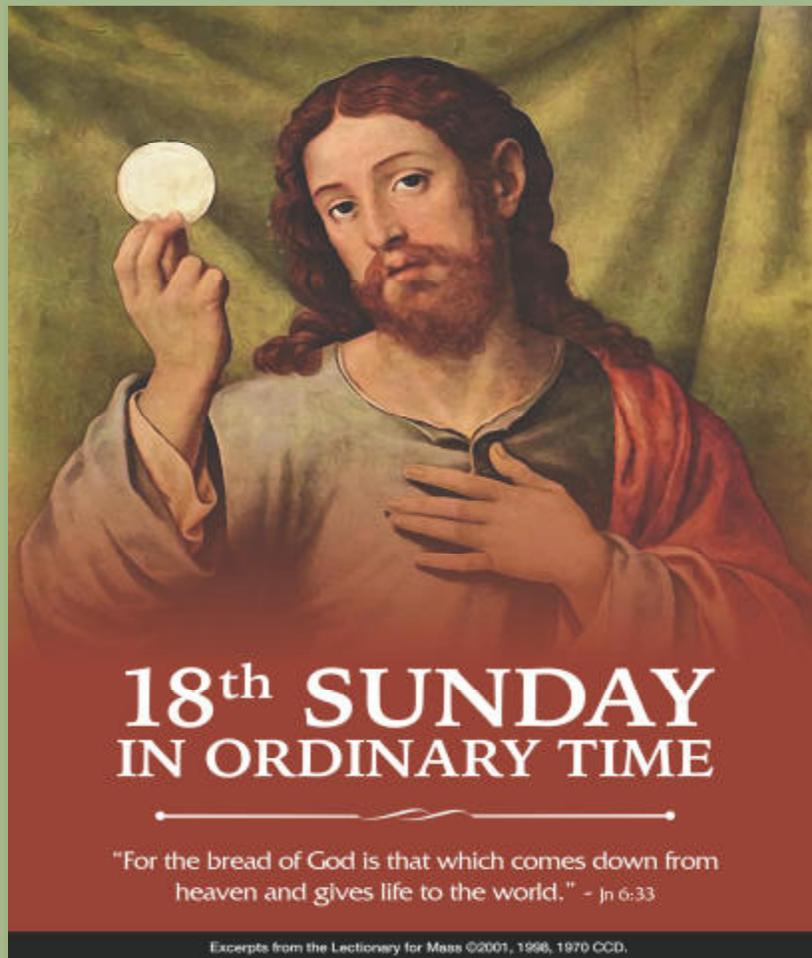


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St. Francis de Sales - Spooner, Wisconsin

St. Joseph - Shell Lake, Wisconsin

St. Catherine of Alexandria - Sarona, Wisconsin



August 1, 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

W5262 Catholic Lane
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:

SJ: Diane Downs 715-520-2928
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SFdS: Carlene Hansen 715-635-3823

Reconciliation Schedule

St. Francis de Sales
Friday 2 pm
Saturday 5:30 pm - Sunday 9:30 am
St. Joseph - Saturday 3:30 pm
St. Catherine - Sunday 7:30 am

Mass Intentions for the week of August 1, 2021

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| Monday | No Mass |
| Tuesday | 5 pm SFdS + |
| Wednesday | 8:30 am SFdS + |
| Thursday | 8:30 am SFdS + Infant Jesus of Prague by Mike & Mabi Plisky |
| Friday | 8:30 am SFdS + |
| Saturday | 4 pm SJ + Denny Boland by Rosalie Boland 6 pm SFdS + Harold Witham by Sarona Neighbors |
| Sunday | 8 am SC + Dick Scalzo by Jeff & Nancy Stellrecht 10 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 August 1, 2021

Sun: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 16:2-4,12-15 / Ps 78:3-4,23-24,25,54 / Eph 4:17, 20-24
Jn 6:24-35

Mon: St Eusebius & St Peter Eynard
Nm 11:4b-15 / Ps 81:12-13,14-15,16-17 / Mt 14:13-21

Tue: Nm 12:1-13 / Ps 51:3-4,5-6ab,6cd-7,12-13 / Mt 14:22-36 or
Mt 15:1-2,10-14

Wed: St John Vianney
Nm 13:1-2,25-14:1,26-29a,34-35 / Ps 106:6-7ab,13-14,
21-22,23 / Mt 15:21-28

Thurs: Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major
Nm 20:1-3 / Ps 95:1-2,6-7,8-9 / Mt 16:13-23

Fri: The Transfiguration of the Lord
Dn 7:9-10,13-14 / Ps 97:1-2,5-6,9 / 2 Pt 1:16-19 / Mk 9:2-10

Sat: St Sixtus II & St Cajetan
Dn 6:4-13 / Ps 18:28,3-4,47 & 51 / Mk 17:14-20

Next Sun: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1Kgs 19:4-8 / Ps 34:2-3,4-5,6-7,8-9 / Eph 4:30-5:2
Jn 6:41-51

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Practicing Graciousness in the Desert

Looking back over my journey of parenthood, I know there were days when I traveled the extra mile for my children. I made their toast the way they like it, let them play in the park an extra ten minutes, or let them go to the movies with their friends and I finished up the chores on my own. And then, it happened: the attitude. The request for the smallest thing from one of them is met with disdain or bewilderment.

Sometimes you can be made breathless with the ingratitude of another person who takes so much and with so little shame, only to scoff at the idea that they, too, give even the smallest amount.

But if we're being honest with ourselves, we will admit that we do the exact same thing to God. Haven't we all been the Israelites in the desert at one point or another? God has parted our Red Sea in some way. He's led us out of some great trial, given us some great blessings. But then we run into a little resistance somewhere along the way and we throw up our hands. How could you do this to us, Lord? How could you ask this of us? No, I can't go any further. No, I won't do any more.

Persisting in the blindness to the many ways God continues to protect us is nothing short of a temper tantrum. It robs our Everyday Stewardship of its graciousness, of our ability to accept with joy the trials of life because we are also constantly aware of its blessings.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Word of Life Series August 1, 2021

"We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life" (EV 86).

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

August 1, 2021
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You cannot see the forest for the trees" is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don't like, want, and don't want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don't move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disoriented, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the "now" time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty.

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