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AUGUST 22, 2021—TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME



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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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News from Fr. Seth

We just finished five weeks in a row - with the exception of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - of reading through the sixth chapter of John's Gospel which is where Jesus reveals the importance of the Eucharist.

Namely that it is truly Him, and the necessity of consuming Him in the Eucharist. There is no better way in growing in our life as Christian disciples, in growing in relationship with Jesus, in growing in holiness than to spend as much time with Jesus in our personal prayer life and to go to Mass as many days as your schedule allows. By being in His Eucharistic presence, and receiving Him Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, Jesus transforms our lives. With this in mind I want to give two encouragements to everyone.

The first is to attend daily Mass whenever your schedule allows. Between our two parishes we have daily Mass Monday-Friday at 8AM, and there are a variety of other times to go to daily Mass in the city of Duluth. We are truly blessed with the options and opportunities.

One unique opportunity that is offered only in our cluster in the city of Duluth is Saturday morning daily Mass. This daily Mass is offered every Saturday morning at St. Benedict's at 8:30AM. This is a great gift to all of the Catholics in Duluth because even though daily Mass on Monday - Friday can be difficult to make it to for many adults who work outside of the home, Saturday morning Mass is a daily Mass that more people would have a chance to fit into their schedule. I encourage you to start coming to daily Mass more often, and especially Saturday morning daily Mass. Invite others from other parishes as it is the only one in the city!

The other encouragement to you is to try to either start coming to Mass a few minutes earlier than you do or to stay after Mass a few minutes later than you usually do. Although there is no doubt that Jesus is always with us, and we can call on His name anywhere, there is something unique about being in His physical presence in the Church. It is God Himself who is present in every tabernacle throughout the world. Take advantage of this fact, and spend more time with Jesus in His physical presence.

In order to help facilitate prayer time in the church I ask that when you are in the church proper you maintain a quiet which lends to a prayerful atmosphere. Both of our parishes have very nice gathering spaces in which I encourage you to spend lots of time in as well in order to grow our sense of

community with one another. This also is vital to our life as Catholics.

Help encourage one another to reserve time in the church for building up our prayer life, and to utilize the gathering space for building up our community life.

God Bless. - Fr. Seth

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Stewardship

for the Week of August 15, 2021

St. John's	\$3,281.00
Donations thru Auto Draw	\$1,360.00
Weekly Total	\$4,641.00
Weekly Budget	\$8,076.00

Ministry Schedule

for the Week of August 21 & 22, 2021

ST. JOHN'S

Readers

5:00 pm	Laurie Athmann
10:30 am	Ann Curtis

Happenings at St. Benedict's

...Women's Bible Study— an invitation to the women of St. John's to join us on Wednesday mornings for the study and discussion of the upcoming Gospel readings. We meet at 7:00am. Yes, that's early but it's worth it. We meet in the Parish Library. Coffee will be available. For more information, please contact Susan Meyer at 218-310-8300 or sumeyer58@gmail.com.

...We are sponsoring an evening event on August 27th from 7-9pm in the parish center. Anyone 21+ is invited to come for appetizers, good company and fun. Alcohol will be served. Hope to see you there!

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

Hackers have recently started targeting the public with emails, posing as priests, asking for money or personal information. Please be aware of these phishing (fake) emails. If you receive one, please contact your local parish to confirm it was sent from your priest, even if it says it is a secret.

WELCOME FR. MATTHEW MALEK OF CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH WHO IS SPEAKING AT ALL OUR MASSES THIS WEEKEND.

Community Events

Music Director Needed—St. Lawrence is looking for a new music director. Someone who is interested in developing and leading a parish choir. A qualified candidate would have graduated high school, and have the ability to direct and accompany a choir. Must be available for weekend Masses as well as other parish liturgies (funerals, weddings, sacramental events). For more information, a full job description and application, call Stephanie at 218-722-2259 or stephanie.jago@duluthcatholic.org.

Theology Uncapped—September 23rd. “The After Life/ Heaven, Hell & Purgatory”, with Fr. Rich and Pastor Brockbrader at Grace Lutheran Church. Doors open at 5:30, dinner & program at 6:30pm. Cost is \$25 per person. Register online at www.theologyuncapped.org. Questions call 218-393-0631.

Stella Maris Academy

We are looking for several part time and full time positions. Please visit us at stellamaris.academy/employment to view current openings and apply to be a part of our mission to lead, love and serve as Jesus taught!

