

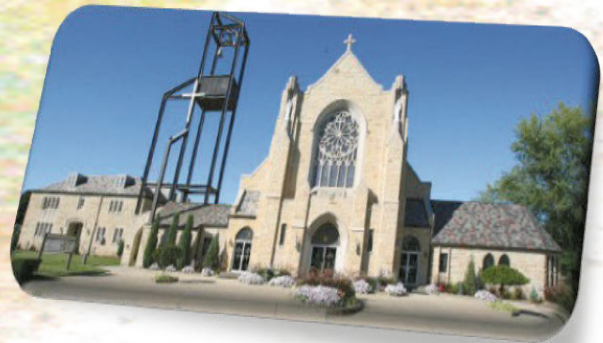
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Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

August 14, 2022

**With the Lord there is
mercy and forgiveness!**

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 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

Monday, August 15

8:00 a.m. Rose Marie Goyette -- Family

Tuesday, August 16

8:00 a.m. Parishioners

Wednesday, August 17

8:00 a.m. Anthony Parise, Jr. --
Larry Porada Family

Thursday, August 18

8:00 a.m. Bernard Vilkinofsky --
Przestrzelski Family

Friday, August 19

8:00 a.m. Sandra Lee Farcus -- Bob Farcus

Saturday, August 20

4:30 p.m. Mary Agnello -- Tom & Nancy Wise

Sunday, August 21

8:00 a.m. Joseph & Michael Salapata --
George & Fran Shenosky
10:00 a.m. Don Ranieri -- Mom



THE
WEEK
AHEAD

Tuesday, August 16

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



Dear Parishioners:

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

Before Vatican II the Latin liturgy prefixed the words 'In illo tempore' ('At that time') to every gospel reading. This was quite gratuitous, for they don't occur in the gospel passages. We know the importance of the historical events in the Christian faith, but liturgy is not history; it is a re-enactment of those events in the present, the Now. It was a bad approach.

The past has great attractions. It has all happened already, and so it is unlikely to disturb us. It is when we are most lazy and self-satisfied that we are most conservative. Everyone is a conservative for an hour or two after dinner.

It is strange that in most parts of the world the Christian faith (in mainline Churches at least) has come to stand for everything that is safe and conservative. As Philip Brooks wrote, "The religion of Jesus has so long been identified with conservatism... that it is startling sometimes to remember that all the conservatives of his own times were against him; that it was the young, free, restless, sanguine, progressive part of the people who flocked to him." It may be for the same reason that they now flock out of the Church. It has no fire in its belly, no power of prophecy, because it is more interested in conserving the past than in engaging with the world around it. In the past the Church failed to be prophetic about the abolition of slavery and torture and the persecution of Jews, and about democracy and religious freedom.

In 1864 Pope Pius IX condemned as heretical the very suggestion that "The Roman Pontiff can and ought to reconcile himself and come to terms with progress, liberalism and modern civilization." The same pope condemned the view that "everyone is free to embrace and profess that religion which, guided by the light of reason, he shall consider true," (Syllabus of Errors, 15), and also the view that non-Catholics in Catholic countries should be permitted to "enjoy the public exercise of their own peculiar worship" (78). These were heresies, he said, from "the synagogue of Satan." A hundred years later, Vatican II promulgated a decree on religious freedom, *Dignitatis Humanae*: "This Vatican Council declares that the human person has a right to religious freedom.... In faithfulness to the truth of the Gospel, the Church is following the way of Christ and the apostles when she recognizes and gives support to the principle of religious freedom as befitting human dignity and as being in accord with divine revelation" (nos. 2 and 12). This was a significant swing from entrenchment to engagement.

It is dangerous, I believe, to think of faith as something one 'has', a possession. If you are in secure possession of it you are safe; then all you have to do is be careful not to lose it. There are all sorts of influences out there that could make you lose your faith, so you have to avoid them like the plague. But faith is something one does. "I have come to bring fire on earth." What is fire? Is it just some 'thing' lying there safely, needing to be protected on all sides? No, it is energy, and it is not safe to have it around. If it makes you feel safe, it is not faith.

