

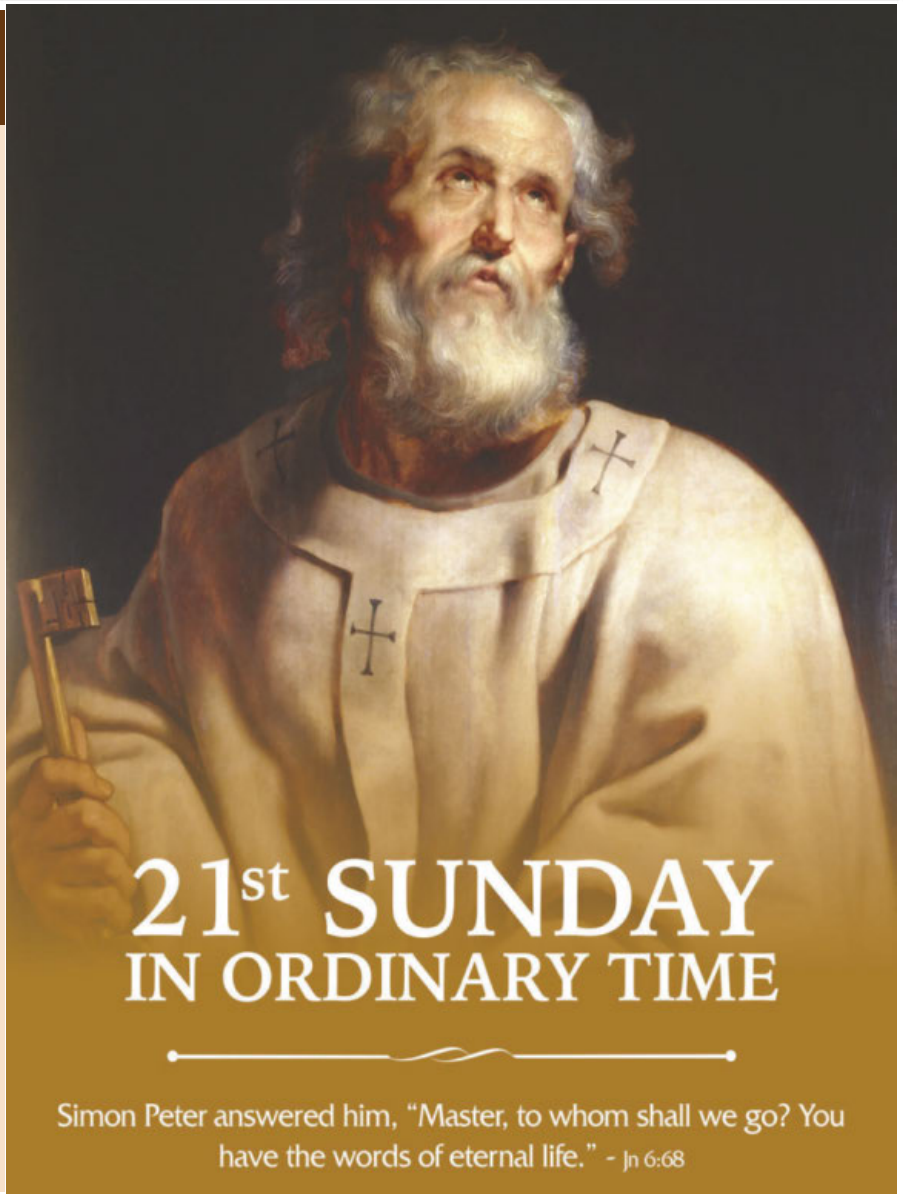
SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

The members of St. Joan of Arc Parish are disciples of Jesus Christ, who recognize God's love for the world & are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to all people through joyful worship, life-long education, compassionate service, responsible stewardship, & active community living.

~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am
Wednesday: 6:00 pm

Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am,
12:00 pm

Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm
7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Reconciliation

Wednesdays: 5:00 pm
Saturdays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
in the Sister Carol Center

Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7am Mass

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Center is open:
Monday - Thursday: 8:30am - 5:00pm
Friday: 8:30am - 4:00pm

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: 586-777-1342.

Baptisms: Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further arrangements based on submission of that form.

Marriages: Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series required.

Registration: It is very important that every family and independent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to register at your earliest opportunity: 586-777-3670.

