

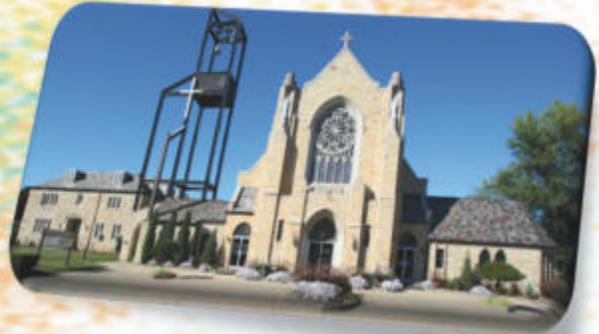
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Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time August 1, 2021

**Give peace, O God,
To those who wait for you.**

Sunday Masses:

Vigil on Saturday evening at 4:30pm

Sunday Morning :

Summer Schedule - (May 1 – Aug. 31)

8:00 and 10:00am

Winter Schedule - (Sept 1 – April 30)

8:00 and 11:00am

Weekday Masses: Monday – Friday 8:00am
(Fri. during School – 9:00am)

Baptism:

By appointment only. Please contact the parish office.

Celebration of Penance:

3:45pm- Saturday afternoon

5:30pm – after the Saturday evening Mass

8:30am – after Mass on the Thursday

before the first Friday of the month.

Marriage:

Please contact the parish office at least six months beforehand.

Anointing of the Sick:

Please call the office if anyone in your family is hospitalized or in need of a priest.

Mass Intentions for This Week

Saturday, July 31

4:30 p.m. Margaret Anne Filitske -- Pete & Elaine Pape

Sunday, August 1

8:00 a.m. Parishioners

10:00 a.m. In honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel --
Saint Joseph Spaghetti Dinner Volunteers

Monday, August 2

8:00 a.m. Anna, Joseph, & Michael Salapata -- George & Fran Shenosky

Tuesday, August 3

8:00 a.m. Edwardine Prontock -- Donna McMinn

Wednesday, August 4

8:00 a.m. John Liscinsky -- Paul & Bertha Koza

Thursday, August 5

8:00 a.m. Edward Masi -- Joe & Darlene DeVivo

Friday, August 6

8:00 a.m. Sheryl McLaughlin -- Family & Friends

Saturday, August 7

8:00 a.m. John Stellabuto -- Richard LaRocca

4:30 p.m. John & Anna Kostick -- Karen & Paul Bonemberger

Sunday, August 8

8:00 a.m. John Orsich -- Dave & Angela Cesario

10:00 a.m. Doug Shaffer -- Barb Bowser



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not live on
bread alone
but on
every word
that comes
from the
mouth of
God

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Amen!

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THE
WEEK
AHEAD

Monday, August 2

7:00 pm -- K. of C. - Reschini Hall

Tuesday, August 3

6:00 pm -- Recitation of the Rosary - Church

6:00 pm -- Men's Basketball - Gym

Friday August 6 First Friday

8:30 a.m. - Noon -- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church

6:00 - 10:00pm -- Festival Grounds Open

Saturday, August 7

5:30 - 10pm -- Festival Grounds Open

Sunday, August 8

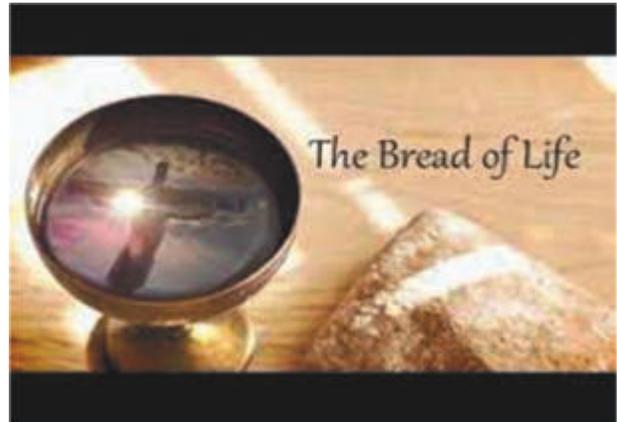
11:00 am - 10:00pm -- Festival Grounds Open

Dear Parishioners,

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you, for it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."

Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So, they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."



I was told a story about an elderly farmer, renowned for early rising, used to sit in the village church while waiting for the creamery to open. No doubt he used to pray a bit, but he also used to have a look at the newspaper. One morning the peevish curate found him there and protested loudly about the newspaper. "It's ok, Father," said the farmer, "I was reading the deaths column." That stopped the priest in his tracks; he retreated with apologies. You can browse death in church, but not life.

In those days everyone looked dead in church. In the Tridentine Mass there is no interaction between people, no common responses, no sign of peace. People used to sink into their private thoughts or devotions as soon as the Mass began; many said the rosary, and the less devout looked around them (but not behind them: that was taboo). Only the consecration bell brought them together; and for a few moments there was total silence. Then at the sixth bell there was always an outburst of coughing (that was the only common response). Few received Communion. We have forgotten how *privatized* the Tridentine Mass was.

The reform of the Liturgy in the 1960s was an attempt to correct this eccentric development. There was nothing privatized about Jesus' way of life or his way of worship. He spoke frequently of heaven as a banquet; he sat at table with all kinds of people; he miraculously fed the crowds. Sharing food is a frequent theme in the gospels, a favorite in Luke's (see, for example, 5:29-32, and chapter 14).

Is all privacy suppressed, then, in our religion? No, but the chasm between the private and the public is *bridged*. Eating is at once a private and social affair. If we break a biscuit and you eat one half while I eat the other, my half becomes me and yours becomes you; biology is very individual in that sense. Yet eating is one of the most social of all activities; when people want to celebrate together and have joy in one another's company, they think first of having a meal together. It is a wonderful *bridging of the chasm between individual and community*, between private and public, between selfish and unselfish desire. Neither is neglected or suppressed. This contains a profound wisdom about human living, and about the life of grace. My desire for God is not the enemy of my desire for my dinner, it is in continuity with it. The discontinuity is with greed, not with the natural appetite. In this sense the Eucharist is also a bridge between nature and grace.

At the Eucharist we are not always fully present: sometimes, however new our Liturgy may be, we are half asleep; but that is not the worst kind of absence. The worst kind is when our hearts remain shut; then we are

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making community impossible, we are emptying the Eucharist of its meaning; and we are not allowing it to be a bridge between ourselves and our neighbor. The Lord is present on the altar *so that* he may be present in us; “this is my body” so that *you* can be my body, my bodily members, my completion. Jesus is the head of the Body, we the members, said St Paul. The Eucharist is not only what happens on the altar, but what happens in the entire church (and what happens in our lives for the rest of the week). Listen not only to the readings and prayers, ‘listen’ also to the people around you be aware of them, be grateful that they are there, don’t see them as strangers even if you don’t know their names. The one who said, “I am the bread of life” wants us to share that bread - his life, his care, his love - with others, “so that we who are fed by God may live in his way” (St Cyprian).

God Bless!
Msgr. J. Riccardo

LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Lectors or Eucharistic Ministers wishing to be placed back on the schedule for weekend Masses are asked to call the office, 814-938-6540, ext. 210.

We hope to produce our usual schedule soon and hope to add your name to the list of those currently active in these ministries. We look forward to your participation.

At this time, we are scheduling one Lector and two Eucharistic Ministers for each weekend Mass.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today’s gospel Jesus tells us: “Do not work for what perishes.” Give your life to what endures such as the family history you are creating, the love and mutual respect which bonds you together, the memories you share and the forgiveness generously given. These are the true treasures that are worth working and dying for.

