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Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 31, 2022

**Lord, make haste
to help me!**

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 30

4:30 p.m. Don Bryan -- Mike & Fran

Sunday, July 31

8:00 a.m. Richard & Edward Guilfoyle --

Kathy Painter

10:00 a.m. Joseph Uzzo -- Family

Monday, August 1

8:00 a.m. Parishioners

Tuesday, August 2

8:00 a.m. Daniel & Nancy Payson -- Nancy Wise

Wednesday, August 3

8:00 a.m. Deceased of the Filipovich Family --

Mark Maciejewski

Thursday, August 4

8:00 a.m. Father Bob Yetsko --

Bill & Jean Farcus

Friday, August 5

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

Saturday, August 6

8:00 a.m. Adam Muto -- Frank & Mary McSteen

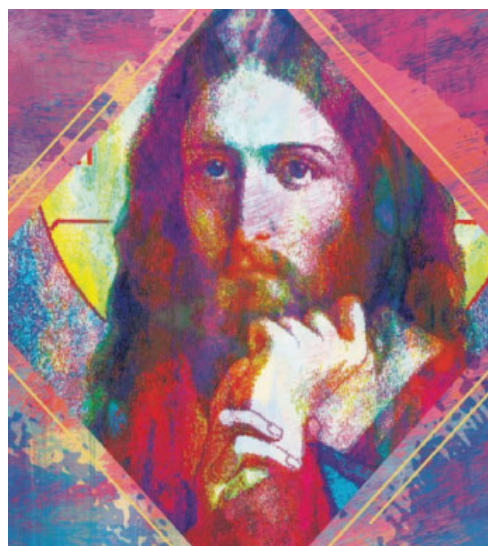
4:30 p.m. Patricia Bozic -- Frank Bozic Family

Sunday, August 7

8:00 a.m. Joseph Moliterno -- Ken & Toie Neal

10:00 a.m. John & Anna Kostick --

C. D. of A., Court St. Rita



THE
WEEK
AHEAD

Monday, August 1

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

Tuesday, August 2

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

6:00pm -- Adult Basketball - Gym

Friday, August 5

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

5:30 - 10:00pm -- SSCD Lawn Festival

Saturday, August 6

5:30 - 10pm -- SSCD Lawn Festival

7:00 - 9pm -- Alumni Gathering - Wienker Hall

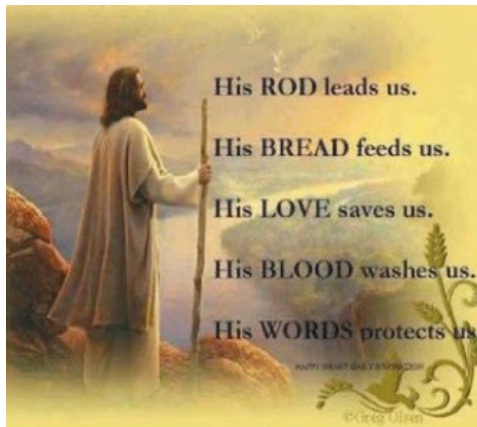
Sunday, August 7

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

11:00am -- Health Ministry Fair opens - Gym

*Be intent on things ABOVE
rather than on things of the earth*

Dear Parishioners:



Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So, it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The vision of Ecclesiastes (also known as Qoheleth the Preacher) in the first reading at today's Mass is a particularly bleak one. It still appeals greatly to people with a pessimistic turn of mind. "I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing of the wind" (1:14). Scholars say it represents an era of crisis in biblical history, a period of self-questioning; and that through it came a deepening of the spirit. If so, then we can hope that the same may be true of our own times.

No one can deny that there is truth in what Qoheleth says. We all give ourselves (and others) a lot of agony about words and thoughts, privileges and possessions and appearances.... We are capable of ruining our health, our peace of mind and the peace of our homes for nothing. "Vanity of vanities!"

Jesus takes up this theme in the gospel reading, expressing it typically as a story. But there is a difference. Qoheleth says the rich man is foolish because he "must leave all to someone who has not worked for it." In other words, he is foolish to have worked, because he cannot enjoy all the fruits of it himself. Jesus said the rich man is foolish because he does not "amass for God," or "make himself rich in the sight of God," or "build up treasure in heaven." These expressions meant almsgiving (see Luke 12:33; 16:9).

Though these two seem similar in ways, they are worlds apart. Qoheleth's is a self-centered world that has become disillusioned with itself, but which doesn't even consider the possibility of unselfishness. It is doubly bleak. The world of Jesus is a world of spontaneous self-giving. These two worlds are still in existence, and still competing for our minds and hearts.