OCIA: Please call the Parish Center: 586-777-3670.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, please register at stjoan.church and we will contact you by phone. Or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during office hours.

Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has increased our mass participation at daily and weekend masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

Go to: livestream.stjoan.church to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.

Weekday Masses

Monday thru Friday @ 7am
Wednesday @ 6pm

Weekend Masses

Saturdays @ 4pm & 6pm
Sundays @ 8am, 10am, 12pm

Holy Hour

Thursdays @ 7pm



Drivin' Ms. Daisy to the UP (Part 5): Looking for Crystal Falls): This week's article continues my "travelogue" of my journey to the Upper Peninsula with my Mom in mid-July.

While the primary purpose of our trip was to trace the footsteps of Bishop Baraga and visit the Shrine dedicated to him in L'Anse, Michigan, we also wanted to experience some of the beauty in the UP. My Mom had a few places she wanted to visit, and she got it in her head that she wanted to go into Canada while we were in Sault Ste. Marie. We both read there was this beautiful little falls about fifteen minutes from the border.

According to what we read, Crystal Falls is a "59-foot waterfall in Kinsmen Park, also known as Hiawatha Highlands Conservation Area, in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada.... The waterfall is located in Crystal Creek and tumbles down the rock face, winding around boulders and through crevices. It's hard to see the entire waterfall at once, but you can climb up alongside it to get different views." Based on that description, it sounded like an awesome place to visit.

On cue, Google Maps had me turn into Kinsmen Park. It was in the middle of absolutely nowhere. I expected to see signs and even other cars making the same journey. But there was nothing! That should have been enough of an indication that we should just turn around and head back to the good old USA! But, no, I decided to keep going. We pulled into this gravel parking lot that looked like it was long abandoned and closed. I felt like I was on the set of National Lampoon's Vacation with Clark Griswold, and we just arrived at Walley World. There was another car but nothing else. I told my Mom I would go and inspect things to see where this incredible Crystal Falls was located. I eventually stumbled upon two ladies deep into a conversation and asked them where the Falls were located. The one lady looked somewhat puzzled and said, "The Falls? I think they're up the road at the next turn-off." That should have been clue number two to turn around. But NO, I kept going. I thanked the ladies for their time. I then decided to walk around this little park to see if there was anything worthwhile to see. What I stumbled upon was a most

beautiful little lake surrounded by trees. It was breathtaking. I took a bunch of pictures (which I will post in my Sunday email), and I went back to Daisy Loo and told my Mom that we had to go up to the next turn-off. So, we exited Kinsmen Park and went up the road.

At the next turn-off, there was a sign that provided me with a bit of hope. It said we were entering the Hiawatha Highlands Conversation Area. I figured this was it. We turned right, and it was a dirt road that wasn't well-kept. The tree branches were hitting the top of Daisy Loo, and I had to go super slow as the craters in the road were HUGE. Suddenly, I found myself not only trying to dodge tree branches from hitting the top of Daisy Loo but also maneuvering so that I wouldn't do any damage to our trusted vehicle. At this point, Ms. Daisy (my Mom) was growing concerned about our journey, and she was worried about doing some serious damage to the RV because of the bouncing and now the scraping that was happening on the undercarriage because we were hitting the ground and bouncing all over the place. At this point, there was no turning back. We were also trying to dodge a bunch of kids riding their dirt bikes up and down this dirt road. So, here I am, trying to maneuver us through this severe "turbulence," but also worried about my passenger. At one point, I said, "Mom, this is going to be rough; I may need to blindfold you and drug you with some Xanax. I'll let you know when it's over." We eventually reached a spot where I could turn around and head back. I was sweating bullets the entire time!! This was far worse than the sandbar I encountered the previous day. I couldn't wait to get back to the main road and back to the USA. I was done for the day ... and so was "Ms. Daisy!" I think we both had some Chocolate wine that night!

Getting to Know Bishop Baraga (Part 5): One of the first key milestones in Father Baraga's missionary work was his time at the Ottawa Indian village of Waganakisi, later named Little Traverse. Here, his piety, humility, and sincerity won over many new converts to the faith. Within just two and a half months of his missionary work there, Baraga baptized 70 individuals, and by the end of 1831, he had baptized nearly 131 people.

