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**August 22, 2021**  
**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the people of Saint Andrew Parish are a Catholic community and disciples of Jesus Christ. We continue the work of Christ by teaching the word of God, celebrating the Eucharist together, welcoming and encouraging people to develop and share the relationship with God. We strive to be grateful, faithful stewards of God's resources, earthly and spiritual, by being Christ to each other, our neighborhood, our country, and the world.

#### **PARISH STAFF**

Rev. Milan Dimic, Pastor  
Rev. Hyginus Agu  
Rev. Msgr. Matthew Bernelli, in residence  
Deacon Alix Africot  
Deacon Roland J. Blier  
Jeannie Bisson, Pastoral Associate  
Catherine Pavlowski, Youth Minister  
Cheryl Camillo, Bookkeeper

#### **SAINT ANDREW ACADEMY**

Gene Holmes, Principal, 203-373-1552  
**[standrew.catholicacademybridgeport.org](http://standrew.catholicacademybridgeport.org)**

#### **MASSES**

Saturday vigil 4:00pm  
Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am  
Weekday 9:00am (Monday thru Friday)

#### **CONFESSIONS**

Saturday 3:00—3:45pm

#### **ADORATION CHAPEL**

Open Monday through Friday 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

#### **BAPTISM**

Call the parish office to schedule.

#### **MATRIMONY**

Make arrangements with a priest one year in advance. Dates or times can be arranged only after speaking with one of our parish clergy.

#### **SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

The Sacraments are available to those unable to come to church. Please call the parish office to make arrangements.



**August 21, 2021—August 29, 2021**

Sat. 21	4:00 PM	Phyllis Martin
Sun. 22	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Joan & Thomas Antonelli Fred & Bessie DiMeo
Mon. 23	9:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Andrew
Tue. 24	9:00 AM	Lena Smerglino
Wed. 25	9:00 AM	The Visinski Family
Thr. 26	9:00 AM	Jose & Gabriela DaSilva
Fri. 27	9:00 AM	Bridget Murray
Sat. 28	4:00 PM	Joseph Warmke
Sun. 29	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Anthony Cirillo & Nina Cirillo Marie Africot



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**Junior High Youth Ministry  
and High School Youth Ministry**

**Contact Jeannie at 203-374-6171**



We remember all those we have been asked to pray for during their time of illness.

We remember all those who have gone home to the Lord.

We especially remember all those listed in our Prayer Request book.



**The Sanctuary Light burns in memory  
of Joan & Thomas Antonelli**



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**The Knights of Columbus thank all who participated,  
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**Next Blood Drive  
Saturday, August 28, 2021  
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**Week of August 15, 2021**

Totals no available at time of transmission



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Please go to the parish website, [www.standrewchurchbpt.org](http://www.standrewchurchbpt.org) and click on-line giving.

**Credit Card Donations**

Saint Andrew Parish can now accept credit cards for donations, Faith Formation tuition, Mass stipends, and fund raisers. Please call the parish office for more information.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Sunday, September 19, 2021  
12:00—4:00 PM**

***Can you volunteer for one of our committees?***

**Call the Parish Office  
203-374-6171**

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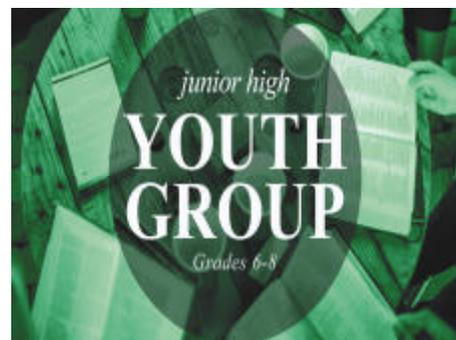
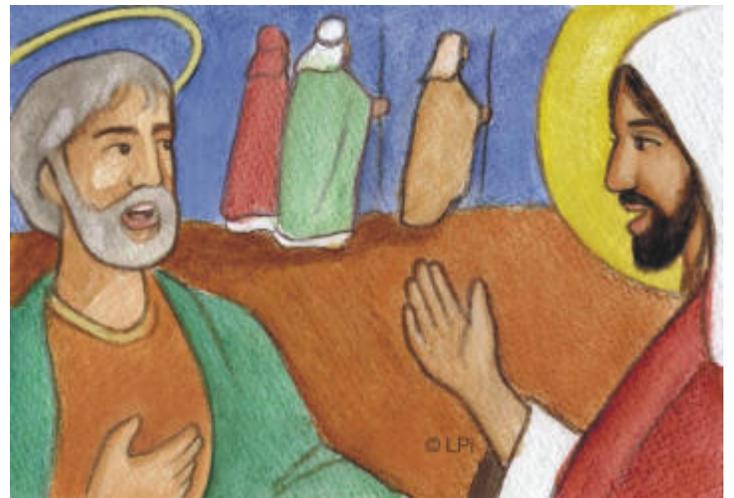
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Our new Junior Youth Group begins in September please join us for prayer, service, and fun!

