

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 22, 2021

# HOLY TRINITY

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## 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

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Parish Office Hours Monday-Friday  
8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
www.htscatholic.com

### SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick  
Call the Parish Office for an appointment

### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Call the Parish Office at least six months prior to possible wedding date

### INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION

Contact the Parish Office

### SUNDAY MASSES

Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m.  
and 10:00 a.m.

Saturday (Vigil): 5:00 p.m.

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday-Friday Noon

Wednesday 5:30 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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# Prayer and Worship

## THINGS ARE OFTEN NOT AS THEY SEEM-A LESSON FROM THE LIFE OF MOSES

We are currently reading the story of Moses in daily Mass. The story reminds us that not all things are as they appear, and that God's ways are not our ways.

Moses' early years are marked with clear signs that he is gifted and chosen. Drawn from the water by Pharaoh's own daughter, Moses' very own mother is chosen to be his caretaker and is paid for that privilege by getting to live in Pharaoh's palace. Pharaoh pays for Moses' diapers, his food, and his education. And he is unwittingly preparing and equipping his nemesis. God can be very sly!



But at age forty, Moses gets ahead of God (never a good idea). He grows angry at an Egyptian who is oppressing a Hebrew and ends up killing the Egyptian. Moses has to flee.

Now why has God let this happen? From our perspective, Moses was in the prime of his life. At forty, he has experience but has not lost his youth. He is educated, gifted, and has access to power and lots of connections in Pharaoh's own palace. Moses is in a perfect position to lead the people out of slavery! Or so we think. Except for one problem: God doesn't think so.

But why not? In a word, pride. Moses, in getting out ahead of God and trying to take things in his own hands, is exhibiting pride. God says, in effect, "You're too proud. I can't use you in this condition. It's time for some lessons in humility." And so Moses learns humility. He is forced to flee (humiliating). He must live out in the desert (humbling). And he marries and has children (quite humbling indeed!). Ok, so a few years' worth of humility lessons and then Moses gets started. No, not a few, forty years' worth!

Now Moses is eighty. He's feeble, leaning on a staff, and he stutters when he talks. And God comes and tells Moses that it's time to lead the people out. Moses says, in effect, "Are you crazy? I'm old, I can't speak, I'm feeble ... I can't do it." And that's just the attitude that God needs from Moses: that he can't do it. And he couldn't do it at forty, either; he just didn't know it. God has to do it and Moses will be His instrument. But now this instrument will be docile in the hands of the artist, now Moses can be useful to God.

This is not the way we think. We equate ability and leadership with vigor, power, money, access, talent, etc. For us, the prime of life is in our thirties, forties, and fifties. But God's ways are not our ways; His thoughts are not our thoughts. Moses at eighty is what God needs. Moses at forty was not of use. What are some conclusions we can draw? First, be careful how you assess your own life. In typical earthly fashion most of us consider our prime as being those years when we were most in command of our gifts, when we were working, "making a difference," earning an income. We measure human life in its prime in terms of money, power, access, physical strength, stamina, etc.

But has it occurred to us that our most powerful moments might be on our deathbed? For there we have many sufferings to offer and our prayers will pierce the clouds as never before. The Lord hears the cry of the poor, the suffering, and the repentant.

I often counsel the bedridden, and the dying in this way: I tell them that we are depending on their prayers as never before because their prayers are more important than ever before. And even if they have a hard time, because of age and discomfort, formulating prayers, just one word on our behalf, "Help!" may change the history of the world. St. Augustine said, More is accomplished in prayer by sighs and tears, than by many words (Letter to Proba).

Yes, be very careful how you assess your life's worth. Our math is not God's math; our thoughts are not His. God sizes us up quite differently.

Second, be careful how you assess the lives of others. Here, too, we tend to value those people who are powerful, have money, strength, beauty, talents, and "obvious" gifts. But the Lord warns us in many places that we should esteem the poor, the disabled, and the suffering. He says, Many who are last shall be first (Matt 19:30).

