

CATHOLIC PARISHES

OF ADAMS & CHESHIRE



MASS SCHEDULE ADORATION & CONFESSION

MONDAY | TUESDAY

8:00 a.m. - Notre Dame

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. - St. Mary's
ADORATION - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
CONFESSION - 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY | FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. - St. Mary's

SATURDAY

4:00 p.m. - Vigil - Notre Dame
CONFESSION - 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. - St. Stanislaus Kostka
9:30 a.m. - St. Mary's

HOLY DAYS

4:00 p.m. - Vigil - TBD
6:00 p.m. - Vigil - TBD
8:00 a.m. - Holy Day - TBD

AUGUST 1, 2021

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St. JOHN PAUL II
OFFERTORY GIVING - 7-25-2021

St. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION
OFFERTORY GIVING - 7-25-2021

GIVING DATA FOR THE WEEKEND OF JULY 25TH WAS NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF BULLETIN SUBMISSION.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY!

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 ©LPI

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS - ST. MARY'S PARISH HALL

AA - Big Book Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

AUGUST 1

New Daily Mass Times Begin

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

SJPII Tag Sale at Notre Dame School

SEPTEMBER

SJPII Rosary Sodality Meetings Resume

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

SJPII Polka Picnic

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Religious Education Resumes

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10 - NOTRE DAME SCHOOL

SJPII Fall Festival

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4 - ST. MARY'S PARISH HALL

Christmas Bazaar - Tentative

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 31, 2021

4:00 P.M. LEON MEIER BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
NOTRE DAME REQ. BY THE MEIER FAMILY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2021

8:00 A.M. SALLY, WALTER, & HELEN WISNIOWSKI
ST. STANISLAUS REQ. BY DICK & BARB WISNIOWSKI
9:30 A.M. JOSEPH SCANLON
ST. MARY'S REQ. BY DREW, KILLIAN, & MAIRE
SCANLON

MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2021

8:00 A.M. FOR THE PEOPLE OF ST. JOHN PAUL II
NOTRE DAME & ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021

8:00 A.M. FOR THE PEOPLE OF ST. JOHN PAUL II
NOTRE DAME & ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2021

6:00 P.M. FOR THE PEOPLE OF ST. JOHN PAUL II
ST. MARY'S & ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 2021

8:00 A.M. JACK WOJTASZEK
ST. MARY'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE
REQ. BY MOM & FAMILY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 2021

8:00 A.M. CLAYTON L. COUTURE, JR.
ST. MARY'S REQ. BY HIS SISTER, NORMA

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2021

4:00 P.M. WILLIAM WRONSKI
NOTRE DAME REQ. BY HIS AUNT JOAN

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2021

8:00 A.M. JULIA, MARION, & JOHN PRALAT
ST. STANISLAUS REQ. BY DICK & BARB WISNIOWSKI
9:30 A.M. GLADYS SKUBEL & THE GOLDEN FAMILY
ST. MARY'S REQ. BY LEO SKUBEL

PARISH CANDLES, GIFTS, & MEMORIALS

ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA MISSION CHURCH

SANCTUARY HELEN MORAWIEC
LAMP BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
REQ. BY GREAT-NIECES, MICHELLE & KIM

FROM TODAY'S 2ND READING, EPHESIANS 4 :
". . .you must no longer live as
the Gentiles do, in the futility of
their minds . . ."

GROUNDING IN FAITH AND TRUTH - LIVE IN FAITH,
TRUTH AND AS LIFE BELONGS TO GOD.

ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA CEMETERY

AUGUST MEMORIAL LIGHTS

THE PATHWAY, RESURRECTION, & GROTTO LIGHTS ARE IN
MEMORY OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED WHO ARE LAID TO
REST AT THE ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA CEMETERY. WE PRAY
FOR THEIR SOULS.

