Randolph/Lois Hon |
| 12-1pm | Marge Kaufer/Bob Nygaard |
| 1-2pm | Bob Nordland/Sharon Birkland |
| 2-3pm | Gen Graves/Karen Van Hale |
| 3-4pm | Kathy Bomey/Kelly Weingart |
| 4-5pm | Barb Werner/Ana Beier |
| 5-6pm | Kim Habig/Rebecca Leight |
| 6-7pm | Roberta & Bill Johnson |
| 7-8pm | Dan Pope/Tim Kwapick |



Here I Am; Send Me (from the Laity)

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross was both a Carmelite nun and a philosopher, and one of the very few saints better known by her birth name, Edith Stein. Born into a Jewish family in Germany in 1891, Stein was a brilliant, studious girl who, by her teenage years was an agnostic. During a summer holiday in 1921 she read the autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila. So compelled by the story, she read it through the night and upon finishing it the following morning declared, "This is truth." She was baptized as a Catholic in 1922 and taught at a Catholic school until 1933 when an "Aryan certificate" became mandatory as a condition of employment. Forced to quit her job, she was admitted as a novice in 1934 and took her final vows in 1938.

Later that year St. Benedicta and her sister Rosa (who also converted to Catholicism) were sent to a Carmelite monastery in the Netherlands in an attempt to protect them from the Nazi government. In July, 1942, the Dutch Bishops Conference made a public statement condemning Nazi racism. Six days later in retaliation, the head commissioner of Germany-occupied Netherlands ordered the arrest of all baptized Catholics of Jewish origin. Stein and her sister were arrested by the Gestapo on August 2, 1942, and a week later were killed in the gas chambers of Auschwitz.

Stein described her conversion to Catholicism in letters as the crowning point of her dedication to the pursuit of truth. Discarding the lie that one must choose between faith and reason or religion vs. intellectual pursuits, she found in Christ the unity of life, realizing, "It is possible to worship God by doing scholarly research." A woman of staggering intellect, she never knew anything but the cross - and adored Christ all the more for it. Baptized in 1922, she desired to join the Discalced Carmelites as a nun but was discouraged by her spiritual mentor. Awarded her Ph.D. in philosophy *summa cum laude* in 1916, no university would hire her because she was a woman. After her arrest, a Dutch official offered her an escape plan but she refused, saying that to not share the fate of her brothers and sisters would be "utter annihilation". After her arrest, her community found at her desk her completed manuscript: *The Science of the Cross*.

The Church celebrates the memorial of this martyr and saint on August 9th.

Feedback? Ideas? Want to contribute? Contact Dr. Althaus at janyne@earthlink.net

Faith Formation

As you continue to read my column week after week you may think to yourself, how many times can she write about the Eucharist? As we continue to journey through the “Bread of Life Discourse”, in John’s gospel we continue to hear Jesus say that he is the Bread of Life. He promises that the bread of life will be of his own flesh, given for the life of the world and those who partake of it will have eternal life. How can I not keep talking about it!

In today’s Gospel, people in the crowd are upset because Jesus told them that he was the bread of life that came down from heaven. They don’t believe this because they think they know Jesus, but they don’t. To know a few facts about a person does not necessarily mean that we know that person well. The crowd knows about Jesus’ family but that is not enough to know him intimately. Jesus tells us that when we listen to God, we will learn that Jesus comes from God, and when we believe that Jesus comes from God, we begin to see things more clearly.

This is important for us to understand because there are many details about Jesus’ life that we don’t know. We may know some details like who his family is like the Jews in the Gospel. We may know when we celebrate His birthday and that he rose from the dead. But knowing these details would not tell us all we need to know about Jesus either. The only way to know Jesus more intimately is in God’s Word to us, in scripture.

Like the lens in a projector can help an image become clearer, scripture helps us understand Jesus better and the gift he gives us in the Eucharist. Scripture teaches us to have faith that Jesus is God’s Son who brings us salvation. That Jesus is from God and that he gave us his Body and Blood in the Eucharist, which we celebrate at Mass so that we may have eternal life.

As a family set time aside to read from scripture or if you haven’t yet, listen to Fr. Mike’s *Bible In A Year* podcast. Continue to talk with your family about your hope that one day you will share eternal life with God in heaven. Continue to pray together asking God to increase your family’s faith in Jesus’ presence in the Eucharist. For the Eucharist leads us to live as people of the promise, confident that we will one day share the fullness of life with God.

God Bless,
Sonya

Every act of love is a work of penance, no matter how small.

St. Teresa of Calcutta

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Monday, August 9 | | |
| 8:00am | Mass | Gus Pappas |
| Tuesday, August 10 | | |
| 8:00 am | Mass | Richard Antonich |
| Wednesday, August 11 | | |
| 8:00am | Mass | Robert Mosiniak |
| Thursday, August 12 | | |
| 8:00 am | Mass | at St. Benedict |
| Friday, August 13 | | |
| 8:00 am | Mass | at St. Benedict |
| Saturday, August 14 | | |
| 8:30am | Mass | at St. Benedict |
| 5:00pm | Mass | George & Frank Tarnowski |
| Sunday, August 15 | | |
| 8:30am | Mass | at St. Benedict |
| 10:30am | Mass | Parishioners |
| 1:00pm | Mass | Extraordinary Form
at St. Benedict |

Readings

For the week of August 8, 2021

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| Sunday: | 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30-5:2/
Jn 6:41-51 |
| Monday: | Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27 |
| Tuesday: | 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26 |
| Wednesday: | Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/
Mt 18:15-20 |
| Thursday: | Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21-19:1 |
| Friday: | Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12 |
| Saturday: | Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15 |
| Next Sunday: | Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/
1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56 |

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