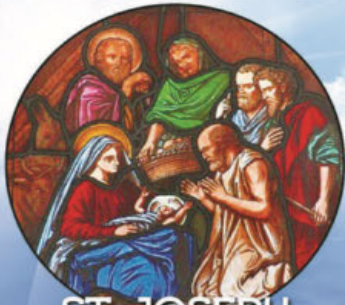


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EXPECT



“For at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

LUKE 12:40

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

For when you punished our adversaries, in this you glorified us whom you had summoned.

(Wis 18:8)

Psalm:

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. *(Ps 33)*

Second Reading:

For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and maker is God.

(Heb 11:10)

Gospel:

“You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” *(Lk 12:40)*

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Mass & Reconciliation Times

Sunday August 7th: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 A.M. (C); 10:00 A.M. (P); 5:00 P.M. (G)

Reconciliation: 7:00 A.M. (C) & 4:00 P.M. (G)

Monday, August 8th: 7:00 A.M. (L)

Tuesday, August 9th: 7:00 A.M. (L)

4:30 P.M. Novena & Communion Service (C) Deacon Alfred

Wednesday, August 10th: 8:00 A.M (SPC); 5:30 P.M. (L)

Thursday, August 11th: 7:00 A.M. (L)

Friday, August 12th: 7:00 A.M. (L)

Saturday, August 13th: Vigils 4:00 P.M. (P); 6:00 P.M. (G)

Reconciliation: 3:00 P.M. (P)

~ **WEEKLY PRAYER** ~

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 19:13-12

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

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

Pray For Those In Need

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Janine Kosztolanyi

Woodie Pollet

Sacraments & Services

BAPTISM:

You must be registered parishioners to request baptism in one of the cluster churches. Parents & Godparents are required to attend baptismal prep seminar, or complete on-line course now offered. Seminars are held the 3rd Sunday of odd number months. REGISTER at least two weeks before the seminar by calling Missy Laurent (869-5751). Baptisms are scheduled once classes are complete and paperwork is turned in.

RCIA (Rite of Christian

Initiation of Adults & Children):

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, contact Ernie or Lisa Sieber @ 266-0569, or Fr. Vincent Dufresne for more information about the RCIA process.

MATRIMONY:

Couples planning a wedding are asked to contact Deacon Alfred Adams at 562-3255 at least six months prior to their planned wedding date.

No tentative wedding date can be confirmed before initial meeting with the priest.

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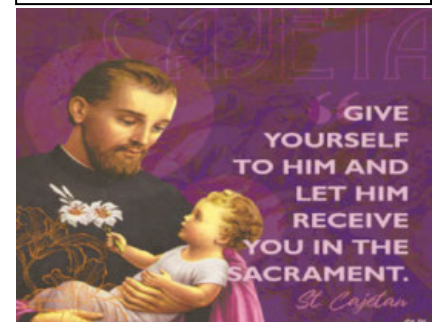
For emergency sick calls, please contact the Pastoral Center for a priest. If it is after hours follow the phone prompts to contact a priest.

RECONCILIATION:

Reconciliation available in churches before 7:00 A.M. daily Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and weekend Masses as scheduled.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL:

Please contact the Pastoral Center as soon as possible prior to making funeral arrangements.



AUGUST 7, 2022

Apostleship of Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis



Pope's Worldwide
Prayer Network



Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention monthly. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many worldwide in praying for this intention each month.

August Small Businesses

We pray for small and medium-sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

August is the month of The Immaculate Heart of Mary. Let us pray this prayer in honor of Mary, placing our families, our sick, our lonely and our concerns in her care, trusting she will present them to Her Son, Our Lord Jesus.

Prayer to Immaculate Heart of Mary

O Most Blessed Mother, heart of love, heart of mercy, ever listening, caring, consoling, hear our prayer. As your children, we implore your intercession with Jesus your Son. Receive with understanding and compassion the petitions we place before you today, especially those so deep in our heart.

We are comforted in knowing your heart is ever open to those who ask for your prayer. We trust to your gentle care and intercession, those whom we love and who are sick or lonely or hurting. Help all of us, Holy Mother, to bear our burdens in this life until we may share eternal life and peace with God forever. Amen.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sanctuary Candle In Memory of:

Roland J. Roussel (SM)
Pat & Ida Roddy (SJ)
Allie M. Bourgeois (SH)
Wayne Petit (AC)
Baby Alex Foret (LC)



We Welcome Our Newly Baptized

Rylin Alyse Montz

Rylin Alyse is the daughter of Jonathan Paul & Ashley Michell Keller Montz. Rylin Alyse was baptized on Sunday, July 24, 2022 by Rev. Vincent J. Dufresne at St. Joseph Church.

Rylin Alyse you are now initiated into the Catholic faith, and welcomed into the membership of the church and the holy body of the people of Christ.

Congratulations!