God also counsels that we ought to make friends among the needy and poor by our use of worldly wealth, so that when worldly wealth fails us (and it will), the poor and needy, those who benefitted from our generosity, will welcome us to eternal dwellings (See Lk 16:9).

Yes, befriend the needy, the disabled, and the poor. In this world they need us, but in the next world, we are going to need them! Those who have suffered and those who were poor due to injustice, if they have been faithful, are going to be in high places in Heaven. We're going to have to get an appointment to see them! Things are not always as they appear. The poor, the disabled, and the suffering are quite often among the real powerhouses of this world.

So pay attention to what the story of Moses tells us. Not as man sees does God see (1 Sam 16:7). We are vainglorious and we look to worldly power and its categories. God is not impressed with our sandcastles, our big brains, and our bulging muscles. He bids us in stories like these to say, with St. Paul, Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong (2 Cor 12:10). Things are often not as they appear to us. Put on your "God glasses" and by God's grace see more as He sees.

©TM Msgr. Charles Pope is the pastor of Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian, in Washington, DC. A native of Chicago with a bachelor degree in computer science, his vocation to the priesthood stemmed from his experience as a church musician. He attended Mount Saint Mary's Seminary and was ordained in 1989. Msgr. Pope also has led Bible studies in the US Congress and at the White House in past years.



# Stewardship



*“Stewardship is about recognizing and receiving God’s gifts and sharing them proportionately and sacrificially. It’s about following Jesus Christ. It’s about conversion.”*

## Diocesan Development Fund Prayer

God of all goodness,  
source of all blessings,  
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Your love,  
and strengthen our efforts  
to build up Your

Church in southern Missouri.

Help us to be good and faithful  
Stewards of the gifts You  
have given to us.

Guide us as we discover new ways  
to serve You  
in serving our neighbor.

Bless all those who participate  
in the DDF Campaign.

May we share our gifts of time,  
talent and treasure  
as true disciples  
in our One Church, from East to West:

Loving, Serving, and  
Sharing Jesus.  
Amen

## Please Pray for...

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Pat Bauer	Michael Diekemper	Aurora Jones	Damon Swisher
Gary Becker	Rosalie Eggen	James Kresta	Debbie Thompson
Joyce Blades	Don Fields	Glenn Kristek	Ralph Telscher
Kim Brick	Norene Fields	Mary Francis Kroutil	Val Vaughan
Dan & Carol Blomgren	Carol Floyd	Corine Larson	Darlene Verheyen
Mary Bonds	Sandy Gabbert	Erin Leigh	Anne (Denner)
Pat Brammer	Barbara Gates	Pat McDonald	Wayne
Ronald Buhring	Elizabeth Haggard	Calvin McKenzie	Brian Wallace
Jane Buono	Barbara & Don Hiatt	Cindy Meyer	Lee Woods
Carson & Kellen Clark	Judy Hollan	Diana Mullen	Timothy Young
Tom Carter	Pearl Hollan	Michael Overbey	
Rod Clifton	Savannah Hollan	Patti Provance	
Paul Collins	Rita Holt	Beth Raidel	
Sue Crayton	Joan House	Sr. Kathy Reichert	
Jesse Duncan	Mary Hunt	Irene Roth	
	Brett Jeffryes	Jim & Margaret Schatz	

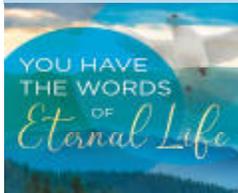
If you are aware of a change that needs to be made to our prayer list please call the parish office. Thank you!

## 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.



We thank you for the many ways you support our beautiful parish, please know that your gifts go a long way to make a difference for good and through your generosity, the gospel continues to be preached here in Springfield and beyond. We bless and thank you for your kindness and generosity.