BOOK A MASS INTENTION OR MEMORIAL

IF YOU ARE LOOKING TO BOOK A MASS INTENTION, MEMORIAL
SANCTUARY LAMPS, CANDLES, OR GIFTS FOR ANY LOCATION,
PLEASE CONTACT THE ST. MARY'S PARISH OFFICE AT 413.743.2110.

THE MONETARY CONTRIBUTION WILL BE GIVEN TO THE
APPROPRIATE PARISH (ADAMS OR CHESHIRE) AND THE
INFORMATION WILL BE RECORDED IN THE MASTER CALENDAR.

2022 MASS BOOK - INTENTIONS

THE 2022 MASS BOOK WILL OPEN IN SEPTEMBER FOR BOTH
PARISHES. ALL MASSES WILL BE BOOKED THROUGH THE PARISH
OFFICES. THE ST. JOHN PAUL II OFFICE WILL HANDLE ALL 2022
ADAMS MASSES AND THE ST. MARY'S OFFICE WILL HANDLE ALL
2022 CHESHIRE MASSES

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES:

- FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, ADAMS PARISHIONERS MAY
ONLY BOOK MASSES IN ADAMS AND CHESHIRE PARISHIONERS
MAY ONLY BOOK MASSES IN CHESHIRE
- THE 1ST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH FOR EACH CHURCH WILL BE
RESERVED AS A DAY FOR COLLECTIVE INTENTIONS - AN
UNLIMITED NUMBER OF INTENTIONS WILL BE HONORED, BUT
SPECIFIC NAMES WILL NOT BE SPOKEN ALOUD - ALL INTENTIONS
WILL BE GATHERED AND THE PRIEST WILL SAY THE MASS FOR
THE "COLLECTIVE INTENTIONS"
- ALL MASSES WILL BE REQUESTED VIA A FORM WHICH WILL BE
DISTRIBUTED IN ADVANCE TO PARISHIONERS IN EACH PARISH
- EACH FAMILY MAY ONLY REQUEST **ONE** MASS INITIALLY
(MASSES REQUESTED FOR THE COLLECTIVE INTENTION WILL
ALSO BE HONORED) - \$10 OFFERING PER REQUEST
- MASS INTENTIONS MAY ONLY BE FOR ONE PERSON, A COUPLE,
OR BY NAMING THE FAMILIES
 - ACCEPTABLE EXAMPLES:
JOHN & SALLY SMITH -OR- THE SMITH FAMILY -OR-
DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE SMITH & DOE FAMILIES
 - UNACCEPTABLE EXAMPLE (TOO MANY PEOPLE):
JOHN SMITH, SALLY DOE, MR. & MRS. BROWN, AND
EDWARD JONES
- MASSES MAY BE REQUESTED BY ASKING FOR THE PREFERRED
MONTH, IF A DATE WITHIN THE MONTH REQUESTED IS NOT
AVAILABLE, THE MASS WILL BE PLACED IN ANOTHER MONTH
- CANDLES, SHRINES, GIFTS, SANCTUARY LAMPS, AND MEMORIALS
WILL BE AVAILABLE TO BOOK ON THE FORM FOR \$10 EACH
- MASSES MAY NOT BE BOOKED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS: THE
EASTER TRIDUUM, EASTER, MOTHER'S DAY, FATHER'S DAY, ALL
SOULS, CHRISTMAS EVE, OR CHRISTMAS

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CHANGES TO THE
PROCESS OF REQUESTING MASSES, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT
EITHER PARISH OFFICE.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"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, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has

