

# Welcome to the Catholic Communities of

St. Francis de Sales - Spooner, Wisconsin

St. Joseph - Shell Lake, Wisconsin

St. Catherine of Alexandria - Sarona, Wisconsin



## 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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*August 22 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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### **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 22, 2021**

Monday	No Mass	
Tuesday	5 pm SFdS	David Jellen by Tim & Connee Brabec
Wednesday	8:30 am SFdS	
Thursday	8:30 am SFdS	Gary & Gail Daniels by Tim & Connee Brabec
Friday	8:30 am SFdS	
Saturday	4 pm SJ + Elsie Stellrecht by Jeff & Nancy Stellrecht	
	6 pm SFdS Parish Cluster	
Sunday	8 am SC + Albena Lalan by Barb & Noreen	
	10 am SFdS + Gary Campbell by Sauer Family	

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 22, 2021**

**Sun: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jos 24:1-2a,15-17,18b / Ps34:2-3,16-17,18-19,20-21,22-23  
Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a,25-32 / Jn 6:60-69

**Mon: St Rose of Lima, Virgin**

1Thes 1:1-5,8b-10 / Ps 149:1b-2,3-4,5-6a & 9b / Mt 23:13-22

**Tue: St Bartholomew, Apostle**

Rv 21:9b-14 / Ps 145:10-11,12-13,17-18 / Jn 1:45-51

**Wed: St Louis; St Joseph Calasanz**

1Thes 2:9-13 / Ps 139:7-8,9-10,11-12ab / Mt 23:27-32

**Thurs:** 1Thes 3:7-13 / Ps 90:3-5a,12-13,14& 17 / Mt 24:42-51

**Fri: St Monica**

1Thes 4:1-8 / Ps 97:1&2b,5-6,10,11-12 / Mt25:1-13

**Sat: St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

1Thes 4:9-11 / Ps 98:7-8,9 / Mt 25:14-30

**Next Sun: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Dt 4:1-2,6-8 / Ps 15:2-3,3-4,4-5 / Jas 1:17-18,21b-22,27  
Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

## **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

### **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. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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### **Role of Catholics in Society**

#### **We live in a country that upholds the separation of Church and state.**

#### **What is the role of Catholics in society?**

The role of the Church in the world has taken different forms over time, but the theme is the same. Be disciples in it! As the lay faithful — that is, not vowed priest or religious — we are called to live and love in the circumstances of our daily lives. St. John Paul II wrote a document about the laity. In it he wrote, "In their situation in the world God manifests His plan and communicates to them their particular vocation of seeking the Kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God" (On the Lay Members of Christ's Faithful, 15).

God wants us in the hospitals, the board rooms, the law offices, the food pantries, and the little league games! We are to engage in the affairs of the world. But when we're there, we should live the plan of God. We need to respect those around us, engage in just business and legal practices, and love our children. We should care for the earth, use our money wisely, and get to know our neighbors. We must advocate for social policies that respect human dignity and human freedom. No matter our state in life, we are invited to build the kingdom of God!

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## **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

**August 22, 2021**

**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods." We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these "gods" because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with "who is God" and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised "more." But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only "feels" true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It's a choice we all have to make.

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## **Word of Life Series**

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"God's love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives."

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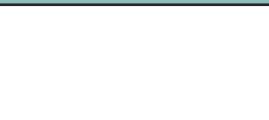
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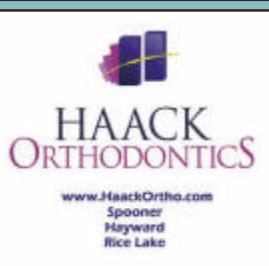
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