# GROWING WITH THE Gospel

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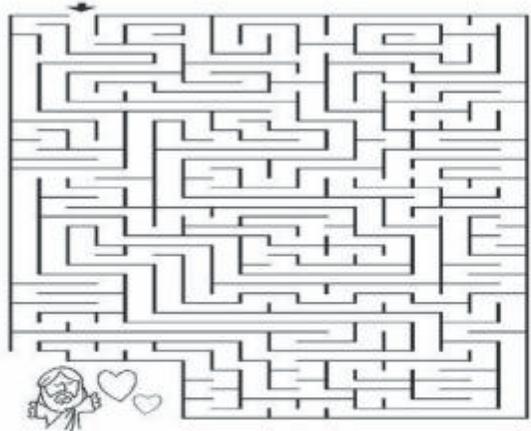
Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time • John 6:60-69

## PUZZLE

Find your way through the maze to Jesus.



## MISSION

Have you ever learned something about God that was hard to understand? Talk about it with your family, and together pray for each other. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you learn what God wants you to.



# KID'S CORNER



The Saint Andrew Knights of Columbus, Cabrini Council, invites all eligible candidates to participate in the exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity immediately following the 11:00 AM Mass on the First Sunday of each month.

*Please come and see what it's all about!*



If you or anyone you know would like to receive the Holy Eucharist at home, please contact the parish office at 203-374-6171.

Rosary Group

Monday evenings  
7:00

in the Outside Chapel  
(Church if weather is inclement)  
Please join us!



A thought  
TO START  
YOUR WEEK

*Learn from the mistakes of others. You'll never live long enough to make them all yourself.*

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

**August 22, 2021**

**Twenty-first 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.

## Readings for the week of August 22, 2021

**Sunday:** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

**Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22

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

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

**Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51

**Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13

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

# FORMED



## *Pick of the week*

During this very special week for the Augustine Institute, we celebrate both our patron, St. Augustine, and his mother, St. Monica! As a preeminent Doctor of the Church, Augustine has been said to be "the holiest of the wise and the wisest of the holy" To celebrate this great Church Father, please enjoy this video!

Register for FORMED today, instructions at all entrances.

**Twenty-first Sunday Ordinary Time**

**Reading 1**

**Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b**

Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem,

summoning their elders, their leaders, their judges, and their officers.

When they stood in ranks before God, Joshua addressed all the people:

“If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling.

As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

But the people answered,

“Far be it from us to forsake the LORD for the service of other gods.

For it was the LORD, our God, who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt,

out of a state of slavery.

He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey and among the peoples through whom we passed.

Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

**Psalm Response: PS 45:10, 11, 12, 16**

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.

Let my soul glory in the LORD;  
the lowly will hear me and be glad.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

The LORD has eyes for the just,  
and ears for their cry.

The LORD confronts the evildoers,  
to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

When the just cry out, the LORD hears them,  
and from all their distress he rescues them.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted;  
and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

Many are the troubles of the just one,  
but out of them all the LORD delivers him;

he watches over all his bones;  
not one of them shall be broken.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

**Reading 2**

**Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32**

Brothers and sisters:

Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is head of his wife just as Christ is head of the church, he himself the savior of the body.

As the church is subordinate to Christ, so wives should be subordinate to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body.

*For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.*

This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church.

**Gospel**

**Lk 1:39-56**

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, “This saying is hard; who can accept it?”

Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, “Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe.” Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father.”

As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him.

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.”

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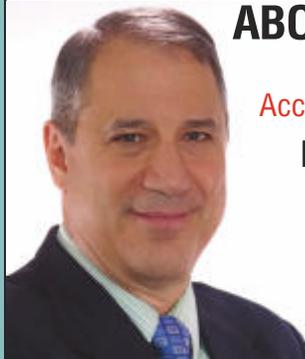
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