How does one calculate one's wealth? Usually we calculate it by checking how much we have, but the saints tell us we should calculate it by checking how much we have given away. The psychology of possession is full of contradictions. If you collect a million euro, are you happy then? The chances are that you are not; the collecting has done something to you, it has captured your mind and imagination; you want to continue collecting; you have become a collector, just warming to the task. So, you try to collect another million and another... you will never finish collecting. What is it all about? What is it for? What are you adding to yourself? You are adding zeros! What is the difference between one million and ten million? Just another zero. What a way to cheat oneself! - so much work for zero! Instead be a giver, the Gospel tells us. Know the joy of giving. This you will know only by doing it, not by thinking about it.

With greed, there are no winners. The greedy are damaging not only themselves but others. To picture the imbalance of wealth in the world, imagine the world as a village of 100 people, with all the existing population ratios remaining the same. One person (1% of the population) would control 50% of all the entire village's wealth.

The imbalances of the world are now truly drastic, and the cult of greed is destroying the earth's populations - and now even the earth itself. That is the real "vanity of vanities." The only real alternative is the Gospel.

God Bless,
Msgr. J. Riccardo

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS NEEDED

We are in need of additional volunteers for our 2022/23 Religious Education Program.

We are currently seeking instructors for Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.



If you have a few hours a week to give and would like to become involved in our program, you can contact the rectory office, 814-938-6540, or Sue Dahrouge at 814-771-8288.

Please consider sharing your time with this very fulfilling ministry. Training is provided as necessary and support throughout the year is readily available. Thank you!



Friday of this week, August 5, 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 will be held on Friday beginning at 8:30am until 12:00 Noon. Adoration will close early due to the noise and activity surrounding the Festival.



Our special intention this month is that our Festival will provide not only financial support for the school, but will also provide us with opportunities to strengthen our friendships with one another.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

We are in need of Altar Servers at weekend Masses.

I would like to invite students going into fourth grade or older, **as well as adults**, to consider becoming an altar server.



There would be a brief training session and then you would serve with an experienced server a few times as an additional part of your training. Call or email the office to let us know of your or your child's interest.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

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

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Please join us.



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To add a name to the Prayer Chain, please call Pat Rougeux, 814-938-4464.

If you are unable to reach her you may call the office weekdays 9am - 4pm.



SEWING MINISTRY

Your gift of Time and Talent



Attention all sewers, crocheters, knitters, and quilters - Our Prayer Shawl and Lap Quilt Ministry is in need of ladies who knit, crochet, and/or sew simple projects.

If you are interested in offering your God-gifted talents you are welcome to join us in Walston at the Church Office on Wednesdays from 12:30 till 2:30pm. If you would prefer, you can always offer your sewing or knitting skills in the quiet of your own home.

This ministry also gratefully accepts donations of fabric, yarn, and other supplies, as well as monetary donations and your prayers. Volunteers are always needed to distribute items to area nursing homes for those in need of a little comfort.

We welcome your involvement – Please join us! Contact Michele Aikens at 814-952-0702 for further information.



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

SANCTUARY CLEANERS THIS WEEK

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

SUMMER SCRIP HOURS

From August 1 - 12, Scrip will be available in the School Office Monday through Friday, 9am - Noon. Beginning on August 15, the hours will be 7:30am - 3pm.

Please use the walk up window next to Lisa's office to purchase your Scrip.

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



SAINT VINCENT DePAUL WEEKLY FOOD DONATION

Food donation next **Sunday, August 7 - Baked Beans**. Thank you for your generosity!

If you or someone you know is in need of food assistance, please visit our food pantry on Saturdays between 10am and Noon.

If you have any questions, please contact Monika Bizousky at 814-938-0636.

SAINT VINCENT DePAUL FOOD BANK

The food bank will be closed next Saturday, August 6th.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel Jesus teaches us: "One's life does not consist of possessions." We spend so much time working to obtain more stuff; we don't have time for the people in our lives. What is enough? Are the words of Jesus, "You fool", meant for us?

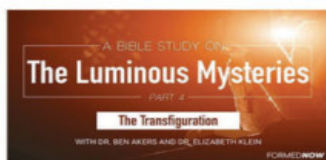
FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

July 31, 2022

A BIBLE STUDY ON THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES: THE TRANSFIGURATION

This week we celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration, the mountaintop manifestation of Christ's glory that we read about in the Gospel. As we recall this wondrous event, however, many questions might come to mind. Why did Moses and Elijah appear? Why did Jesus only bring Peter, James, and John? Hear the answers to these questions and more in this episode of FORMED Now.



