

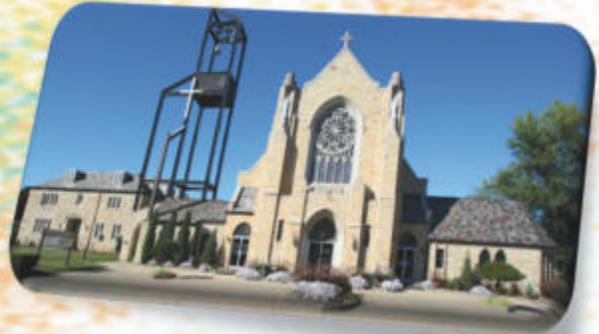
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Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time August 8, 2021

**Give glory to our God
And call upon His name!**

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, August 7

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

Monday, August 9

8:00 a.m. Parishioners

Tuesday, August 10

8:00 a.m. Mary & Leo Johnston -- Tom & Nancy Wise

Wednesday, August 11

8:00 a.m. Deceased of the Nicholas Hudak Family -- John Zinzella

Thursday, August 12

8:00 a.m. Ralph & Mary Gianvito -- Joe Anziano

Friday, August 13

8:00 a.m. Donald Ranieri -- Mom

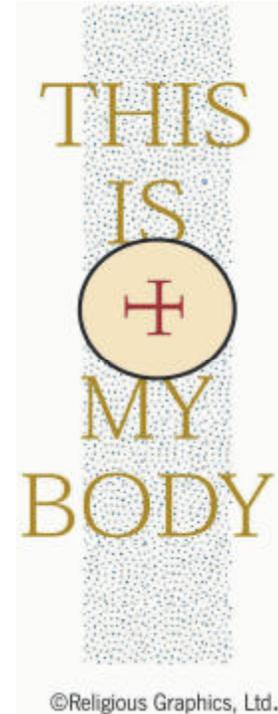
Saturday, August 14

4:30 p.m. Bob Roberts -- Jason & Holly Grusky & Family

Sunday, August 15

8:00 a.m. Parishioners

10:00 a.m. Rose Marie Goyette -- Family



Saturday, August 7

5:30 - 10pm -- Festival Grounds Open

Sunday, August 8

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

Tuesday, August 10

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

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

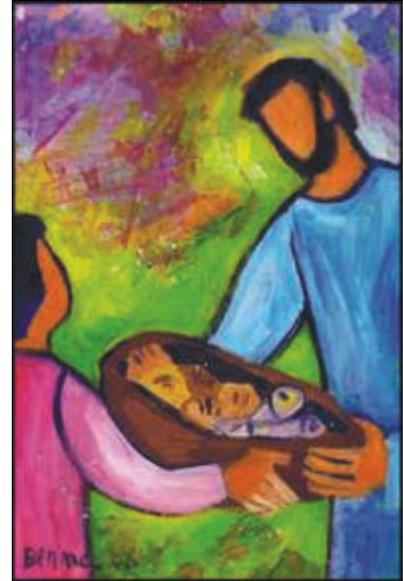
Saturday, August 14

11:00 a.m. until sold out -- K of C Chicken BBQ - Parking Lot Pavilion



Dear Parishioners,

The Jews began to complain about Jesus because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life.



I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

“The night is dark, and I am far from home, / Lead thou me on...” wrote John Henry Newman. He wrote that hymn, *Lead Kindly Light*, on board ship from Italy to England, when he was gravely ill and believed himself to be dying. “I do not ask to see / the distant scene; one step enough for me.” We instinctively see our life as a journey, never more keenly than when we think the journey is nearly over. They say, ‘seasons of life’. Our life is like the seasons of the year in little: from the Spring and Summer of youth to the Autumn, and eventually Winter... The same life-pattern is inscribed on each day: in the morning you emerge from your bed as from a womb; then the day moves through its phases until late at night all you want to do is lie down and sleep. The pattern of your whole life is appearing in every portion of it.

Elijah went a day’s journey into the desert, sat down under a broom tree and prayed that he might die. “I’ve had enough, Lord,” he said. Anyone reading that story (today’s first reading) will know that it is not just a story about one man on a particular day; it is the story of everyone’s life. An angel touched Elijah and said, “Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you!” Strengthened by that food he travelled for forty days and forty nights until he reached the mountain of God. This ancient story is recalled in today’s Liturgy because it reminds us of the Eucharist.

Like most stories, it is more than a list of facts; it is a prose poem about human life. Life is long and often very hard. “I’ve had enough!” said Elijah – and with him every human being at some time in their life. The journey is too much for you, said the angel; you need help. You will get nowhere with the meager provisions you brought with you. You will never reach ‘the mountain of God’: you will die without discovering the deepest meaning and fulfilment of your life.

“I am the bread of life,” Jesus said. “The bread that I will give... is my flesh.” Eating is assimilation: the food becomes the very substance of what you are. I know a priest who says (quoting St Augustine) “Receive what you are!” as he distributes Communion at Mass. As Augustine wrote, “Bread is a quantity of grains baked together into one mass.... To eat that bread is to dwell in Christ and Christ in you.”

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.



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.

USHERS NEEDED

We are in need of additional ushers for the **4:30pm and 10:00am** Masses. Anyone wishing to be an usher at Mass can contact the office at 814-938-6540 or sscdofc@comcast.net to let us know your availability and Mass time preference. Thank you.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

“Stop murmuring” Jesus told the disciples in today’s gospel. Complaining is a dead-end; constant complaining is nagging. We might feel better but others feel bitter. Silence or grumbling will not resolve the problem. Address differences honestly and respectfully. Don’t make them personal attacks.

SCRIP PROGRAM

Join the Scrip Program and earn rebates on all your regular purchases and gift giving!