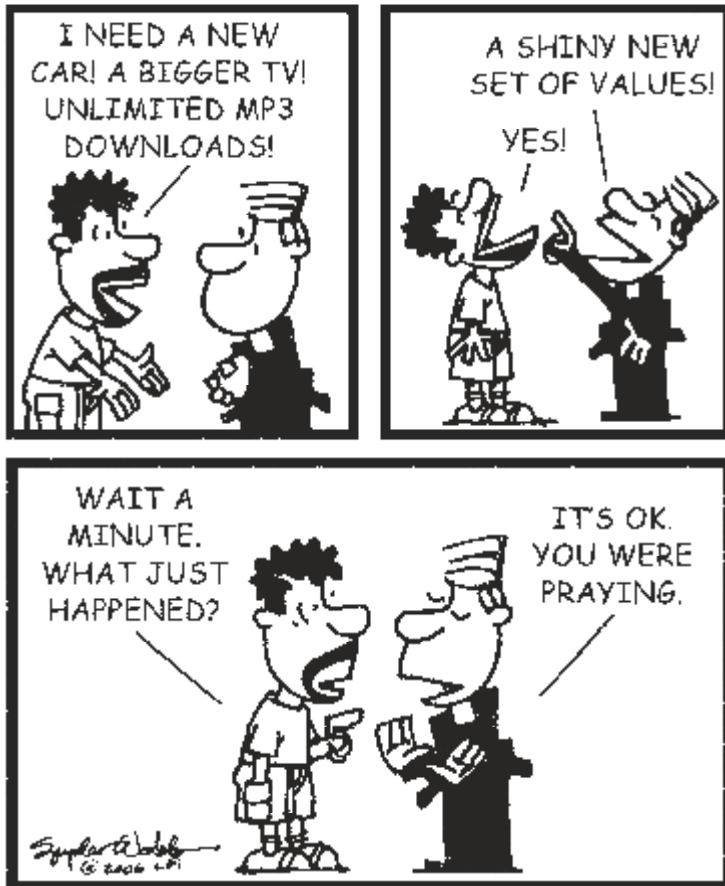
sustained and carried us before. We like it when the "now" time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! 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

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. ©LPi

practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



DAILY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

ST. JOHN PAUL II AND ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISHES SPLIT THE SALARY AND EXPENSES FOR FR. BARRENT EQUALLY. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE EACH PARISH WITH AN EQUAL NUMBER OF MASSES, FR. BARRENT HAS ENACTED A NEW DAILY MASS SCHEDULE WHICH WILL GO INTO EFFECT IN AUGUST. THE NEW SCHEDULE WILL PROVIDE EACH PARISH WITH FOUR MASSES PER WEEK. ADAMS WILL HAVE TWO WEEKEND AND TWO DAILY. CHESHIRE WILL HAVE ONE WEEKEND AND THREE DAILY.

STARTING MONDAY, AUGUST 2ND, THE NEW DAILY MASS SCHEDULE WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

MONDAYS - 8:00 A.M. - NOTRE DAME - ADAMS
TUESDAYS - 8:00 A.M. - NOTRE DAME - ADAMS
WEDNESDAYS - 6:00 P.M. - ST. MARY'S - CHESHIRE
(ADORATION & CONFESSION WILL CONTINUE)
THURSDAYS - 8:00 A.M. - ST. MARY'S - CHESHIRE
FRIDAYS - 8:00 A.M. - ST. MARY'S - CHESHIRE

THE WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE WILL REMAIN:

SATURDAYS - 4:00 P.M. - NOTRE DAME - ADAMS
SUNDAYS - 8:00 A.M. - ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA - ADAMS
SUNDAYS - 9:30 A.M. - ST. MARY'S - CHESHIRE

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ADAMS & CHESHIRE

NEWS & COMMUNITY EVENTS

PUBLIC EVENTS & NOTICES

CHESHIRE FIRE DEPARTMENT

CRUZ NITE & FIREWORKS

The Cheshire Fire Department's Cruz Nite and Fireworks will return this year at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 14th at the former Cheshire Elementary School. Join the firemen for a night of fun, cars, and food! The fireworks display will take place at approximately 9:30 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

ST. JOHN PAUL II RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education is seeking teachers for the 2021-2022 school year for Grades 1-9. Consider being a part of a dynamic program which focuses on spiritual growth and community service. Questions: Molly Meczywor at mollymeczywor@gmail.com.

