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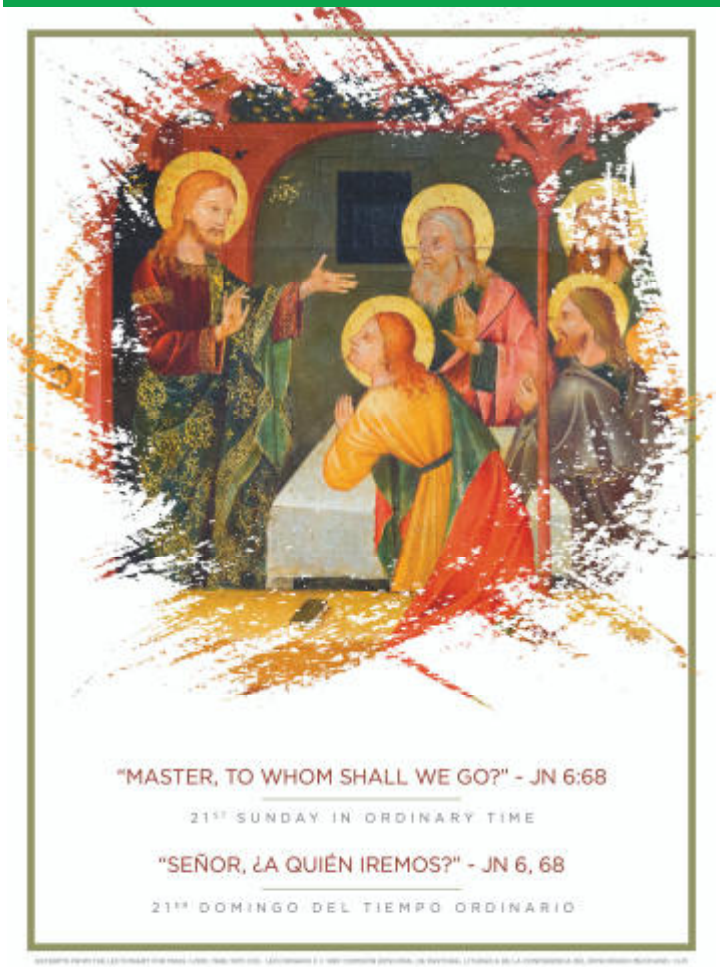
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Weldona

Our Lady of Lourdes Wiggins

August 22, 2021 • 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday (Aug. 21)
5:00 pm SH (Engl.)
+Gary Sagel
7:00 pm SH (Sp.)
+Angela Colon

Sunday (Aug. 22)
7:00 am SFA
8:30 am OLOL

10:00 am SH (Engl.)
12:00 am SH (Sp.)
+Martin Francisco
2:00 pm SH (Sp.)
+Miguel Mendoza

Monday (Aug. 23)
8:00 am
+Adelina Brecera

Tuesday (Aug. 24)
8:00 am
+Gary Sagel

Wednesday (Aug. 25)
8:00 am
Mark & Susan Devries

Thursday(Aug. 26)
8:00 am
Clyde Schendzielos

Friday (Aug. 27)
8:00 am
Julie Harnik

Saturday (Aug. 28)
5:00 pm SH (Engl.)
+Eleanor Holloway

7:00 pm SH (Sp.)
+Angela Colon

Sunday (Aug. 29)
7:00 am SFA
Jessie Brown & Family
8:30 am OLOL
John & Angela Piquette
10:00 am SH (Engl.)
Rodney Rhoades
12:00 am SH (Sp.)
+Manuela Carreras
2:00 pm SH (Sp.)
Angel & Reina Alva

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

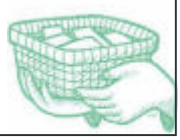
"Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods." We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these "gods" because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When 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.

Our Offering to the Parish

St. Helena:	**$ 5,128.01**
St. Francis of Assisi:	**$ 433.00**
Our Lady of Lourdes:	**$ 1,314.01**



21er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Lo que pasó en tiempos de Jesús, sigue pasando hoy día. Muchos le abandonan por cualquier bagatela, se dejan engañar fácilmente y hablan en contra de él y de su Evangelio. Inclusive algunos piensan que seguirle es de tontos. Pues, deja decirte Señor, que yo también reacciono como Pedro ante la pregunta: "¿Quieren marcharse también ustedes?" (Juan 60:67). El lenguaje duro utilizado por Jesús los desconcertaba. Seguirte no es fácil; el camino de tus enseñanzas provoca un cambio radical con referencia a la justicia y al amor. Solo el que entienda tu lenguaje puede responder como Pedro: "Señor, ¿A quién iríamos? Tú tienes palabras de vida eterna. Nosotros creemos y sabemos que tú eres el Santo de Dios" (Juan 60:67-69).