## COLLECTION REPORTS

### Our Gift To God Week Ended AUGUST 14, 2021

	Actual	Budget Average
Envelopes	22,245.00	12,562.00
Plate	773.10	1,812.82
Web Donations	6,610.00	4,437.18
Building Fund	4,045.00	2,981.89
Other Donations	0.00	1,384.26
<b>Total for Week</b>	<b>33,673.10</b>	<b>23,178.15</b>

Please remember Holy Trinity Parish in your will!

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# Parish News

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

9:00 a.m. Jesse Duncan (special intention)  
5:00 p.m. †Doris Havel

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

7:00 a.m. †David Donelson  
8:30 a.m. Holy Trinity Parish Families

10:00 a.m. †Bettye Watson

### MONDAY, AUGUST 23

Noon †Charlie Swyers

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

Noon †Mary Chin

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

Noon †Richard Kirkey  
5:30 p.m. †Elena Johnston

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

Noon †Denise Schmidt

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

Noon †Todd Lester

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

9:00 a.m. †Carolyn Roberts  
5:00 p.m. †Tim Krahn

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Monday, August 23

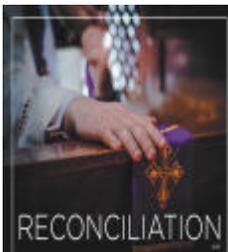
1 p.m. Knitting/Crocheting group meets

### Tuesday, August 24

7 p.m. Knights of Columbus meets

### Saturday, August 28

4 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation



**Rediscover God's love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation!**

Saturday 4 p.m.-4:45 p.m. or call the parish office to set up an appointment time.



### LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

The Parish Center and office will be closed on Monday, September 6th in observance of Labor Day.



## ADORATION AT HOLY TRINITY

Please observe social distancing.

Adoration Hours

Weekdays 1pm-5pm

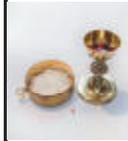
Adorers Needed

Monday at 4 pm, and Friday 3pm

Please consider spending time with our Lord in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our parish.

Call Marilyn Gibson at 417-224-4043.

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS AND LECTOR TRAINING



Saturday, September 11, 2021, all Extraordinary Ministers and Lectors are requested to attend refresher training following the 9 a.m. Mass.

This training is for current Extraordinary Ministers/Lectors (prior to the pandemic) who need a refresher, as well as training for anyone interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister or Lector.

Extraordinary Ministers must have completed their Sacraments through Confirmation, be registered at Holy Trinity, a regular church attendee, and remain in the state of Grace.



## IS GOD CALLING YOU TO MUSIC MINISTRY?



The Bible explains that every good gift comes from God (James 1:17). Music is one of God's good gifts. God has given both man and angels the gift of music-making (Genesis 4:21; Job 38:7). The purpose of music and singing is to rejoice in and worship the Lord (Psalm 95:1-2). The Lord created the powerful gift of music, and He has given us voices to praise and worship Him with.

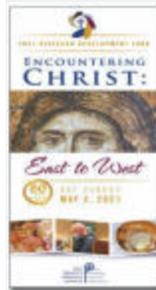
The Music Ministry spreads the Word of God through music experiences.

Will you Sing unto the Lord? Are you talented with the gift to sing in the choir, cantor or play a musical instrument? As we are working through our "new normal", we invite and welcome anyone who is talented with the gift of music to stop by after Mass and talk with Mary Gray or Paula Ringer to learn more about the music ministry stewardship opportunity in our parish.

## KNITTING/CROCHETING GROUP



"Crocheting or Knitting keeps me from unraveling." And we find that good companionship helps too! Our group meets Mondays at 1 p.m. in the Parish Center. Advance notice: we will not meet on Labor Day, September 6. Connie - 417-425-2367.



## DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND CAMPAIGN

To date, **328** families have given **\$202,771.80** toward our parish goal **\$228,349**. Thank you! If you have not yet made your pledge, please add your gift—whatever the amount - in unity with those who have already given by returning a pledge card. Right now Holy Trinity needs an additional **\$25,577.20** to meet our pledge goal. Across the diocese, **\$2,610,580** has been pledged toward the **\$2,650,000** goal. The diocese and Church in Southern Missouri needs your participation.



