

Welcome to the Catholic Communities of

St. Francis de Sales - Spooner, Wisconsin

St. Joseph - Shell Lake, Wisconsin

St. Catherine of Alexandria - Sarona, Wisconsin



July 4, 2021

St. Francis de Sales

409 Summit Street
Spooner, WI 54801
Mass Schedule
Tuesday - 5:00 pm
Wednesday - 8:30 am
Thursday - 8:30 am
Friday - 8:30 am
Saturday - 6:00 pm
Sunday - 10:00 am

St. Joseph

502 Second Street
Shell Lake, WI 54871
Mass Schedule
Saturday - 4 pm

St. Catherine of Alexandria

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Sarona, WI 54870
Mass Schedule
Sunday - 8 am

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Sacrament of Baptism: Parents must attend a preparation class. Contact the cluster office.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Arrangements must be made at least six months before a tentative date is set. Contact Fr. Phil at the cluster office.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please call the cluster office if you or a loved one is sick, in the hospital, or homebound.

New Parishioners: All are welcome to register in our parish communities. Stop by the cluster office.

Prayer Request, call:

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Reconciliation Schedule

St. Francis - Friday 2 pm - 3 pm

Mass Intentions for the week of July 4, 2021

Monday,	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	8:30 am SFdS + All Souls
Thursday	8:30 am SFdS +
Friday	8:30 am SFdS + Ardis Dahlmeir by Tom Dahlmeir
Saturday	4 pm SF + Andy Wejnerowski by Phyllis & Roger Starke
	6 pm SFdS + Elsie Stellrecht by Jan Chaffee
Sunday	8:00 am SC + Doug Brunner by Jeff & Nancy Stellrecht
	10:00 am SFdS + Parish Cluster

St. Francis de Sales Church will be open for prayer on Thursday and Friday from noon until 3pm.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday.

Observances & Readings for the week of July 4, 2021

Sun: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Independence Day
Ez 2 ;2-5 / Ps 123:1-2,2,3-4 / 2Cor 12:7-10 / Mk 6:1-6a
Mon: St. Anthony Zaccaria and St. Elizabeth of Portugal
Gn 28:10-22a / P 91:1-2,3-4,14-15ab / Mt 9:18-26
Tue: St. Maria Goretti
Gn 2:1-15a / Ps 69:,14,30-31,33-34 / Mt 11:20-24
Wed: Ex 3:1-6,9-12 / Ps 103:1b-2,3-4,6-7 / Mt 11:25-27
Thurs: Ex 3:13-20 / Ps 105:1 and 5,8-9,24-25,26-27 / Mt 11:28-30
Fri: St. Augustine Zhao Rong
Ex 11:10-12:14 / Ps 116:12-13,15 & 16bc,17-18 / Mt 12:1-8
Sat: Ex 12:37-42 / Ps 136:1 and 23-24,10-12,13-15 / Mt 12:14-21
Next Sun: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 23:1-6 / Ps 23:1-3,3-4,5,6 / Eph 2:13-18 / Mk 6:30-34

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Vacationing this Summer?

Don't forget Mass!

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Prophecy of You and Me

Prophet. There's a heaviness to this word. It's weighted down with meaning. We think of prophets and we think of Charlton Heston with wild hair and a booming voice, reaching out his hand to work wonders of nature by the grace of God. We think of prophets and we think of ancient Biblical history — someone far away, someone so removed from our everyday life. A prophet is someone who knows something we don't.

When I let you in on this secret, it might scare you at first: in a way, God is calling you to be a prophet. He is calling me. He is calling anyone who hears the truth of the Gospel. However, there is no need for the megaphone and the wild locusts. This prophet gig might not be what you're thinking.

What does a prophet do? He hears and testifies to the truth, even when it's uncomfortable, even when it's unpopular, even when it results in, as Paul says, "weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and constraints." A prophet doesn't have to be smart or rich or ordained; heck, he doesn't even have to be particularly willing.

All a prophet has to do is listen to the truth. The truth we receive from Christ, through the Gospel and the sacraments, is a mighty gift. But it is a gift that we are not meant to simply keep for ourselves. In possessing it, we are compelled to also pass it on, to share it, to let the Spirit set us on our feet.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Our Catholic grade school is doing a penance service this Lent. Do young children really need to go to Confession? How much sin can they really have?

Ask any mom about her children, and see how many would say she has a brood of perfect angels! Parents know that kids do things that are wrong ... and they often know they're doing it! Even toddlers have a sense of right and wrong. The Church recognizes that their minds and consciences are not yet fully developed, however, and typically waits until age seven to offer the sacrament of Confession. Around that age and beyond, most young people, when asked, can easily explain why something is wrong.

Confession for children is an excellent way to help them reflect on their actions and accept responsibility for their behavior. It helps them to grow in their understanding of sin and how it affects others. This helps them to form their consciences and make better choices in the future. Most importantly, they learn the value of forgiveness, both given and received. Rather than singling out what's wrong, Confession offers hope and a new start! Children can grow in understanding God's unconditional love and develop a sense of inner dignity that transcends their failings. Not bad for five minutes and an "Our Father" or two!

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

July 4, 2021

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's all so ordinary that we can easily miss it. The seagulls hunting and diving for mollusks at the beach offer a display of determination and precision as they gather their food for the day. It's simply what these creatures do. Yet, there's a magical artfulness and skill to their work that speaks volumes about the One who breathed life into their being. This is pretty much the way it is with God's presence. God comes in common ways through common things and ordinary people. Sadly, we are so engulfed in our little worlds of order and ideas to notice the beauty and wonder of it all. Many have numbed themselves to the Divine spark at the essence of all life because that's just the way it is. What's so special about it? A sunset is a sunset and a seagull is a seagull. That's precisely what they thought about Jesus too. After all, isn't he just the carpenter's son? What merit can his words possibly have?

If we're looking for God to come in an event that is so dramatic and intense that it knocks our socks off, then think again. When pondering God's relationship with His people and God's action in our lives, we have to go back to the stable and the recurring, creative, unending power of God's presence. It was a quiet, run of the mill kind of night. There was nothing spectacular or extraordinary. To the naked eye, a woman gave birth to a child and there wasn't anything extraordinary to see. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinary-ness. Jesus grew up in an ordinary town, had neighbors and did normal human things. Perhaps that's why we don't always like the Gospel. It doesn't dazzle us with extraordinary things but simply challenges us to take a different look at our ordinary stuff. That makes us uncomfortable. We prefer things as they are. Our lack of faith can even cause us to take offense at what Jesus says and does, dismissing it as folly.

God's life-giving presence continues to sustain that seagull in flight and keep all things in being regardless of whether we have the faith to see and understand this. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be hardened and blinded to what God is doing or desiring to do. While God continues to do what he has done for all eternity, faith is needed for God's presence to bear fruit. The blinders we wear and the expectations we bring to life can often prevent us from seeing graced moments that radiate with God's graceful presence. They also prevent God's transforming, healing, and hope filled vision for our world from being realized. Without faith, God won't be able to do much for us either.

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Word of Life Series 14th Sunday - July 4, 2021

"O God our creator... through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society."

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