



## 21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 22, 2021

### PASTORAL MINISTRY

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Parish Council Karl Dambach, Ken Eftink, Sarah Guethle, James Kaufman, Jim Stuever, Mary Ann Taylor

**Finance Council** Angie Jones, Anita Joyner, Nora Statler

### SACRAMENTS

#### Baptism

Please contact Pastor. Baptismal preparation class is required.

#### Holy Matrimony

Please contact Pastor at least 6 months in advance to begin Marriage Preparation.

#### Reconciliation

Confessions by appointment, contact Father

#### Anointing of the Sick/Emergencies

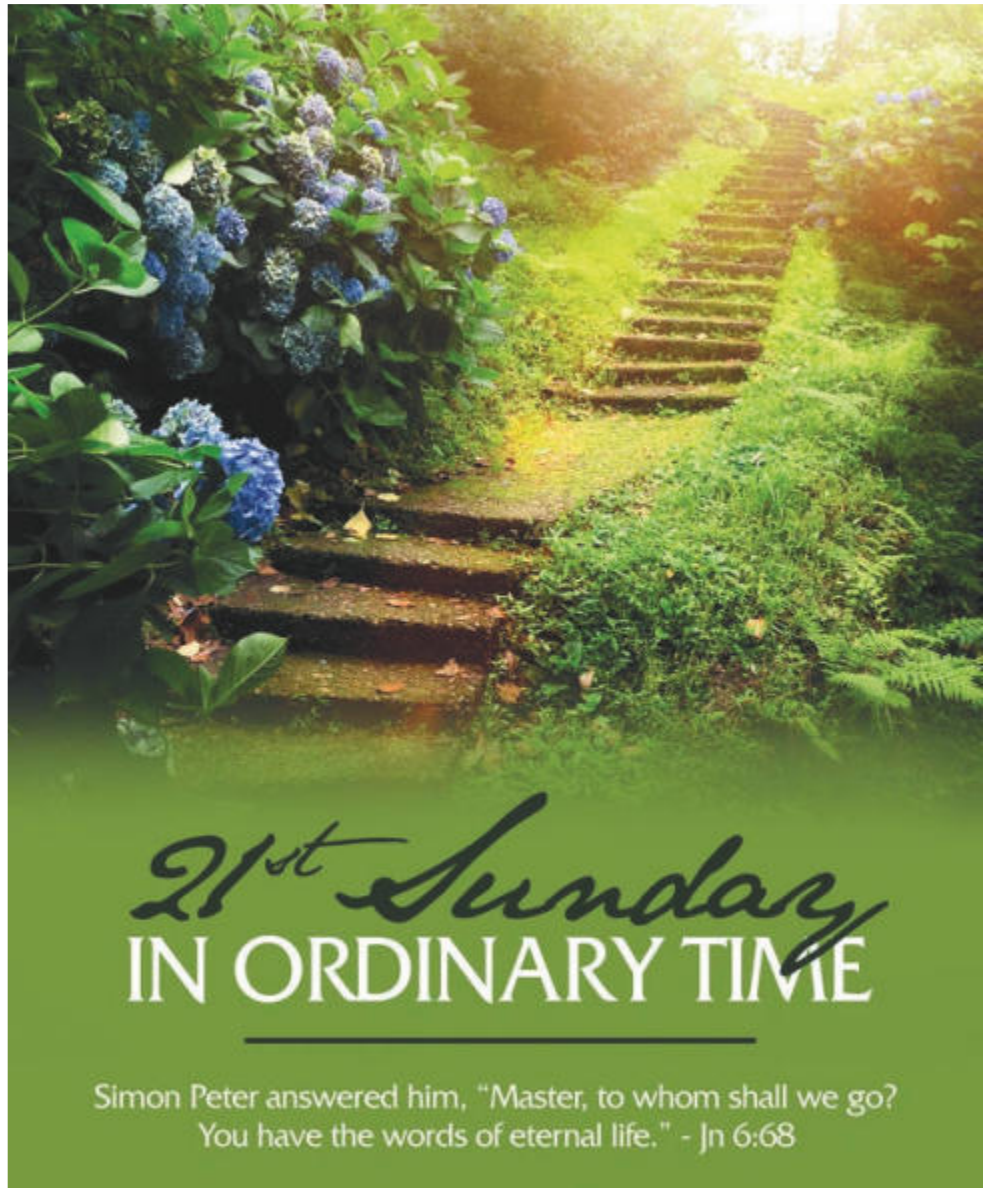
For this & emergencies, please call the rectory or the office.