SCRIP PROGRAM

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HELP NEEDED

We are in need of additional volunteers for our 2021/2022 Religious Education Program. **We are currently seeking instructors for Grades 1, 3, and 11. We also need help in the Religious Education office during class times.**

If you have a few hours a week to give and would like to become involved in our program, you can contact the office. Training will be provided.

FIRST FRIDAY

Friday of this week, August 6, is the first Friday of the month.

Confessions for the First Friday will be on Thursday at 8:30am.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday beginning after the **8am Mass until Noon**. Our special intention for this month will be for safety of all travelers during this Summer vacation season.

Please plan to come spend some time in adoration of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin boards.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION





Rest In Peace

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Thomas Crumish of our parish, Bette London of our parish, and Jennifer Bevak of our parish, all of whom passed away this week. Please keep them and their families

in your prayers.

May their souls rest in peace.



For the benefit of those who may be ill or unable to return to Mass at this time, we will continue to live stream the 10am Mass each Sunday.

Look for the graphic on our parish website, sscdchurch.com, and click the link on Sundays at 10am to join.

If you have any questions, just call the office.

OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS

The Catholic Bishops of Pennsylvania have issued statements indicating that the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass will soon be lifted.



Bishop Persico has announced that he is reinstating the obligation to attend Mass in person on Sundays and Holy Days in the Diocese of Erie beginning on Sunday, Aug 15.

As always, the obligation does not apply to those with serious illness or health risks, as well as their caregivers.

K OF C FOOTBALL TICKETS

The Knights have the 2021 Football Tickets for sale! Limited number available.



Anyone interested can contact a Knight for a ticket. Tickets are \$10 each and are based on NFL football team scores from November 7 - January 9.

K OF C SUMMER PICNIC

All Knights of Columbus, and any man interested in becoming a Knight, are invited to the K. of C. Summer Picnic.

It will be held Monday, September 13, 6:30pm, at Reschini Hall in Walston. On the menu is a prime rib dinner with corn on the cob, baked potatoes, and salad.



Those interested in attending need to get in touch with either Joe Nogacek, 814-938-4668, or Joe Defelice, 814-952-7824, to sign up. The cost is \$15 and must be paid by August 31.

PRAYER CHAIN

To add a name to the Prayer Chain, call Pat Rougeux, 814-938-4464 or Anna Smoczek, 814-427-2456.

If you are unable to reach either of them, you may call the office weekdays 9am - 4pm.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

A Rosary in honor of our Lady of Fatima is prayed every Tuesday evening at 6pm in church.



Please join us. Everyone is welcome.

SANCTUARY CLEANERS THIS WEEK

Jeanne Farcus, Barb Gresock, Bertha Koza, Sharon Murray.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

August 1, 2021

COMPANIONS IN SHIPWRECK

Good relationships are a vital part of human well-being. In fact, studies show that those with the healthiest relationships live the longest! But where can we see these friendships lived out? Look no further than the life of famed author J.R.R. Tolkien. The relationships he exhibited are a wonderful example for all of us to follow, especially with those we may disagree with. As Tolkien described marriage, it's all about being "companions in shipwreck."



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SSCD LAWN FESTIVAL

Grounds open 6:00 - 10:00pm Friday evening,
5:30 - 10pm on Saturday,
and 11am - 10pm on Sunday!

ENTERTAINMENT

A variety of great entertainment will be on the Festival stage each evening!



Home Run Derby
1pm Sunday
Ages 9 - 12

GREAT FOOD!

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FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIE!!

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**Childrens'
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**Hoop Shoot
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Ages 8 - 13**



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Quilt Raffle

The ladies of the Rosary Altar Society are selling tickets for two beautiful Quilts to be raffled off at the SSCD Lawn Festival!

Thank you in advance for your support!

Alumni Gathering Saturday 7 - 9pm

On Saturday evening all "over 21" Alumni of SSCD and Saint Adrian Schools, including all who attended our schools, are invited to a Wine & Cheese Social. Plan to join us for an opportunity to enjoy the company of your classmates and share treasured memories of your days in our Catholic Schools.