2022 Pilgrimage

LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER 2022—
A Spiritual Journey to Poland with Fr. Seth and Fr. Tony. Twelve day trip, October 17-28, 2022, which includes Warsaw, Gdansk, Czestochowa, Krakow & Wadowice. Full color brochure and registration available after November 28, 2021. To be placed on the priority mailing list to receive your full color brochure and registration form please contact Fr. Seth (fr.seth.gogolin@duluthcatholic.org)



Here I Am; Send Me (from the Laity)

Conscientious Objection

It seems strange that at a time when the U.S. is not officially at war with another country that the notion of conscientious objection (CO) should arise. Why should CO even be an issue? After all, if we have the Church, government, and science guiding us, why would a conflict ever arise in which we may object? Go to the authorities and the Internet, get the right answer, and problem solved, right? Wrong.

Remember that as long as anything, *anything*, is run by humans, evil will occur. Born with Original Sin, we are not only beset with both personal and corporate temptations to sin, but anything we construct, govern, or manage can – and will – have sin and error in it, regardless of intentions. The political systems that brought us Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr., also brought us Adolf Hitler and Osama bin Laden. The medicine that developed cures for cancer and invented artificial joints also developed abortion techniques and addictive drugs. The societies that brought us labor and child protection laws also brought forced sterilization and segregated schools. Even our religious institutions are not exempt: The Church that brought us St. Maximilian Kolbe and St. John of the Cross also brought the Crusades and a sex abuse scandal.

As Catholics we have an obligation to live our faith in the world informed by God's Truth, Beauty, and Goodness. That means we get our information and knowledge from faith and reason, not from our feelings, or from blind obedience, or from equally-blind rebellion that we justify, because we don't like who is speaking.

What, then, should we do when we find ourselves objecting to mandates or, conversely, facing others who refuse to follow the mandates and rules? First, we should always turn to God, Who is Truth itself. Make time for both prayer and Adoration, not with the intent of telling God what you want but of listening to what God has to say. Second, we should avail ourselves of the resources God has provided us: His Word and His Church. Read your Bible daily and spend regular time studying His Word. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) devotes an entire section (paragraphs 1776 - 1802) to conscience and CO. Read your CCC and learn what God has revealed to us. Then, when faced with issues of conscience, either in yourself or others, you will be equipped to respond in and with God's love.

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

Faith Formation

For our Gospel today we hear the conclusion of the “Bread of Life discourse” in the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus’ teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus’ words and so return to their former way of life. Only the 12, through Simon Peter, announce that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about himself: Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life.

This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse is meant to focus on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person in this world must make their own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that they will follow.

Most children practice the faith because this is a commitment that their family made for them. Today’s Gospel offers an opportunity to talk about the importance of making a personal decision to claim this faith as their own.

When they were Baptized, we their parents made the promise to teach them about our faith in Jesus. For many of them, this is why they celebrate Mass and participate in Church activities, because it is important to their parents and their families. Eventually, each of them will make their own decision about why and how they will express their faith in Jesus.

Invite your family to talk about why they are Catholic and why they think it is important that they celebrate Mass and participate in the Church’s faith formation. Remind them that many of Jesus’ disciples could not accept his words and went away. It was the twelve, with Simon Peter who did accept Jesus’ teaching and that they had come to believe that Jesus came from God and that Jesus could lead them to eternal life. God’s grace invites us to be Jesus’ disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess their own belief that Jesus is the one from God.

As our children grow in their faith, they will have to make their own choices about how they live out their faith. Each one of them must make their own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that they will follow. But they can’t do this without God’s help and the help of the community of faith, the Church. As parish communities, pray that God will help them be like Simon Peter and the disciples who chose to follow Jesus. Pray that as they mature in the faith that they may learn that Jesus alone has the words of eternal life and that they choose to follow Him.

God Bless.—Sonya Morris

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 23	8:00am Mass	Matt Miner
Tuesday, August 24	8:00 am Mass	Theresa Ogle
Wednesday, August 25	8:00am Mass	Mary Akunda
Thursday, August 26	8:00 am Mass	at St. Benedict
Friday, August 27	8:00 am Mass	at St. Benedict
Saturday, August 28	8:30am Mass 5:00pm Mass	at St. Benedict Neil Davidson
Sunday, August 29	8:30am Mass 10:30am Mass 1:00pm Mass	at St. Benedict The Zapp Family Extraordinary Form at St. Benedict

Readings

For the week of August 22, 2021

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
Monday:	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/ Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
Wednesday:	1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/ Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday:	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/ Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GOOD HELP—September 30-October 1.

To go on a pilgrimage really means to step out of ourselves in order to encounter God where he has revealed himself, where his grace has shone with particular splendor and produced rich fruits of conversion and holiness among those who believe. Cost is \$175 person based on double occupancy. Brochures and sign up sheet available in parish office. Pilgrimage led by Fr. Seth. Questions call parish office 724-6332.

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