Scrip Cash and Carry is available in the School office Monday through Thursday, 7am - Noon.

You can also use the Scrip “PrestoPay” feature that provides electronic delivery options (i.e. electronic credit to spend online or refill a merchant’s card that you already have in your possession). Questions about PrestoPay can be directed to the Scrip program coordinator.



Thank you for supporting SSCD School through your participation in the Scrip Program.

CHICKEN BBQ

The Knights of Columbus are planning a Chicken Barbeque!

It will be held next **Saturday, August 14th**, beginning at 11:00am until sold out.

Dinner includes half a chicken, baked beans, macaroni salad, roll, and cookie for \$9 or a half chicken for \$7. They will be located in the church parking lot pavilion just off Sycamore Street.

Mark your calendar and stop by on the 14th to pick up a great dinner. Thank you for your support!



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 should 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.



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.

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.

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, August 15th.



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

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.

SANCTUARY CLEANERS THIS WEEK

Debbie Rougeux, Pat Rougeux, Kim Kopas, Karen Burkett

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America.

The Catholic Church in Latin America is currently facing barriers to practicing its faith. Shortages of resources, pastoral workers, and poor infrastructure make simple things like attending weekly Mass difficult for many. As members of the same family of faith, we have a unique opportunity to assist our brothers and sisters in overcoming these hardships while growing in their faith through the **Collection for the Church in Latin America**.

This collection, scheduled for next weekend, August 14/15, is an important resource for the **Church in Latin America**. The proceeds are used in dioceses, parishes, religious congregations, seminaries and other Catholic institutions. The collection assists in the formation of priests, religious, lay ministers, missionaries, catechists and youth ministers.

Please renew your support for our brothers and sisters in Latin America with your prayers and your support of this year's CLA collection.

There is an envelope attached to your bulletin for this special collection. Thank you!



FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

August 8, 2021

EDITH STEIN: THE SEVENTH CHAMBER

This is a moving, artistic portrayal of the life of Jewish philosopher, Catholic convert, and Carmelite martyr, Edith Stein. It powerfully captures the interior struggles of this extraordinary woman and her journey toward the Lord. Deeply influenced by the writings of St. Teresa of Avila, she joined the Carmelites, took the name of Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, and was put to death in Auschwitz in 1942. In honor of Teresa Benedicta's feast day, enjoy this film.



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SSCD LAWN FESTIVAL

This Weekend!!!

*The Festival will continue from
5:30 - 10:00pm on Saturday and from 11am- 10pm on Sunday*

Grand Prizes

This year, we are offering **3 great Cash Prizes with a First Prize of \$10,000!** The Grand Prize drawing will be at 10pm on Sunday.

Great Food

Come and eat at the Festival - all your favorite foods are available. Great sandwiches and a large variety of side orders, popcorn, sno-cones, fried dough, ice cream cones made with Penn State Creamery Ice Cream, and much, much more! **Food will be available following the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday and all day Sunday!**

Kiddyland!

New games - lots of fun!

Home Run Derby

1pm on Sunday - *Ages 9 - 12*

Hoop Shoot

4pm on Sunday - *Ages 8 - 13*

Childrens' Art Show

Come and vote for your favorite artwork! Winner announced at 6pm on Sunday.

Quilt Raffle

The Rosary Altar Society is again sponsoring the Quilt Raffle. Stop by the Rosary Altar table to see the beautiful quilts being offered and purchase a ticket!

Cake & Ice Cream

Be sure to stop by the Cake & Ice Cream booth to enjoy a delicious treat of cake and ice cream. We are again serving delicious Penn State Creamery Ice Cream in a variety of great flavors!

Entertainment

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

Alumni Gathering - Saturday 7-9pm

On Saturday evening all "over 21" Alumni of SSCD and Saint Adrian Schools, including all who attended our schools and finished at PHS, 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.



E-MAIL ADDRESSES

If we don't have your email address, or if your address has recently changed, please contact us at sscdofc@comcast.net so we can add you to our address book.

We will never share your e-mail address. Help us to stay in touch with you!

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.



SAINT VINCENT DePAUL WEEKLY FOOD DONATION

Food donation next Sunday, August 15 - Fruit Cocktail. Thank you for your support!

SAINT VINCENT DePAUL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday, August 14 -

Mike Hudock, Stan Smochek, Greg Aikens



2021 FESTIVAL CASH RAFFLE

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 Sunday night at the Festival!

RECTORY OFFICE

Please note that the office will not open until 12:00 Noon on Monday, August 9th.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 8, 2021

- Sunday:** 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
- Tuesday:** St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
- Wednesday:** St. Clare, Virgin
- Thursday:** St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
- Friday:** Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
- Saturday:** St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings for the Week of August 8, 2021

- Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/ Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51
- Monday:** Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27
- Tuesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
- Wednesday:** Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20
- Thursday:** Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1
- Friday:** Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12
- Saturday:** Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15
- Next Sunday:** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY ANALYSIS

August 1, 2021

SACRIFICIAL GIVING MEANS 10%

Church Offertory

<i>Envelopes sent</i>	711
<i>Adult Envelopes Returned</i>	201
Adult	\$6,597.25
Holy Day	\$50.00
Children	\$14.00
Loose	\$224.00
Monthly	\$1,595.00
Total	\$8,480.25
<i>Weekly Goal</i>	<i>\$8,000.00</i>
Surplus (Deficit)	\$480.25
Accumulated(+/-) Goal	\$3,347.71 <i>Under goal</i>

Catholic Services Appeal 2021

2021 Diocesan Assessment \$76,000.00	
Total Parish Goal \$126,000.00	
Pledged Amt:	\$91,255.00
Paid on Pledge:	\$84,004.05
Unpaid Pledges:	\$7,250.95
Unpledged Donations:	\$11,025.67
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