# Faith Formation and Youth

## 2021/2022 SCHOOL YEAR



Faith Formation will be held Wednesday evenings 6:30-7:30 pm beginning with a parent meeting on September 8, and classes starting September 15th. Contact us at [epowell@htscatholic.com](mailto:epowell@htscatholic.com) or 883-3440 ASAP if you need to register your child for Faith Formation as we will order class materials this week! This includes all 2nd graders for Sacramental Preparation!



## HAS GOD CALLED YOU?

Our faith formation program is looking for Catechists. Please contact Fr. Patrick or Elaine Powell if you are interested in helping to form our kids in our faith! Lead Catechists as well as assistants are needed.

Call or Email Elaine Powell to find out how to be part of something very special in our parish.

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(417) 883-3440

## CALLING ALL LEADERS AND TEACHERS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

- All clergy
- Parish Pastoral Council members
- Catholic School Principals
- Directors/Coordinators of Faith Formation, RCIA, Campus Ministry, and Youth Ministry
- Teachers and Catechists



Saturday, October 9, 2021—10am-3:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity, Springfield.  
Sunday, October 10, 2021—12 p.m-5:30 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul, Cape Girardeau

The Evangelization & Discipleship Summit will feature keynote speaker Deacon Keith Strohm addressing the topic of missionary discipleship and forming a parish pastoral plan to move from maintenance to mission. Breakout session speakers include Dr. James Pauley, speaking on evangelizing catechesis, and Ryan O'Hara, discussing the topic of person to person on evangelizing catechesis, and Ryan O'Hara discussing the topic of person to person evangelization.

Register here: [https://dioscsg.formstack.com/forms/evangelization\\_and\\_discipleship\\_summit](https://dioscsg.formstack.com/forms/evangelization_and_discipleship_summit)

The Summit is brought to you free of charge because of the generous support of the Missouri Knights of Columbus.

To learn more about their mission, consult [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org).

## VIRTUS TRAINING

Preregistration is necessary: go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) and click on "registration" on the left or call your parish/school office for assistance. If you do not have access to the internet and are unable to register online, please call the local parish, school or institution where you are employed or volunteer.

Live, in-person "Protecting God's Children" adult awareness training sessions are now available. New registrants are encouraged to take the live training, but the Online training will remain available as an alternative for the remainder of the 2021.

In person training will be offered at the Catholic Center on Thursday, Saturday, August 28 from 8:30—11:30 a.m., Monday, September 13 from 1p.m.—4 p.m., Thursday, September 30 from 5:30—8:30 p.m., Saturday, October 23 8:30—11:30 a.m., and Friday, November 12 from 1—4 p.m.

## UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle School Youth Group will be hosted on Wednesday, August 25th following the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Come to Mass and have fun afterwards!

### STEUBENVILLE

Those who attended this year's Steubenville Conference and other high school students seeking to live a life in Christ are invited to participate in the Life of a Disciple series provided by Franciscan University. The Group will meet after 10 am Mass on Sundays.

### Passages and Puzzles

High school youth are invited to meet on Sundays from 6-8 pm in August to discuss the Dark Passages of The Bible by Dr. Matthew J. Ramage and play puzzling board games and card games.



## SMALL GROUP FACILITATOR TRAINING

Are you interested in leading a small group in our parish?

Fr. Patrick will hold an information training meeting on Saturday, September 25th following the 9:00 a.m. Mass for those interested.

These small group studies help develop meaningful relationships, a meaningful prayer life and better relationship with the Lord. Please come to Mass and stay for this meeting. Groups will start in October and run through November.



# Area Community News

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MASS



The Office of Family Life is excited to celebrate the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebrations in October. In the words of Pope Francis, "Marriage is the most beautiful thing that God has created." The event includes a Mass with Bishop Edward M. Rice, followed by a reception, in order to commemorate and affirm the great gift of married love within our families and communities. All married couples are cordially invited to attend with their family and friends.

**Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021, at 2:30 p.m., St Mary Cape Girardeau**  
**Sunday, Oct. 17, 2021, at 2:30 p.m., St. Agnes Springfield.**

All married couples celebrating a wedding anniversary, please pre-register for and receive a Marriage Certificate from Bishop Rice. Those celebrating their 25th or 50th, will also receive an Episcopal Blessing and a special gift. For us to properly prepare, we ask that couples **RSVP by Sept. 24, 2021**. The registration form can also be found on the Family Life page of the diocesan Website at [dioscrg.org](http://dioscrg.org). You may fill out form and mail it to Kim Brayman, in the Office of Family Life, 601 S. Jefferson, Springfield MO 65806-3143, or Email the information to [kbrayman@dioscrg.org](mailto:kbrayman@dioscrg.org).

## SPRINGFIELD CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

**Springfield Catholic Schools System is accepting applications for Substitute Teachers and paraprofessionals (teacher's aide) for the 2021-2022 school year. This is a great opportunity for parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles to help out at their child(ren) school.** 60+ credit hours, VIRTUS certification (the school provides) and a background check is required for employment. To submit an application, go to [scspk12.org](http://scspk12.org) click "About" and "Employment Opportunities" and then select substitute.

**Open Enrollment for 2021-2022 school year is going on now at Springfield Catholic Schools -- Come and be a part of the Irish Tradition.**

Go to our website at [SpringfieldCatholicSchools.org](http://SpringfieldCatholicSchools.org) to submit an inquiry form, select "Admissions" and "New Families" or you can call our schools St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 417-887-6056, St. Agnes 417-866-5038, Immaculate Conception 417-881-7000, Springfield Catholic High School 417-887-8817.

## 37th ANNUAL HARVEST HOME AT SEAS

Please mark your calendar for the annual Fall Festival at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church.

Friday, September 10th—5p.m. until Midnight

Saturday, September 11th—2p.m. until Midnight

Carnival rides-games- laser tag-kid's talent show-inflatables  
Live music-Bingo-Silent Auction-Corn-hole Tournament-BBQ—  
Friday Cajun night- Fair food

The festival will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church  
2200 West Republic Road, Springfield, Missouri.

## Part-time Finance Manager St. Francis of Assisi, Nixa

Workdays and hours are negotiable, 20 hours week. Paid vacation, retirement, health insurance. Must be practicing Roman Catholic. Skills include proficient in accounting. Computer skills to maintain social media accounts, Microsoft Word/Excel/Outlook/Publisher and Google. Professionalism, confidentiality, detail orientated, ability to work independently, good management and organizational skills. Must have 3-5 years office experience.

Duties are payroll (W-2, 1099's, payroll reports), accounts payable, bank statements, monthly and annual finance reports, prepare budget, maintain parishioner data. Prepare weekly bulletin and maintain social media accounts.

Send resume and references to [office@stfrancisnixa.org](mailto:office@stfrancisnixa.org) or mail to Reverend Thomas E. Reidy, Pastor, PO Box 1920, Nixa, MO 65714.

## Catholic Center Now Hiring Digital Engagement Officer/Information Technology Specialist

**Position Summary:** Partner with the Director of Communications to develop, implement, maintain, and continually improve all of the diocese's information systems, communications platforms, and technology (ICT) systems. Manage and develop the Diocese's Website and digital presence and engagement. Managing and monitoring server performance; configuring data servers; uploading and updating Web pages; ensures that hardware and software are functioning correctly; answers consultation questions.

**Basic Qualifications:** A practicing Catholic with a love for the teaching and mission of the Church.

Bachelor's degree in Graphic Design, Web solutions, IT, Computer technology, or relevant field. Minimum of five years' work experience in related field. Compensation includes competitive salary, excellent health benefits, and retirement plan based on diocesan guidelines. To request an application packet, including a detailed job description, please contact Jan Smith at The Catholic Center, [jansmith@dioscrg.org](mailto:jansmith@dioscrg.org), or call (417) 866-0841.

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