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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

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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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## From our Seminarian Jacob

As many of you know I will be ending my summer assignment at St. John's, and St. Benedict's this Sunday. To say that it has been a blessing is an understatement. I have been blessed for so many different reasons, so for the sake of brevity I will highlight two.

The first is one that you and I have both received. That is Father Seth. You have a father who loves you and most importantly he loves Jesus. St. John Vianney once said, "The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus." I have experienced this priestly heart in Fr. Seth. He has inspired me primarily through the reverence he shows to the sacraments. He celebrates them as a man in love with Jesus. How blessed we are to have such a priest. Cherish this blessing and pray for him everyday.

The second highlight has been all of you. In your own unique way and often hidden ways you have been a blessing to me. As a seminarian heading into my last year, I am blessed to have been able to integrate what I have learned in the classroom with everyday parish life. The parish that you as an individual and as families contribute to has provided a rich soil in which the seeds of faith are nourished and planted for future generations.

As you continue to cultivate that rich Catholic culture in your parish, make sure to share it with the world. It is a refreshing blessing that the world truly hungers for. I know that you will share it because you have shared it with me this summer. I have felt nothing but welcome and loved here and for that I thank you.

Lastly I want to ask you to please pray for me. As I head into my last year of seminary I am naturally super excited as ordination gets closer and closer each day. I ask that you would pray for me that I too would be a priest who constantly seeks and loves the heart of Jesus. Pray that I would always be faithful to this vocation and serve the Lord with gladness. May God bless you abundantly.

In Christ our hope,  
Jacob Toma

## Stewardship

*for the Week of August 8, 2021*

St. John's	\$10,867.00
Donations thru Auto Draw	\$ 495.00
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$11,362.00</b>
Weekly Budget	\$ 8,076.00

**UCA TO DATE: \$61,678.00**—we are very close to reaching our goal. So if you haven't given to the UCA appeal, please consider a donation to help us meet our goal.

**Pilgrimage to The Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help** in Champion, WI, with Fr. Seth on September 30-October 1. We will also visit The National Shrine of St. Joseph, St. Frances Xavier Cathedral and St. Mary's Oratory of the Immaculate Conception. Cost is \$175 based on double occupancy. Fee includes transportation, hotel, two lunches, one dinner, two continental breakfasts, snacks and beverages on the bus, all tips and donations. Registration due by August 30th.

- Registration form & a pamphlet with more information are available in the Gathering Space or the parish office.



### FORMED.ORG

**There is lots to see on Formed.org this week. Listen to Dr. Ben Akers speak on how to build up the domestic church and make time for daily prayer. Plus you can watch a video on St. Clare of Assisi or St. Maximilian Kolbe.**

## Ministry Schedule

*for the Week of August 21 & 22, 2021*

### ST. JOHN'S

#### Readers

5:00 pm	Missy Hendrickson
10:30 am	Alec Habig

## CROSS INTERNATIONAL

Father Matthew Malek of Cross Catholic Outreach will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

## Community Events

...Street Ministry Training—do you want to learn how to share your faith in a non-confrontational, joyous way? This workshop focuses on basic methods for evangelization that anyone can use and you do not have to become a street evangelist. St. Benedict's has invited St. Paul Street Evangelization to lead their half-day workshop for all active parishioners on Saturday, August 21, 9-12pm. Cost is \$10; to register contact: adam@stpaulse.com

...Worldwide Marriage Encounter—October 8-10 in Buffalo, MN and October 15-17 in Owatonna MN. Make plans for a fall get-away with the one you love before your calendar fills up!! Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: northmnwwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 612-765-8720.

...Donations Needed for the Steve O'Neil Apartments—new or gently used vacuum cleaners; for the Family Shelter—dishes, household mops, brooms, baking utensils, pots and pans, laundry detergent, dish soap, etc.

- If you have something to donate, please call 218-720-6521 to schedule a drop off at our offices.

...Theology Untapped—Thursday, September 23rd. Doors open at 5:30, dinner/program at 6:30pm at Grace Lutheran Church. Cost per person \$25 and must be received by September 13th. Online registration at [www.theologyuncapped.org](http://www.theologyuncapped.org).