Father Baraga's work was more than just baptizing new converts; he immersed himself in the community, preaching, hearing confessions, and teaching school through an interpreter. His dedication to his

mission was evident when, after being with the Ottawas for a little over a year, he mastered their language sufficiently to compose a prayer book and hymnal in their tongue.

Bishop Baraga's living conditions were far from comfortable. His log house was essentially a hut, with cold winds blowing through the cracks during long winters and rain dripping through the birch bark roof in the summer. To keep his bed dry, he resorted to spreading an umbrella over it. Despite these harsh conditions, he lived eagerly, fasted often, prayed much, and worked tirelessly. He always thanked God warmly for the privilege of serving Him. (Gregorich, Joseph, *The Apostle of the Chippewas*, 30)."

It is important to recall that Bishop Baraga's efforts occurred during a pivotal time in 19th-century America, characterized by westward expansion and the increasing confrontation between Indigenous peoples and European settlers. The Ojibwe, Ottawa, and Potawatomi tribes were facing significant changes to their way of life due to the intrusion of new settlers and conflicting cultural values. Father Baraga arrived at a time when the Catholic Church sought to address the spiritual needs of these communities amid the unrest caused by land treaties and forced relocations. Father Baraga formed a strong bond with the Ottawa people, allowing him to be seen as a trusted ally and advocate. The Ottawa people appreciated his commitment to their rights and well-being. However, Baraga's empathetic approach and refusal to conform to colonial expectations contributed to a less favorable perception among European settlers. Many viewed his advocacy for Indigenous rights and cultural preservation as an undermining of their own interests, leading to a mixed legacy that highlights the complexities of Bishop Baraga's role within both Indigenous and European communities.

More to come!

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of August 25, 2024



The First Multiplication | Bread of Life | Episode 1

In this first episode of Bread of Life, Dr. Tim Gray shares insights from Sacred Scripture and dives into the Gospel of Mark's account of the first multiplication of loaves. Dr. Gray shows how Christ's eucharistic teaching is grounded in the Old Testament, provides hope for the reconstitution of Israel, and anticipates the Last Supper.



Confessions of Augustine: Who Is St. Augustine? (Part 1 of 6)

Join these two patristic scholars as they help viewers learn how to read this classic text and draw from the riches of the spiritual life of the doctor of the Church, Saint Augustine.



The Bread of Life: Celebrating the Eucharist!

Join Brother Francis in the delightfully inspirational and instructive presentation that teaches children all about the sacrament of the Eucharist!

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With the kick-off of the new school year, it is time for *all* of us to give some prayerful thought to our children's education. Every one of us, whether we realize it or not, is affected by the development of the young members of our society. We might be tempted to think that if we don't have children of our own, we don't have any skin in the education game. But, we do. Similarly, even when we do have daughters or sons of our own, we might figure that once they are out of the house and on their own, concern about what kids are learning in school can fade into the background. Not so. Parents and grandparents often lose sight of their children's or grandchildren's learning processes. Sure, Grandma and Grandpa love to attend the little one's sporting events, holiday programs, and academic presentations. Yet, when it comes down to knowing the nitty-gritty of what's happening in the classrooms of youngsters, adults let 'somebody else' worry about that. They've had enough worry, raising their own families, they say.

As understandable as it might be to want to leave the specifics of formal education to someone else, none of us can afford to have a hands-off attitude regarding our children's learning. In fact, regardless of our age or family structure, we need to know what kinds of ideas are being poured into our children's heads. Particularly in elementary school, what children learn will largely form them into the people they will be for the rest of their lives. We simply cannot be too careful to ensure that our children are taught well.

So, what does it mean to be taught "well"? Good education is not simply a matter of "readin', writin', and 'rithmetic." Similarly, we hear a lot about STEM nowadays – Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. These fields of study are all good, but hardly representative of full-bodied education. Reading, writing, and arithmetic are simply basic *tools* for life-long learning. Furthermore, proficiency in the sciences, technology, systems design,

and advanced mathematical applications provides us with practical ways to have "dominion" over God's creation. Yet, excellence in these areas of study are a *means* to an end – *not an end in themselves*. Indeed, God formed us in his own image so that we might use created things to be fruitful and multiply. Even so, learning to be "masters of the universe" is not the ultimate goal of education.

