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Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 7, 2022

**Arise, O God,
and defend us!**

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 6

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

Monday, August 8

8:00 a.m. John F. Orsich --Peggy McIntyre

Tuesday, August 9

8:00 a.m. Parishioners

Wednesday, August 10

8:00 a.m. Mary & Leo Johnston -- Judy & Rich Shaffer

Thursday, August 11

8:00 a.m. Deceased of the Nicholas Hudak Family --
Rita & Teresa Oranges

Friday, August 12

8:00 a.m. Ralph & Mary Gianvito --
John Panaghetto Family

Saturday, August 13

4:30 p.m. Harland & Genevieve Painter --
Kathy Painter

Sunday, August 14

8:00 a.m. John Liscinsky -- Paul & Bertha Koza
10:00 a.m. Bob Roberts -- Family



THE
WEEK
AHEAD

Saturday, August 6

5:30 - 10pm -- Lawn Festival
7:00 - 9pm -- Alumni Gathering -
Wienker Hall

Sunday, August 7

11:00am - 10pm -- Lawn Festival
11:00am -- Health Ministry Fair opens - Gym

Tuesday, August 9

6:00pm -- Recitation of the Rosary- Church
6:00pm -- Adult Basketball - Gym



*You must be prepared,
for at a time you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come*

Dear Parishioners:

Jesus said, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Peter said, "Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for everyone?" And the Lord said, "Who then is the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that slave says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and if he begins to beat the other slaves, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and put him with the unfaithful. That slave who knew what his master wanted, but did not prepare himself or do what was wanted, will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded."

"Do not be afraid, little flock.... Sell your possessions, and give away money to the poor." But if we were to do that (I say to myself) wouldn't we have even more reason to be afraid? Our greatest fear is that we will be left with nothing.

Still, money doesn't bring happiness, everyone agrees. But then we go straight back to pursuing it as if it did. How is that? While perhaps not expecting it to bring us happiness, we hope it will at least take away our misery. But it doesn't. It only enables us to be miserable in comfort – then we can really concentrate on our misery.

Be alert, be ready, be waiting: that is the advice given in today's reading. "Be like those who are waiting for their master to return.... Be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour." A full purse, like a full stomach, makes you want to go to sleep. You become oblivious to everything except the stock market or your business – and that is a kind of sleep. All great religious figures kept shouting, 'Wake up!' It is not that everyone was dozing in the sun; no, they were not: they were making money.

In an organized society money is necessary to live. It is a great convenience. It is about shortcuts. Instead of being a hunter-gatherer yourself, you pay someone to do your hunting and gathering for you, while you do some other useful thing. But we also know from experience that a shortcut can be the longest distance between two points. Some shortcuts lead you into the middle of a bog. Money is seductive because it appears to be the key to everything and everywhere: it is nothing in itself (it would be useless to you on a desert island), but it carries a promise of everything. Even when it fails you, it just changes its face (it has no face of its own) and seduces you in a different way. It lives on promise; it is a promissory note. And it has this additional quality: just as it never shows you its real face (because it has none), it never shows you yours. Instead, it flashes an image before you of what you could be. It never warns you that when you are rich you will still be just a poor man with money.



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There was once a wealthy man who decided to donate a large amount of money to a monastery. To his great surprise, the abbot said, 'No thanks, we have enough at present.' The rich man pressed him to take it anyway, but he refused politely. Suddenly the rich man began to weep. 'You have made me realize how poor I am,' he said, 'I have nothing to offer you except money.'

Jesus gave many warnings about the seductions of wealth. There is nothing wrong with the material things of the world in themselves. It is our greed that makes them seductive. If my purse is always full, I will think only about getting a bigger purse. And it will fade gradually from my awareness that half the world is hungry. And I may also fail to notice that I am hungry myself, because my heart is empty. "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." If money is my treasure, there will be nothing in my heart except money.

God Bless,
Msgr. J. Riccardo

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!



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.



AMERICAN FLAGS NEEDED

We are in need of larger-sized (6' x 10' or larger) American Flags to fly on the flagpole in front of the rectory. They unfortunately don't remain in good condition due to the wind and weather and need to be replaced regularly.

If you have one that you would like to donate to us, just drop it off at the office. Thank you very much.