God Bless,
Msgr. J. Riccardo



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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



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.

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.

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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LAWN FESTIVAL PRIZE WINNERS

Grand Prize - \$10,000.00 -
Rose Handyside, Punxsutawney

Second Prize - \$5,000.00 -
Rachel Stauffer, Punxsutawney

Third Prize - \$1,000.00 -
Rick Juliette, Punxsutawney

Football Tickets -
Lindsay Kendra, Punxsutawney

**Congratulations to the winners
and a big thank you to everyone
who purchased tickets!!**

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.



FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today Jesus warns us his Word will create conflict between parents and children. In a permissive society which advocates individualism and consumerism, parents must continue to teach and live the gospel values of respect, service to others, forgiveness, generosity and compassion. A Christian family is a countercultural family.

SANCTUARY CLEANERS THIS WEEK

Bob Henretta, Katie Roberts, Rita Yenzi

SCRIP PROGRAM

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

Please use the walk up window next to Lisa's office to purchase your Scrip, Monday - Friday, 7:30am - 3:00pm.

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.



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.



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.

SAINT VINCENT DePAUL WEEKLY FOOD DONATION

Food donation next **Sunday, August 21 - Egg Noodles**. 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.

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

There are still items available in our Religious Articles cabinet. 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.



SAINT VINCENT DePAUL VOLUNTEERS

August 20 - Lynn Hess and Joe Nogacek

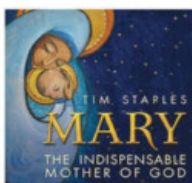
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PICK OF THE WEEK

August 14, 2022

MARY: THE INDISPENSABLE MOTHER OF GOD BY TIM STAPLES

In this Lighthouse Talk, Tim Staples explains the incredible impact that the Church's understanding of Mary has on our spiritual lives, and the profound way that Marian doctrines elevate the faith. With his memorable insights and humor, Tim shows how correct knowledge of our humble Mother reveals our own identity in Christ and empowers us to say "Yes" to God!



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Dear Parishioners,

I am pleased to report that our 82nd annual Lawn Festival was a great success!

Success is many times counted in terms of profit or some variety of monetary gain. Each year we intrepidly set out on a journey of expectations which translates into more for our school students for the coming year. Whether that be new teachers, new books, new desks, or new windows in two school buildings, or new roofs on the two school buildings, we continue the march on with all those fearless individuals throughout the years who believed in a principled, faith-based education for their children and have willingly sacrificed for their children's future as young adults willing to make the world better for all.



I am so proud of all the parents and grandparents of our school kids who stepped up to make this year's Lawn Festival not only successful monetarily, but in their deliberate act of servanthood, became willing partners in the ministry of the Church. Each and every one of you should be proud of what you accomplished this past weekend.

Of course, there are leaders and organizers who help make all of this a successful endeavor and we thank them for their leadership and inspiration that motivated all of us. First on the list are Renee Doverspike and Whitney Bargerstock who served as co-chairs this year.

Thank you!
Msgr. J. Riccardi

Listed below are booth chairpersons and donors:

Festival Booth Chairpersons: Pat Rougeux, Jeff Curtis, Adrienne and Lynn Hess, Laura Jesse, Tiffany Riggie, Paul Koza, Anne Pennsy, Saint Clare Fraternity of the Secular Franciscans, Lindsay Cressley, Alexis Mitchell, Kelly Huey, Kara Perry, Siarra Rudolph, Heather Griffith, Chuck Hetrick, Grace Hall, Greg Aikens, and Paul Jekielek.