So, why educate? *To know God*. Plain and simple – the point of education is to know our Creator - the *true* Master of the Universe. *All* of our efforts at growing intellectually, physically, emotionally, and spiritually will be pointless unless those efforts are guided toward fulfilling God's will. Happily, it's not as though a Godly educational process is foreign to us. In fact, being created in God's image, we are naturally drawn to learn more about him. We *want* to know God. We come to understand God a little more clearly through the things he has created, and in other people who are also made in his image. That's where formal education comes in.

We certainly learn a great deal about the world around us all on our own. We are curious, and our attraction to things prompts us to explore our surroundings. But learning on our own can be slow and tedious. We are far more effective learners when we combine our knowledge-seeking efforts and share them with others. Thus, we find ourselves in schools, like fish, moving through the waters of learning together. By sharing our personal learning experiences with others, our ability to learn more quickly expands dramatically. Since learning in groups is powerfully effective, it is necessary to keep close tabs on *what* the group is learning. Obviously, groups are made up of people – and people have a tendency to drift off course. We tend to pursue certain human interests even when our better judgment tells us we shouldn't. We find ourselves sinning. To keep ourselves out of trouble, we need to monitor what we learn, to scrutinize educational trends.

Educational trends within American culture, and Western civilization in general, often do not align with Catholic moral sensibilities. As Catholics, we adhere to the teachings of Jesus Christ. It shouldn't be news to anyone that living a faithful Christian life in 21st century America means swimming against the cultural tide most of the time. Given that environment, we might find ourselves getting lax in our demand for high educational standards for our children.

We get tired and worn down. We concede *seemingly* insignificant pieces of moral ground in favor of getting along with the culture. Yet, *nothing* in our Catholic, moral make-up is insignificant. Anything we surrender is a serious loss. It all comes back to the purpose of education in the first place: to know God.

Everything we do is useless unless it leads us closer to God. It doesn't matter if it is learning about a chemical reaction, how to color inside the lines, who Homer is (not Simpson!), or how many books are in the Catholic bible. It all relates to God. He created us for eternal union with him. So, what we do on earth *before* we go to God matters. How we spend our time, especially how we form our minds through education, will lead us either closer to God or farther from him. The Devil and his coworkers want us separated from the Lord, separated from the Truth. At bottom, the Truth in Jesus Christ is what we should want most for our children. The time they spend in class, engaging in school activities, has a huge bearing on their reception of Christian Truth versus worldly fiction. We must stay attentive to our young one's education. WE must guide them to the truth. And we must support those who give their lives to teach Christ to our loved ones, no matter what the class subject or school activity may be.

Peace,

Fr. Bob

St. Joan^{of} Arc OCIA

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Are you or anyone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? A new group is starting soon.

What is OCIA?

OCIA is the process through which a person becomes a fully initiated member of the Catholic Faith. It's for

- Adults and children of catechetical age (over 7 years) who have not been baptized
- Those who have been baptized in another Christian denomination who want to become Catholic
- Those who were baptized as infants in the Catholic Church but have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation (First Eucharist and/or Confirmation) and who have had no faith formation

How long does it take?

Each person is on a personal journey in his/her relationship with God. Time varies depending on the individual. We walk with you in this process.

Do I have to commit to becoming Catholic if I enter the OCIA process?

No, the OCIA process is marked by opportunities for discernment along the way, and ultimately it is about one's readiness and desire to be received into the Church.

Fill out the contact form for our OCIA coordinator, Patty Chase, at sjases.org/ocia or call the Parish Center at 586-777-3670

A prayer for conversions

O blessed apostle, St. Paul, greatest of all converts, who labored unceasingly for the conversion of other souls, inspire me with the ardor of your zeal that I may pray and work for the conversion of my brethren, redeemed in the blood of Christ but not as yet blessed with the full light of his truth.

Mindful of the loving concern of the Divine Shepherd for the salvation of the "other sheep that are not of this fold," I now beg your intercession to obtain the grace of conversion for those who do not know you and your church.