ST. MARY'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ST. JOHN PAUL II RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The St. Mary's and St. John Paul II Religious Education Programs will resume on Sunday, September 19th. Both parishes will offer a new in-person format with TWO classes per month.

St. Mary's classes will be held from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. on Sundays following Mass. A full schedule and registration will be available on the website soon. saintmaryscatholic.org. In the meantime, you may email questions to Steve Berti at cozmo1212@aol.com.

SJPII program information will be available soon. For questions, please contact Molly Meczywor at mmeczywor@hoosacvalley.org.



SJPII - VOLUNTEERING & EVENTS

CLEANING CREWS

St. John Paul II Parish is still in need of volunteers for the cleaning crews in both St. Stanislaus and Notre Dame Churches. Please contact Terry in the Adams office to sign up.

FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE

The Family Life Committee is actively seeking new members of all ages, as well as a co-chair! To learn more about the FLC or to volunteer to assist with the children's games at the Polish Picnic, please contact Lisa Collins via email biroscollins@gmail.com or phone (413)743-2233.

SJPII POLKA PICNIC

The Parish Family of St. John Paul II will once again hold their Polish Picnic on September 12th at the Polanka Grounds on Mill St. in Adams. The gates will open at 12:00 noon and the Eddie Forman Orchestra will play from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$5/person. Children 12 and under are free! Polish and American Fare will be served and the Shire Bakery will be on-site. Beer, wine, soda, and water will also be sold. There will also be free children's games!

If you are interested in helping, please contact Rachel Tomkowicz - rtomkowicz@roadrunner.com

ST. MARY'S - VOLUNTEERING & EVENTS

ST. MARY'S PARISH OFFICE

The St. Mary's Parish Office has moved! The office is now located in the parish hall. Public office hours remain Monday - Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

ST. MARY'S PARISH COUNCIL

We are in the process of re-establishing the Parish Council at St. Mary's. If you are interested in joining the council, and are a parishioner of St. Mary's, please submit a letter of interest to the parish office in Cheshire as soon as possible.

LECTORS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to serve as Lectors at St. Mary's for the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. If you are interested, please contact the St. Mary's Office.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - RE-IMAGINED

We are tentatively planning a Christmas Bazaar with a new format for Saturday, December 4th. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.

UPCOMING EVENT DETAILS

NOW THAT ST. STANISLAUS SCHOOL IS SHUT DOWN FOR THE SUMMER, WE WILL BE USING THIS PAGE TO HELP PROMOTE ACTIVITIES HAPPENING IN THE PARISHES

ST. JOHN PAUL II PARISH TAG SALE

THE CADILLAC OF TAG SALES!!!

BASEMENT OF NOTRE DAME SCHOOL | BOOK SALE ON 1ST FLOOR

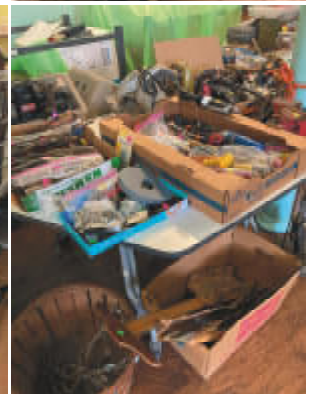
The St. John Paul II Parish Tag Sale will return this year for FOUR days!
Be sure to support the parish and shop the 1000s of items they have on display!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12TH - 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13TH - 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14TH - 8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

****SUNDAY, AUGUST 15TH - 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.****



Polka Picnic
The Parish Family of
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**SEPT. 12
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TIS THE SEASON FOR

“THE PUMPKIN PATCH COUNTRY STORE”

AT THE ST. JOHN PAUL II PARISH FALL FEST/BAZAAR
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

St. John Paul II Parish is looking for help in re-stocking
their shelves with your homemade goodies in
preparation for the Fall Fest/Bazaar.

The following items are needed:

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JELLIES
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