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SSCD LAWN FESTIVAL

August 5, 6, and 7

Grounds open 5:30 - 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!

Join the
Fun!

- ◇ Home Run Derby
- ◇ Road Rally
- ◇ Volleyball
- ◇ Hoop Shoot
- ◇ Car Cruise
- ◇ Health Fair
- ◇ Children's Talent Show
- ◇ Kids Art Show
- And more.....

*For more details visit the SSCD
Lawn Festival on Facebook*

GREAT FOOD!

A large variety of delicious sandwiches and other popular goodies will be available all weekend!

Full Gluten Free
Menu available!



MOVIE ON THE LAWN! Friday at 9pm

Bring chairs and/or blankets

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 in Wienker Hall. Join us for an opportunity to enjoy the company of your classmates and share treasured memories of your days in our Catholic Schools.

2022 FESTIVAL CASH RAFFLE

If you have already purchased tickets, thank you!! If you haven't had an opportunity to purchase your ticket yet, they are available in the rectory office. We hope to sell every one of the 2,000 tickets that were printed for this exciting drawing. The price of each ticket is \$20.00.

As always, 100% of the proceeds will go directly to the support of our school.

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

To purchase a ticket or tickets, you can stop in the office during office hours or simply fill out the form printed below, and return it along with \$20.00 per ticket. You can submit your ticket order by mail, put it in the mail slot in the breezeway of the rectory, or place it in the Sunday collection. Your ticket will be filled out and the stub mailed back to you.

If there are still tickets available when Festival time arrives, you will be able to purchase tickets there as well.

Drawing will be held on August 7, 2022 at the Festival!

2022 Cash Drawing Ticket Request

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of tickets requested: _____

Amount enclosed: _____ (\$20 per ticket)

(If you are requesting more than one ticket, be sure to let us know the names that should be on each ticket)

DIAPER DRIVE

Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services is conducting their 27th Annual Diaper Drive

during the month of July.

Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program, staffed by Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services, helps expecting families with newborn infants and parents of children under 1 year of age. They are a United Way member agency that provides assistance to all faiths in the form of free diapers, infant clothing, and hygiene products. Their ability to provide these items is largely determined by donations, either material or monetary.

For the entire month of July the agency is collecting: disposable diapers (any size, any brand), gently used and new infant clothing up to size 24 months, baby shampoo, baby wash, diaper ointment, and wipes.

Donations may be dropped off in the church in the box near the front entrance. Please help to touch and nurture the new lives that God has so richly blessed us with. Monetary donations should be made payable to Catholic Charities and sealed in an envelope marked "Catholic Charities Diaper Drive" and placed in the collection. Thank you!

K OF C SUMMER PICNIC



The Knights will have their summer picnic on August 8 at 5:30pm at Reschini Hall in Walston.

The picnic meal will include prime rib, potatoes, corn on the cob, and salad. Cost: \$15.

All Knights, and anyone interested in becoming a Knight, should sign up by contacting Tim Love (412-552-1695) or Paul Koza (814-590-4203) by August 1.

K OF C FOOTBALL TICKETS

The Knights have the 2022 Football Tickets for sale!

New for this year - prizes have been increased to \$30,000 total or \$3,000 per week. The number of prizes are the same, but the amounts are higher! See any Knight for a ticket.

Cost is \$10. Based on NFL football team scores from November 6 thru January 8.



OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 31, 2022

Sunday:	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Monday:	St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday:	St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
Thursday:	St. John Vianney, Priest
Friday:	The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Saturday:	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Next Sunday:	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest

WEEKLY OFFERTORY ANALYSIS

July 24 2022

SACRIFICIAL GIVING MEANS 10%

Church Offertory

<i>Envelopes sent</i>	706
<i>Adult Envelopes Returned</i>	202
Adult	\$6,234.00
Holy Day	\$20.00
Children	\$16.00
Loose	\$309.00
Monthly	\$334.00
Total	\$6,913.00
<i>Weekly Goal</i>	\$8,000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$1,087.00)
Accumulated(+/-) Goal Since 7/1/2022	\$2,281.14 Under Goal

Catholic Services Appeal 2022

2022 Diocesan Assessment \$79,692.00	
Total Parish Goal \$129,692.00	
Pledged Amt:	\$92,180.00
Paid on Pledge:	\$84,885.70
Unpaid Pledges:	\$7,294.30
Unpledged Donations:	\$10,347.89
2022 CSA Collected to Date:	\$95,233.59

Readings for the Week of July 31, 2022

Sunday:	Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21
Monday:	Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday:	Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday:	Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23
Friday:	Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36
Next Sunday:	Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

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