May God, the Holy Spirit from whom alone this gift can come, hear my humble prayer and thus enable me to share with others the riches of my heritage of faith through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPTEMBER 1 B

Reading One – Dt 4:1-2, 6-8

Moses said to the people: "Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe, that you may live, and may enter in and take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin upon you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it. Observe them carefully, for thus will you give evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations, who will hear of all these statutes and say, 'This great nation is truly a wise and intelligent people.' For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us whenever we call upon him? Or what great nation has statutes and decrees that are as just as this whole law which I am setting before you today?"

Responsorial – Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5

R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Whoever walks blamelessly and does justice; who thinks the truth in his heart and slanders not with his tongue.

R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Who harms not his fellow man, nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor; by whom the reprobate is despised, while he honors those who fear the LORD.

R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Who lends not his money at usury and accepts no bribe against the innocent. Whoever does these things shall never be disturbed.

R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Reading Two – Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Dearest brothers and sisters: All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change. He willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Alleluia – Jas 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Father willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel – Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands. For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders. And on coming from the marketplace they do not eat without purifying themselves. And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed, the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds. So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him, "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: *This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts.* You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile."

"From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile."



August 25, 2024

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b | Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32 | Jn 6:60-69

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

“If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve.” Not much nuance or wiggle room in that phrase, is there? This is what Joshua said to the people in today’s first reading, when he gathered together all the tribes of Israel. Although these were God’s chosen people, they still had to make a conscious choice – a decision to live with God and be obedient to him, or not. Jesus’ followers and disciples faced the same test of resolve in today’s Gospel, as he had just revealed himself as the bread of life. Some left and some stayed. We, too, must decide, today and every day. Too busy or distracted to attend to God? Then what? Do we have a plan? In this busy world, there is always something calling out for our attention. But there is nothing more important for our happiness in this life and the next than to stay focused on a life of service to Christ and his Church. For, as Peter says, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” The Twelve have made the choice as to whom they will serve: they will serve the Lord.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We serve the Lord in building his kingdom, and we all have a role to play in that. First, we use the gifts and talents with which we have been blessed. Next, we ignore the world’s charge to put ourselves first and, instead, turn to family, friends and even strangers, and take care of them. Loving people the way Jesus loves is not easy. Paul compares the love of Christ for his Church and the love between husband and wife: It is sacrificial, all-encompassing love that submits the whole of oneself to its flourishing. It is the love of Christ in the Eucharist which he offers to give us the clarity and strength to do the work we are called to do. We are called to serve the Lord, and may we do so with praise and thanksgiving.

SERVE “As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” What a beautiful verse. How can you, as a family or individually, serve the Lord this week? Think of one or two specific aspects of your life and ask the Lord to show you how they may be used for his glory and in service to him.

Joshua Confronting the Sun at Gibeon by John Martin, CDD



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CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL
2024



SAVE THE DATE

18th Annual Gala for St. Joan of Arc School

SPARK *the* NIGHT

RED *and* WHITE

November 2, 2024

Our annual Gala is the largest fundraiser to benefit St. Joan of Arc School!
We **ENCOURAGE** everyone to wear a SPARK of red and white!!

Here are ways you can support this great event!

- ✦ **Attend the event!** Tickets are \$125/person and will go on sale in late September.
 - Your ticket includes a plated dinner, open bar, DJ & dancing, and a front row seat to our silent and live auctions...and a chance to win from our Charger Corner raffle!
- ✦ **Buy raffle tickets!** \$5000 in prizes to four lucky winners!
 - Raffle tickets will be on sale after all masses beginning the weekend of October 5th/6th
 - Tickets are \$20/each or 6 for \$100. Cash or check accepted. Payable to: St. Joan of Arc
- ✦ **Auction Donations!** Contact the School or Parish Center offices to donate auction items.
 - Give Back Boards will be available beginning the weekend of Sept 7th/8th.
 - PLEASE NOTE: We are only able to accept new and wrapped items.
- ✦ **Be a Sponsor or Advertise!** Promote your business thru our various sponsorship & advertising opportunities. Contact Emily Radatz for further information.

Contact Us:

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or Emily Radatz (emilyradatz@gmail.com)

Mark your calendar for a great time...