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

#### SACRED HEART GIFTS | AUGUST 15

Envelopes .....\$3,440.00

Loose Cash..... \$83.00



## 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life." - Jn 6:68

### OFFICE HOURS SACRED HEART

By appointment only

### BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Deadline is Tuesday 3:00 PM.

Send all bulletin announcements to Brian Lutmer by phone or by email listed under the Pastoral Ministry section.

### NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome all new parishioners! Please register. Forms are available in church & office. For a change of address or phone, please notify the parish office.

Sacred Heart Parish, of the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, in Dexter, Missouri, has as its mission to carry on the work of Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. To that end, the parish works to provide an environment that enhances the sense of belonging for ALL parishioners who are called to worship the Father, to promote the teachings of Jesus Christ by their daily lives, and to manifest the presence of the Holy Spirit in

# THIS WEEK AT SACRED HEART PARISH, DEXTER, MISSOURI

## PRAYER, LITURGY & WORSHIP

### MASS INTENTIONS AND LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Saturday, August 21

4:00 PM For All Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, August 22

10:30 AM Sacred Heart Parishioners

*NO MASSES DURING THE WEEK DUE TO FATHER COON'S VACATION*

Saturday, August 28

4:00 PM Sacred Heart Parishioners

Sunday, August 29

10:30 AM For All Students and Educators

\* Confessions can still be made by appointment.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

This sacrament is celebrated weekly on Wednesdays from 4:20-4:50 PM during the Eucharistic Holy Hour and before the 5:15 pm Mass. For a more convenient time or to make an appointment, contact Fr. Coon.

### 22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

**Saturday, August 28 | 4:00 PM**

**Lector:** Rita Pobst

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Kristen Stizes (PBY)

**Ushers:** Anthony Bockhold, Derek Urhahn

**Sacristan:** Marilyn Slocum

**Sunday, August 29 | 10:30 AM**

**Lector:** Jim Stuever

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Donna Simonton (PBY)

**Ushers:** Mark Guethle, Sammy Huey

**Sacristan:** Nora Statler

### PARISH FAMILY UPDATES

Thanks to all who responded to the appeal for updating our parish roster with household contact information. If you have not done so already, the cards have been moved to the table down the hall in the gathering space. Please complete ASAP.

### SACRED HEART PARISH FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS

To submit your prayer requests, please contact:

Delores Wright, Pauline Banken, Marilyn Jackson, Bill Barker, Frances Barker, Rita Pobst



## DIOCESAN NEWS

### MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

Learn from top experts on optimizing the Four Levels of Intimacy in your marriage so you can grow closer, enhance satisfaction, avoid fights, and eradicate boredom. For a Free 4-day challenge crafted to help reignite the fire in your marriage, please visit <https://www.cardinalstudios.org/epic-intimacy-challenge>

### PSR DEANERY MEETINGS

The diocese invites all PSR Directors/ Coordinators and Youth Ministry Leaders to gather together for a time of planning, sharing ideas, and hearing about upcoming opportunities in our diocese. There will be a meeting at Sacred Heart in Dexter Aug. 10 from 6:30-8 p.m.

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau seeks qualified applicants to fill a permanent full-time Administrative Assistant position working for the Vicar General and the Director of Vocations & Seminarians. For necessary qualifications and to request an application packet, please contact Jan Smith at The Catholic Center by emailing [jansmith@dioscg.org](mailto:jansmith@dioscg.org) or calling (417) 866-0841.

### DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT OFFICER/ IT SPECIALIST

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. For additional responsibilities, necessary qualifications and to request an application packet, please contact Jan Smith.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### INSTALLATION OF FR. COON

Installation of Fr. Coon as Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish Saturday, September 11 at 4 pm Mass  
Welcome pot luck will follow at 5:30 pm.

### LIFE CHAIN

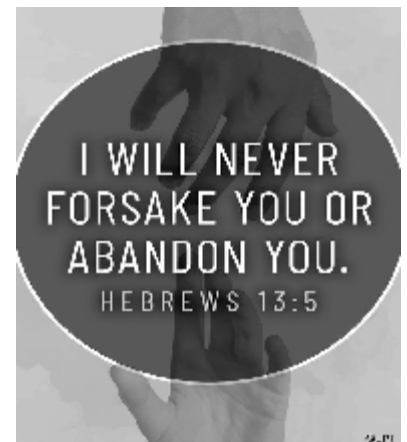
The 2021 Annual Life Chain will be Sunday, October 3, from 2:30-3:30 pm at the corner of the Walgreens parking lot.

### SHAREFEST

Please help collect packs for SHAREFEST. Information on needed pack supplies is available on the table in the Gathering Space. Items need to be back by Sept. 15.

### COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Deanery 7 Council of Catholic Women meeting in Poplar Bluff on Sunday, Sept. 12. Lunch at noon with mtg to follow.



## MESSAGES FROM FATHER COON

- If you have an emergency need for a priest while Fr. Coon is gone, please call Fr. Colby Elbert at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Sikeston at 573-471-2447.
- While all are certainly welcome to wear masks during Mass, please remove your mask just before you are presented with the Body of Christ at Holy Communion. This will make for a reverent reception of our Lord and will diminish the possibility of dropping Him if you receive Him directly on your hand. Thank you.
- If you know of any parishioner who is homebound or in an area nursing home, please let Fr. Coon know by calling 624-7333 so that he can visit them on a regular basis.
- Fr. is in need of an additional volunteer to clean the rectory once a month. For more information or to volunteer, please call Fr at 624-7333.
- In order for people to make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament during the day, Fr. is keeping the single wooden door on the west side of the church unlocked during daylight hours.
- If you have been considering having a Spiritual Director and would like to hear how Fr. approaches individual spiritual direction, feel free to call him at 624-7333 and set up a meeting to talk about it.
- If you are in need of an annulment or have any other special situation that needs care, please feel free to call Fr. at 624-7333; he will be happy to meet with you about it.
- As a reminder, Fr. doesn't recognize people well, so please tell him your name when starting a conversation with him. He doesn't want to appear cold and unfriendly by not calling you by name.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE FINANCE COUNCIL

For the first time in 18 years, our parish has a full-time Pastor who is not responsible for any other parishes and will be able to give us his undivided attention. This also means that no other parishes will be helping us with the financial support that Pastors receive from the parishes where they serve. Therefore, we are solely responsible for Fr. Coon's monthly salary set by the Bishop, Fr.'s annual health insurance, and his needs in the rectory which consist mainly of food, water, and utilities. The Parish Finance Council believes that if parishioners who are able will increase their weekly Sunday offering by \$3 to \$5, we should have no problem meeting these additional expenses to our parish. This increase in giving will also help to pay the salary of a part-time secretary, once one is hired. If you have any questions regarding parish finances, please contact Mrs. Bader in the Parish Office at 624-7333.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

"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.

## FLOCKNOTE, ARE YOU SIGNED UP?

Are you connected yet? If not, sign up online via your computer, tablet or smart phone. Text the word **NOEL** to the 5-digit phone number **84576**. Once sent, Flocknote will text you a confirmation message AND another message with a link you'll need to click to complete the process. You can also sign up on the web: [flocknote.com/shdexter](http://flocknote.com/shdexter).

## SECURE DROP BOX OPTION

The secure drop box for Sacred Heart is located on the south side of the Parish Center to securely drop in a stewardship envelope anytime at your convenience.

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