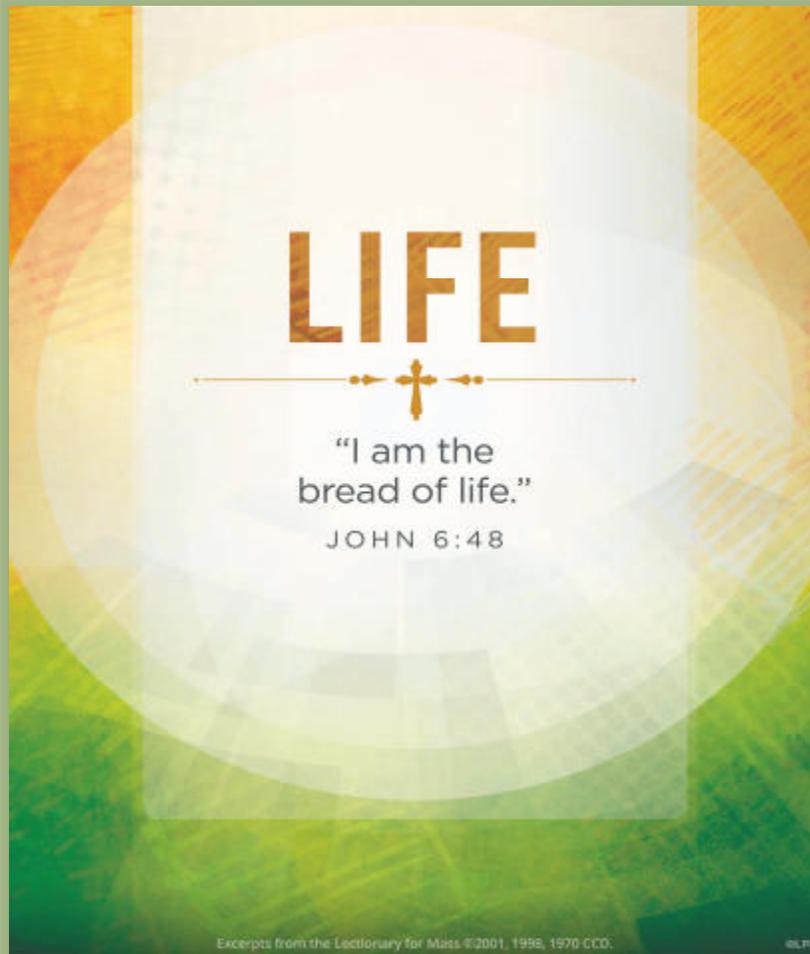


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St. Francis de Sales - Spooner, Wisconsin

St. Joseph - Shell Lake, Wisconsin

St. Catherine of Alexandria - Sarona, Wisconsin



August 8, 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:

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 8, 2021

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	5 pm SFdS +
Wednesday	8:30 am SFdS + John Biver by Richard Glessing
Thursday	8:30 am SFdS + Edith Cope by Barb Jaderborg
Friday	8:30 am SFdS + Pauline Langfield by Barb Jaderborg
Saturday	4 pm SJ + Marlene Moravec by John Moravec & family 6 pm SFdS + Andy Wejnerowski by Elaine Schaefer
Sunday	8 am SC Pete & Joan Neururer by Troy and Corinne Berg 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 8, 2021

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

Mon: St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr
Dt 10:12-22 / Ps 147:12-13,14-15,19-20 / Mt 17:22-27

Tue: St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr
2Cor 9:6-10 / Ps 112:1-2,5-6,7-8,9 / Jn 12:24-26

Wed: St Clare, Virgin
Dt 34:1-12 / Ps 66:1-3a,5 & 8,16-17 20a & 10b / Mt 18:15-20

Thurs: St Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
Jos 3:7-10a,11,13-17 / Ps 114:1-2,3-4,5-6 / Mt 18:21-19:1

Fri: Sts Pontian & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
Jos 24:1-13 / Ps 136:1-3,16-18,21-22 & 24 / Mt 19:3-12

Sat: St Maximilian Kolbe, Martyr
Jos 24:14-29 / Ps 16:1-2a & 5,7-8,11 / Mt 19:13-15

Next Sun: The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary
Day: Rv 11:19a:12:1-6a,10ab& / Ps 45:10,11,12,16
1Cor 15:20-27 / Lk 1:39-56

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

What's Your Hearth Cake?

"Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." I've been to a lot of meetings in my years of work in the Church, and you can take my word for it: the ones with snacks just seem to go better.

I don't know what it is exactly. Maybe it's just that people are in a more agreeable mood if you show up with donuts. Or maybe it's about the very real sense of community and camaraderie that is created at a table where people are engaging in that most human of tasks — eating — beside one another. I think a big part of it comes down to the simple fact that we're all just nicer people when we're fed.

This rings true spiritually, too. We simply must remain fed if we, in turn, are to feed others. Think of a time when you have neglected your relationship with God — when you haven't fed yourself with whatever it is that you need to remain committed to the journey of a Christian life. Is it Mass attendance? Is it prayer or Scripture reading? Is it time with your small group, or conversation with a trusted friend who knows your soul? What sustains your ability to be a good disciple, a good steward? What inspires you to give more freely, to love more abundantly?

Whatever it is, that's your hearth cake. That's your jug of water. Don't neglect it. The Angel of the Lord is nudging you in your sleep: "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you."

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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What is a transitional deacon?

There are two types of deacons in the church. Both are members of the clergy. Both have the same liturgical role. Both have the service of the community as their primary work. One is called a permanent deacon, usually a married man ordained as a deacon with no intention of becoming a priest. They preach, baptize, witness marriages, conduct funeral services, and look after the needs of the poor. They also visit the sick and take Communion to them, although they cannot celebrate the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. They might also assist the pastor in his administrative duties. Permanent deacons are usually well known and respected in their communities and have roots there.

A transitional deacon is one who functions as a deacon for a period of time prior to ordination as a priest. His diaconate assignment serves as a kind of internship of ordained ministry. During his year or two as a deacon, he will learn the practical aspects of parish life, getting a firsthand look at the life of a priest. His work has a different focus than a permanent deacon in that he is looking forward to ordination as a priest.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

August 8, 2021

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?

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Word of Life Series August 8, 2021

"Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains unaddressed. This lack of response not only often leads to unresolved grief, but also fails to clearly manifest our belief that each person, from conception onward, is precious and unique."

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