NOVEMBER 2, 2024 | GROSSE POINTE YACHT CLUB

Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, August 26th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 AM Funeral for Karen Rygiel

Tuesday, August 27th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

Wednesday, August 28th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

5:00 PM Reconciliation

6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

Thursday, August 29th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

7:00 PM Holy Hour - Live Streamed

Friday, August 30th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

NO SCHOOL & PARISH CENTER CLOSED

Saturday, August 31st

11:00 AM Reconciliation

1:00 PM Wedding of Nicole Purcell &
Thomas Ross

4:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

Sunday, September 1st

8:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

12:00 PM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

Words on the Word

August 25, 2024 – Love Conquers All

We live in a very turbulent time, politically speaking. By its nature, politics has always been divisive. But we've gotten to a point in our national "dialogue" where colleague is pitted against colleague, neighbor against neighbor, and even family member against family member. Nobody is clear anymore which issue might trigger a contentious political debate.

USA Today recently did a story looking at the problem. The headline: "She's a Democrat. He's a Republican. Can love conquer all?" It focused on a married St. Louis couple and their ways in which their relationship has had to adapt to the changing political culture.

At one point, the story said, the wife posted a video on social media discussing the couple's political differences. "It quickly went viral," the story said, adding "thousands told her to get a divorce and that her husband is the devil."

Yikes. All this over the difference between being red or blue, which the wife quickly added is something they continue to lovingly work through.

In an effort to offer helpful advice, the story observes "As cliché as it sounds, they've found that their love for each other than their family outweighs political tension."

One would hope that wisdom is unassailable, but, alas, it increasingly seems not to be.

St. Paul offers a word of advice, grounded in God's love for his church, in today's second reading from his letter to the Ephesians.

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over to sanctify her," he writes. "Cleansing her by the bath of water and the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, with spot or wrinkle or any such thing..."

"So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies."

Advice to be sure, that goes both ways, and transcends politics.

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Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Monday August 26, 2024 Weekday (Green)

7:00 am Deacon Robert Busch

Tuesday August 27, 2024 Saint Monica (White)

7:00 am Marie Rogier

Wednesday August 28, 2024 Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (White)

7:00 am Hugo Calisi

6:00 pm Giovanni Ciccone

Thursday August 29, 2024 The Passion of Saint John the Baptist (Red)

7:00 am Florance Semany

Friday August 30, 2024 Weekday (Green)

7:00 am A Special Intention for David Dinsler

Saturday, August 31, 2024 Vigil for the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)

4:00 pm Sophie Rupinki, Roseann Coules, Martin Krall, Edward S. Ancypa, Bonnie Batche, Thomas Benoit, and Special Intentions for the J. Champine Family, the Thomas Family, Alison Reslow, Marco Julian Moro, and Tom & Diana Ziolkowski

6:00 pm Mario & Ann Catalanotte

Sunday, September 1, 2024 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)

8:00 am The Intentions of SJA Parishioners

10:00 am Robert Boesiger

12:00 pm Beverly Ohlrich, Daniel Drop and Special Intentions for Alison Reslow and Marco Julian Moro

Daily Readings

Monday, August 26

2 Thessalonians 1:1-12
Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 27

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17
Matthew 23:23-26

Wednesday, August 28

2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18
Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday, August 29

1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Mark 6:17-29

Friday, August 30

1 Corinthians 1:1-19
Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday, August 31

1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday, September 1

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



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Minnie Louise Haskins

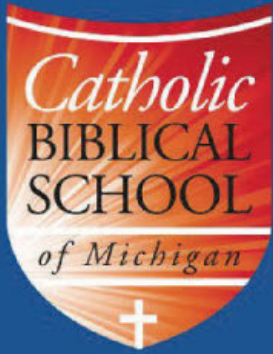


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Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
August 25, 2024

Make Up Your Mind

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

One can say that life is a series of choices. You have to make up your mind; which shall it be? Some of these choices are insignificant: Red or green? Others are much more important. To what shall I commit my life? Shall I get married? There are some choices that are even more momentous: What kind of a person do I want to be—trustworthy or crafty? Should I even bother with God and religion?

Having spent a lifetime in the wilderness, the Israelites were poised in the land of the Amorites, ready to enter the land promised to them by God.

Sunday Readings

Joshua 24:1–2a, 15–17, 18b

[Joshua said,] “Choose today whom you will serve.... As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

Ephesians 5:21–32 or 5:2a, 25–32

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her.

John 6:60–69

Simon Peter answered..., “You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.”