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.



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

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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

Debbie Rougeux, Pat Rougeux, Kim Kopas, Karen Burkett.

SUMMER SCRIP HOURS

From August 8 - 12, Scrip will be available in the School Office Monday through Friday, 9am - Noon. August 15 - 19 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 14 - Fruit Cocktail.** 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.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel a servant WAITED for the master to return. Waiting is a normal part of family life. We wait for a child's birth, then for small legs to catch up. Later we wait for teenagers to return home safely. Finally we wait alone anticipating a call or visit from an adult child. Waiting is sacred time, for even in the waiting we are connected.

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

August 7, 2022

EDITH STEIN: THE SEVENTH CHAMBER

During this very special week for the Augustine Institute, we celebrate both our patron, St. Augustine, and his mother, St. Monica! As a preeminent Doctor of the Church, Augustine has been said to be "the holiest of the wise and the wisest of the holy." To celebrate this great Church Father, please enjoy Augustine: A Voice for all Generations!



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SSCD LAWN FESTIVAL

Continues Saturday evening and Sunday!!

**Grounds open 5:30 - 10pm on Saturday,
and 11am - 10pm on Sunday!**

Grand Prizes

Again 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. Tickets available at the Festival!

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, Cake & Ice Cream, and much, much more! **Food will be available following the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday and all day Sunday!** New this year — gluten free menu options available!

Kiddyland!

New games - lots of fun!

Basket Raffle

Take a chance on the great baskets which are available to win!

Hoop Shoot

Registration 3pm on Sunday - starts at 4pm!

Childrens' Art Show

Come and vote for your favorite artwork! Winner announced at 7pm on Sunday.

Health Fair

Health Fair opens at 11am Sunday in the Gym! Be sure to stop in.

Children's Talent Show

3:00 - 5:30 pm Sunday

Entertainment

A variety of great entertainment will be on the Festival stage Saturday evening and throughout the day on Sunday!

Alumni Gathering - Saturday 7-9pm

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



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.

**RELIGIOUS ARTICLES**

All items that we have in stock are being sold at a reduced price.

Stop in the back of the church and see if there is anything in the cabinet that you might be interested in. *Not everything we have is on display, so if you don't see what you are looking for, just ask us.*

Stop in or call the office during office hours and one of us can meet you in church to show you what is available and help you with your purchase.



Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.

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SAINT VINCENT DePAUL VOLUNTEERS

August 13 - Mike Hudock, Stan Smochek, and Greg Aikens

PRAY FOR PRIESTS IN DIOCESE OF ERIE

A monthly calendar is published, listing a priest of the Erie Diocese on each day. We are asked to remember that priest in our prayers for that particular day.

The calendar for August can be found on the Diocesan Website at www.eriescd.org and can also be found on the tables at the entrances of the church.

EMAIL ADDRESS

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!

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 7, 2022

Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
Monday: St. Dominic, Priest
Tuesday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
Wednesday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
Thursday: St. Clare, Virgin
Friday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
Saturday: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
Next Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

WEEKLY OFFERTORY ANALYSIS

July 31, 2022

SACRIFICIAL GIVING MEANS 10%

Church Offertory

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| <i>Envelopes sent</i> | 706 |
| <i>Adult Envelopes Returned</i> | 194 |
| Adult | \$6,696.00 |
| Holy Day | \$70.00 |
| Children | \$2.00 |
| Loose | \$245.17 |
| Monthly | \$205.00 |
| Total | \$7,218.17 |
| <i>Weekly Goal</i> | \$8,000.00 |
| Surplus (Deficit) | (\$781.83) |
| Accumulated(+/-) Goal Since 7/1/2022 | \$3,062.97 Under Goal |

Catholic Services Appeal 2022

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| 2022 Diocesan Assessment \$79,692.00 | |
| Total Parish Goal \$129,692.00 | |
| Pledged Amt: | \$92,180.00 |
| Paid on Pledge: | \$85,470.70 |
| Unpaid Pledges: | \$6,709.30 |
| Unpledged Donations: | \$10,712.90 |
| 2022 CSA Collected to Date: | \$96,183.60 |

Readings for the Week of August 7, 2022

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
Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/
Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/
Jn 12:24-26
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/
Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/
Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

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