Ahora bien, con tantas experiencias vividas en este año pasado (2020), muchas personas se han dado cuenta qué vacía y sin sentido es la vida llevada a la ligera. Nos hemos dado cuenta que la ambición de tener y vivir corriendo no vale la pena. Lo que cuenta es tener una vida unida a Ti, por la oración y la entrega a los demás, y es una gran bendición el comprenderlo y ponerlo a prueba. El ser humano se ha dado cuenta que lo que sí vale la pena es la salud para poder trabajar y llevar la comida a la mesa familiar. El Papa Francisco nos lleva aún más allá: "Qué difícil es perdonar siempre a quienes nos hieren. Qué desafiante es acoger siempre al inmigrante y al extranjero. Qué doloroso es soportar la desilusión, el rechazo, la traición" (8/26/18). Mantra para esta semana: ¡Tú tienes palabras de vida eterna!

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
Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18,

Please pray the Rosary

Our Lady of Fatima has asked that we pray the Rosary daily with our family.

ANUNCIOS

- **Bienvenidos a todos los visitantes que estan con nosotros este fin de semana.**
- **El fin de semana del 4 y 5 de septiembre, el Gabinete tendrá una mesa de ofertas de regreso a clases. Las tarjetas de oración también estarán disponibles a .50 cada una.**
- **¡Sin duda, se va extrañar a Padre Francis! El 27 de Agosto de 2021, tendremos una misa de despedida a las 6:00 pm y una cena despues de la misa. Le deciamos lo major al Padre Francis en su nueva asignación en Ft. Collins. Se pide a todos que traigan un platillo para compartir.**

NOTICIAS OLOL

Nuestra Señora de Lourdes tendrá registro CCD el próximo domingo 29 de agosto de 2021. El CCD comenzará en Wiggins el 13 de septiembre de 2021 a las 6:30 p.m.

FESTIVAL DE SANTA HELENA

Domingo, 22 de agosto de 2021
10:30 am a 3:00 pm

¡Ven a disfrutar de deliciosas comidas y actividades!
Tacos, pupusas, mazorcas de maíz, hot dogs
Torneo de fútbol, Bingo y
Mucho mucho mucho mas

NOTICIAS DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Ed. Religiosa. las clases comienzan el 8 de septiembre en Saint Helena. Padres, por favor asistan a la reunión de padres el 1 de septiembre a las 5:30 PM en el Monseigneur Dinan Hall. Los niños no necesitan asistir a la reunión del 1 de septiembre.

Queremos que todos los niños se registren para el catecismo en la primavera. Es posible que haya visto la nueva fecha límite del 1 de junio para los registros de este año. El año que viene se seguirá este plazo de forma más estricta. Hemos ofrecido registros en línea desde principios de abril en nuestro sitio web y nuestra página de Facebook. También realizamos 2 registros en persona. Si no cumplió con la fecha límite, regístrese en línea lo mas pronto possible!

May God bestow many Blessing on you all†

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Welcome to all visitor praying with us this weekend.
- The weekend of September 4th and 5th, the Cabinet will have a **Back-to-school** clearance table. Prayer cards will also be available at .50 each.
- **Fr. Francis will certainly be missed! On** August 27, 2021, we will hold a Pot Luck dinner following Mass at 6:00 pm. to say goodbye to Fr. Francis. Come and wish Fr. Francis best wishes with his new assignment in Ft. Collins. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish for all to enjoy.

OLOL NEWS

Our Lady of Lourdes will have CCD registration next Sunday August 29, 2021. CCD will begin in Wiggins on September 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

SAINT HELENA FESTIVAL

Sunday, August 22, 2021
10:30 am to 3:00 pm

Come enjoy delicious food and activities!
Tacos, pupusas, corn on the cob, hot dogs
Soccer tournament, Bingo, and
Much much much more

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Ed. classes begin Sept. 8th at Saint Helena. Parents please attend the **parents' meeting Sept. 1st** at 5:30PM in the Monseigneur Dinan Hall. Children do not need to attend the Sept. 1st meeting.

We are transitioning to a Spring registration for RE classes. You might have seen the new June 1st deadline for RE registrations. Next year this deadline will be followed more strictly. We have offered online registrations since the beginning of April on our website and our FB page. We also held 2 in-person registrations. If you missed the deadline, please register online

RCIA CLASSES TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

Who should attend these classes?

- Catholics 16 years or older who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, or if you have not made your first Communion.
- Non-Catholics who have an interest in becoming Catholic.
- Anyone interested in learning the basics of the Catholic Faith.

Class will meet at 5:30 pm Thursdays.
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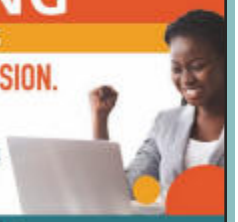

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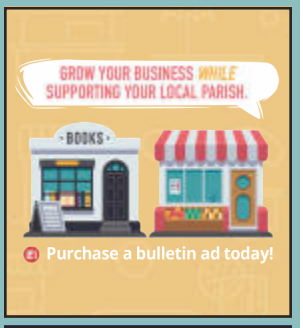

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