**There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us.**

~St. John Vianney

## Here I Am; Send Me (from the Laity)

This week, daily readings from the book of Judges recount the sad but familiar pattern of God's people: God raises up a judge to guide the people, they follow for a while, then turn to other idols and sources for their comfort and security instead of God. Not surprisingly, things go wrong, at which point the people bewail in fear, "If the Lord is with us, why has all this happened?" (Jg 6:11-24a, Tues.) On Wed., Jotham replies by telling one of the few parables in all the Old Testament of the trees who decide they'll appoint a king for themselves. The olive tree, fig tree, and vine all decline, because if they accept, they'll stop producing their fruit. Only the buckthorn, a pesky weed, agrees to rule, yet can offer nothing but to "devour the cedars of Lebanon" (Jg 9:6-15, Wed.).

The Bible is not just a quaint collection of tales of people in the past who kept making the same mistake over and over. It's also an accurate reflection of current times as well. We demote God every time we shift our reliance onto human-made idols like celebrities, politicians, and scientists for our deliverance from all evil. How often do we appoint human "kings" for ourselves, rely on those faulty rulers to rescue us, and then wonder why the problems still exist?

We like to hear that we can get something for nothing, like the ads that promise we can eat all we want and still lose weight. It's a far nicer message to hear than Jesus's truth that to follow God, you have to give Him everything. There can be no idols in your life, no person or thing that is more important to you than God, a point dramatically portrayed in the tale of Jephthah (Jg 11:29-39a, Thurs.). Everything of value costs something.

Sound difficult? On the surface, yes. But that is the true meaning of the first commandment: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and with all your mind (Mt 22:34-40, Fri.). Even Peter in a crisis moment says, "We have given up everything and followed you. What will there be for us?" Jesus offers him—and us—no quick fixes or easy answers. He asks for everything and in return offers...everything. "Everyone who has given up [everything] for the sake of my name will receive 100 times more and will inherit eternal life." (Mt 19:23-30, Tues.). Absence of fear. Peace. Eternal life. Can any of our idols today, our so-called rescuers offer that?

Feedback? Ideas? Want to contribute? Contact Dr. Althaus at [janyne@earthlink.net](mailto:janyne@earthlink.net)

## Faith Formation

Today's feast celebrates Mary's Assumption into heaven. It is one of three feasts of Mary that are Holy Days of Obligation for Catholics. January 1st is the feast of Mary, the Mother of God, and December 8th is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. The assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven has long been held as an important Catholic belief. The belief was not defined as dogma, however, until 1950 by Pope Pius XII. The dogma teaches that Mary, who was without sin, was taken, body and soul, into the glory of heaven.

The Gospel for this day reminds us that Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to all. The story of Mary's calling to be the Mother of Jesus shows how faith calls us to place our trust in God even when we don't know all of the specifics. We learn that Mary has been given what might seem like an impossible mission, with very few details. After being asked to accept such a challenging mission, we might expect Mary to complain to others. Instead, we hear in the Gospel that she reacted with great joy, acceptance and humility.

Our children may need support in recognizing and appreciating the many wonderful ways that God works in our lives. With Mary as our model, we praise God for all he does for us. Mary's song of praise reminds us that God is always working for the salvation of the world. We foster a spirit of praise and thanksgiving when we invite our children to recognize that God is still working in their lives today, no matter the hardships they may face.

Using Mary's song of praise as a model, write a prayer of praise thanking God for the things that He is doing in our lives and in our world today. Pray the Magnificat together, asking the Holy Spirit to help us to be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan of salvation.

God Bless,

Sonya Morris

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# MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday, August 16</b>	No Mass
<b>Tuesday, August 17</b>	No Mass
<b>Wednesday, August 18</b>	No Mass
<b>Thursday, August 19</b>	No Mass
<b>Friday, August 20</b>	No Mass
<b>Saturday, August 21</b>	at St. Benedict Gert & Frank Tarnowski
8:30am Mass	
5:00pm Mass	
<b>Sunday, August 22</b>	at St. Benedict Parishioners Extraordinary Form at St. Benedict
8:30am Mass	
10:30am Mass	
1:00pm Mass	

## Readings

### Readings for the week of August 15, 2021

- Sunday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/  
Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/  
1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
- Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37,  
39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/  
Mt 19:16-22
- Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14  
[cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7  
[2a]/Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9,  
10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14
- Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-  
6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/  
Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/  
Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [4]/Mt 23:1-12
- Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3,  
16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/  
Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/  
Jn 6:60-69

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+ Rosalie Marie Clark, daughter of Timothy & Rebecca who was baptized on Sunday, August 8th.

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