Before they moved forward, a pressing decision had to be made. Which god were they going to worship? A Canaanite god who presumably made the land before them fertile and inviting? Or the God who delivered them from Egypt, fed them in the wilderness, brought them safely to this point, and yet with whom they quarreled throughout their wilderness sojourn? Joshua voiced his decision: “As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord” (Joshua 24:15).

Jesus’ declaration of himself as “the bread of life” troubled many people (John 6:35). It was then, and still is today, a difficult saying. It was repulsive to many, and they thought that Jesus sounded blasphemous. Those who could not accept his claim left him. He asked his closest followers, as he asks us today: “Do you also want to leave?” Speaking for all, Peter replied: “Master, to whom shall we go?” (John 6:67–68). How might you answer? †

To what shall I commit my life?

What kind of a person do I want to be?



A Word from Pope Francis

[The message of] Jesus throws us into crisis.... We should be worried if he does not throw us into crisis, because we might have watered down his message! And we ask for the grace to let ourselves be provoked and converted by his “words of eternal life.”

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 22, 2021



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Have I made any thing or anyone into a little god?
- What is one action I can take to make room for God?

The Women St. Paul Worked With

Fr. William J. Parker, CSsR

Saint Paul is sometimes referred to as the patron saint of everything. Paul referred to himself as “the servant of Jesus Christ.” His life and teachings reveal his passion to spread the faith across the globe. Paul’s letters reveal a complex side of the man. In them, we find the personal cost of his love for Jesus and the vibrant energy with which he engaged men and women as coworkers in this missionary endeavor.

It may come as a surprise to some that many of his closest coworkers and associates were women. One couple, Priscilla (also referred to as Prisca) and Aquila, shared a special relationship with St. Paul (1 Corinthians 16:19 and



Romans 16:3). He acknowledged the depth of his gratitude to them in the greetings he sent at the end of Romans: “Greet Prisca and Aquila, my coworkers

in Christ Jesus, who risked their necks for my life” (Romans 16:3–4). Paul met them in Corinth where they were leather workers, as well as Christian converts. The term he used to describe them as fellow workers is the same he used to describe Timothy and Titus, who coauthored several of Paul’s letters. In another case, Paul commended Phoebe to the church in Rome; she may have brought the letter to the community on behalf of Paul (Romans 16:1–2). Paul referred to her as “deacon,” which is the same word he used for himself to mean “one who provides relief to others” (1 Corinthians 3:5; 2 Corinthians 3:1–11). Again in his letter to the Philippians, he pleaded with two women who are at odds in the community: Evodia and Synteché. He mentioned how they labored side by side with him (Philippians 4:2–3).

While Paul’s Jewish formation colored his considerations, he was also at home with the ministry and the advice of women and men he trusted. †

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From “Preparing for Our Final Journey: Life Is Changed, Not Ended”

As we think about preparing for death, unfinished business may come to mind. Some will mourn the missed adventures, the unread books, the unheard music, the unseen wonders of the world. We need not mourn these. Heaven will contain all of this and more. Perhaps there is other unfinished business. Is there a relationship that needs healing? An unspoken apology? A need for truth-telling if we have been deceptive, generosity if we have been selfish, words or gestures of affection if we have been distant? With the help of a confessor and the sacrament of penance, we may discern those areas of our lives that need mending. We still have time. Today. As St. Paul writes, “Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation” (2 Corinthians 6:2). †

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God of truth, open my heart and my mind to receive the hard truths and help me believe that these truths will set me free. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

August 26–31

Monday, Weekday:
2 Thes 1:1–5, 11–12 / Mt 23:13–22

Tuesday, St. Monica:
2 Thes 2:1–3a, 14–17 / Mt 23:23–26

Wednesday, St. Augustine:
2 Thes 3:6–10, 16–18 / Mt 23:27–32

Thursday, Passion of St. John the Baptist:
1 Cor 1:1–9 / Mk 6:17–29

Friday, Weekday:
1 Cor 1:17–25 / Mt 25:1–13

Saturday, Weekday:
1 Cor 1:26–31 / Mt 25:14–30

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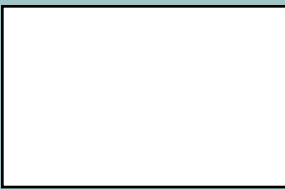


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