CHILD PROTECTIONS AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

Documentation for Safety: Working alongside the Bishop, the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth reinforces the ongoing implementation of policies and procedures that protect children. All employees, volunteers and clergy in the Diocese of Erie who work with children must undergo criminal record checks. The diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth screening guidelines and abuse prevention training programs emphasize the importance of knowing the employees and volunteers who have access to children in our schools and parishes. Parents should remain vigilant in insisting that those with access to their children have gone through an application process and obtained the required clearances and trainings before being granted access to their children. Visit:

<https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/> to see what documentation and training is required for those who work with children and youth in our parishes/schools/agencies.

SAINT VINCENT DePAUL WEEKLY FOOD DONATION

Food donation next Sunday, **August 8 - Baked Beans**. Thank you for your support!

2021 FESTIVAL CASH RAFFLE

If you have already purchased tickets, thank you!! If you haven't had an opportunity to purchase your ticket yet, you can stop in the office this week. **Tickets will be available at the Festival until sold out.** As always, 100% of the proceeds will go directly to the support of our school.

Drawing will be held on August 8, 2021 at the Festival!

1st prize - \$10,000
2nd prize - \$5,000
3rd prize - \$1,000

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 1, 2021

- Sunday:** 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
- Wednesday:** St. John Vianney, Priest
- Thursday:** The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
- Friday:** The Transfiguration of the Lord
- Saturday:** St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest; BVM
- Next Sunday:** 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEEKLY OFFERTORY ANALYSIS July 25, 2021 SACRIFICIAL GIVING MEANS		Catholic Services Appeal 2021	
Church Offertory		2021 Diocesan Assessment \$76,000.00	
<i>Envelopes sent</i>	711	Total Parish Goal \$126,000.00	
<i>Adult Envelopes Returned</i>	187		
Adult	\$5,422.75	Pledged Amt:	\$91,255.00
Holy Day	\$30.00	Paid on Pledge:	\$83,724.05
Children	\$16.00	Unpaid Pledges:	\$7,530.95
Loose	\$371.00	Unpledged Donations:	\$10,503.67
Monthly	\$475.00	Collected to Date:	\$94,227.72
Total	\$6,314.75		
<i>Weekly Goal</i>	\$8,000.00		
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$1,685.25)		
Accumulated(+/-) Goal	\$3,827.96 <i>Under goal</i>		

Readings for the Week of August 1, 2021

- Sunday:** Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35
- Monday:** Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday:** Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
- Wednesday:** Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday:** Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23
- Friday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
- Saturday:** Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4, 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20
- Next Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-5

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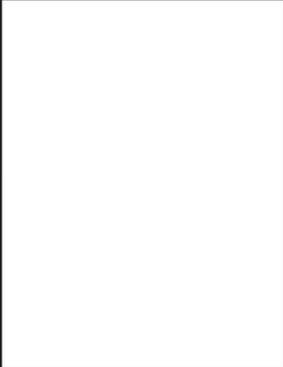
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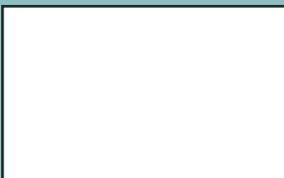
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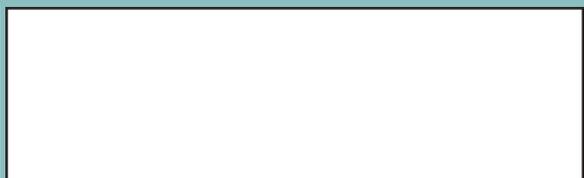
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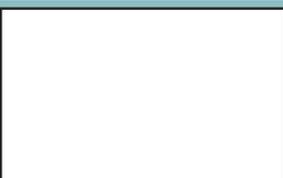
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