Our Thanks To: Heather Kunselman, Paul DelRosso, Ladies of the C. D. of A., the Knights of Columbus, Custodians Dan Prutzal, Mike Gmys, and Bud Bofinger, Easton Gula, Ben Cook, A.J. Overly, Mark Pennsy, office staff Tony Bofinger, Jude Griffith, LuAnne Kendall, Jeanie Gigliotti, and Rick & Mary Beth Bosak, the SS.C.D. School parents and the parishioners too numerous to list who gave many hours to insure the success of our Lawn Festival!

Special Thanks To: Brice Bargerstock, Mandi Perry for marketing and planning, Greg & Michelle Aikens, Chuck Hetrick, Paula Charles, Sandy Sloniger, Rick Doverspike, Chuck Stewart, Ann & Matt Koppenhaver, Traci Stello, Lisa & Jim Phillips, and Tony Fallara for their tireless devotion to the Lawn Festival. Special thanks to Frank Hetrick and Sharon Klingensmith for their coaching and support in their absence.

Donors: Stello Foods, Ted's Meat Market, Pat & Pam Defelice, Lily's Restaurant, football ticket donors Dave Nogacek, Jr., Dr. George Cherian, and Mark Ragley, Nickles Bakery, Burke & Sons, Crazy Horse Saloon and Grill, Craig & Shanna Gula, Punxsutawney Little League, Bob's Sales & Service, Greg and Kelly Skarbek

If we have inadvertently missed someone in the above list, please know that your donations of time and/or services and your devotion to our Lawn Festival are deeply appreciated.

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.



BACK TO SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND BAKE SALE

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a "Back To School" Breakfast and Bake Sale to be held on September 4th from 7:30am - 1pm in Wienker Hall.

The Menu will include scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, and toast. The cost will be \$8 for adults and \$5 for kids.

There will also be a bake sale as at past Breakfasts. Anyone interested in donating to the bake sale can contact John "Bruno" Martino.



CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

Documentation for working with children: 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 clergy, employees, and volunteers 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 www.eriercd.org/childprotection/ to see what documentation and training is required for those who work with children and youth in our parishes/schools/agencies.

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Next weekend we will take up the annual collection for the Church in Latin America. Your support for this collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ.

There is an envelope attached to your bulletin for this special collection. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 14, 2022

Sunday:	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
Monday:	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday:	St. Stephen of Hungary
Friday:	St. John Eudes, Priest
Saturday:	St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday:	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Pius X, Pope

WEEKLY OFFERTORY ANALYSIS

August 7, 2022

SACRIFICIAL GIVING MEANS 10%

Church Offertory

<i>Envelopes sent</i>	706
<i>Adult Envelopes Returned</i>	215
Adult	\$7,498.15
Holy Day	\$135.00
Children	\$15.50
Loose	\$418.00
Monthly	\$575.00
Total	\$8,641.65
<i>Weekly Goal</i>	\$8,000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$641.65
Accumulated(+/-) Goal Since 7/1/2022	\$2,421.32 Under Goal

Catholic Services Appeal 2022

2022 Diocesan Assessment \$129,692.00	
Total Parish Goal \$129,692.00	
Pledged Amt:	\$92,180.00
Paid on Pledge:	\$86,520.70
Unpaid Pledges:	\$5,659.30
Unpledged Donations:	\$11,373.90
2022 CSA Collected to Date:	\$97,894.60

Readings for the Week of August 14, 2022

Sunday:	Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
Monday:	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Tuesday:	Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/ Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/ Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday:	Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/ Lk 13:22-30

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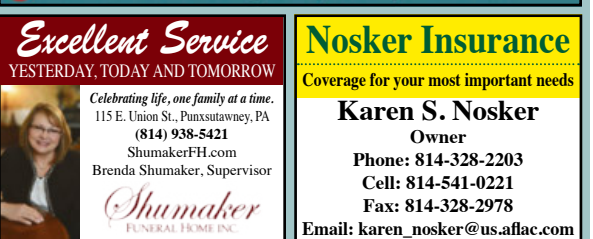
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