In Loving Memory

Carol Faucheux Dicharry

February 7, 1937-July 24, 2022

A Mass of Christian burial was held in her honor on Thursday, July 28, 2022 at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. Burial followed the Mass in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Deania Maria St. Martin

August 07, 1962-July 24, 2022

A Mass of Christian burial was held in her honor on Monday, August 1, 2022 at St. Michael Church. Burial followed the Mass in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

~Amen~

Expectant Mothers Prayer Corner

Please pray for all expectant mothers especially those listed:

Courtney Mistretta
Kelsi M. Roussel
Erin M. Bourgeois
Caroline Melancon
Kristen Levron
Kara Poche

Lord Jesus, we thank you for your protection of these mothers-to-be and their babies. Thank you for keeping their babies safe and secure in their mother's womb and in your love. Thank you for strengthening these precious babies, keeping them healthy, and preparing them for the plans you have set before them. For as long as their pregnancy lasts, we pray that you will be doing the mighty and marvelous work that only you can do, creating life and bringing beauty into the world through your creations.
Amen.



Traveling Chalice & Statue of Our Lady of Fatima: Host family: August 3rd-10th Donny Jo & Irene Melancon August 10th-17th Mark & Susie Louque. Interested in becoming a host family? Call: Cheryl Louque @ 206-2929.

Our Lady of Fatima Statue with Rosary: Host family August 7th-13th Libby Hotard (St. Michael); Betty Brignac (St. Mary) Call Geraldine Hoover, 562-7129 if you are interested in hosting.

Prayer Line: Praying for parishioners needs: To join this ministry or add someone to the prayer list contact: Nancy Cashio, 225-869-8124; Geraldine Hoover, 225-562-7129; Etta Ruiz, 225-869-8425 or Marcy St. Pierre, 225-869-9820.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 7, 2022:

8:00 a.m. (C) Parishioners of St. Michael Parish

10:00 a.m. (P) Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish

5:00 p.m. (G) Parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish

Monday, August 8, 2022:

7:00 a.m. (L)

Paul Vicknair Jr., Thomas David Keller Sr., Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, August 9, 2022:

7:00 a.m. (L) James & Elsie Melancon

Wednesday, August 10, 2022:

5:30 p.m. (L)

Andy & Rita Deslattes & Family, Malcolm Faucheux, Irwin Montz, Bradley & Jason Bourgeois,

Harold Lee & Jewel Bourgeois, Emile & Isabel Bourgeois, Baby Alex Detillier, Sam & Kathleen Andermann, Levi & Iris Laiche, Donald & Odile Brignac, Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, August 11, 2022:

7:00 a.m. (L) Ruth Forsyth

Friday, August 12, 2022:

7:00 a.m. (L)

M/M Daniel Laroze, Lawrence & Delia Lambert, Richard & Charmaine Zeringue, M/M Curtis Deroche, Leroy Wescovich, Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, August 13, 2022:

4:00 p.m. (P)

Robert & Hilda Waguespack & Sons, George & Doris LeBlanc & Family, Gus & Eurline Babin,

M/M Ernest Veron, M/M Joseph Lambert & Sylvia, Kenny Pham, Alvin Pollet, Gerald Levet, Tina Tramonte, James Steib Sr., Ferrell & Derik Millet, Melvin, Peggy, Rachel & Harold Petit; Lucille Babin, Jane Babin, Clayton Deslatte & Trudy Deslatte St. Pierre, Rezette Jenkins, Jack & Beatrice Bowman, Angele Gandy, Ellis & Camille Roussel, David Decareaux, Jonathan Zeringue, Donald Lambert, Mark & Kim Poche, Souls in Purgatory

6:00 p.m. (G)

Matthew P. Daigle, John T. & Elsie Levet, Allie M. Bourgeois, Joseph T. Oubre Family, Laura & Harold Tregre Family & Becky, Nancy Oubre, Celeste Louviere, Oril Sr. & Noelle Louviere, Mary Ann Torres Marse, Souls in Purgatory

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

St. Thomas Aquinas reminds us that, “Three things are necessary for the salvation of man: to know what he ought to believe, to know what he ought to desire, and to know what he ought to do.” Everyone is called to work toward their salvation, which is ultimately union with God. Those who take this call seriously must embark upon a journey inward to the deepest recesses of their soul. In the adventure and wonder of that journey, we work out the details of our union with our Beloved. We cling to what we need to believe, remain firm in what we truly desire, and are guided by what we know we have to do. Once we know that our goal is to be one with our Creator, life becomes an exciting expedition to pursue that end. We make necessary preparations, follow the map, and remain on course.

Whenever we really want something, we put our entire selves into achieving it. Being fully invested in our labor, we willingly work extra hours, devote an abundance of energy and effort, and remain vigilant for beneficial opportunities that may come our way. We certainly do not passively sit



by doing nothing! Such an attitude leads to laziness and the accomplishment of little. Worse yet, some look to others to do the work for them, hoping to reap the benefits of another’s efforts. Conscientiousness and diligence are the only means to success.

For the one who eagerly awaits the day when they can be fully with God, life becomes a joyous adventure indeed! Alert, ready, focused, convicted, and willing to be a servant they constantly watch and prepare themselves for meeting the Lord. Loving

the journey and being in love with their Creator, their lives become joyful witnesses of love and service. They are secure in their hope, confident in their faith, and perfect in their love. Never looking for recognition or gratitude, they stand as gentle inspirations of what the Holy Spirit can do in the hearts of those who believe. Because we do not know what tomorrow will bring, we stand ready to be used as God wills and run eagerly toward Him when He comes. How much do we desire to experience the joy of salvation?

CAUGHT IN THE RISING ACTION

Think of some of your favorite iconic movies. I’m not talking about the feel-good comedies or the offbeat coming-of-age flicks. I’m talking about the movies that you found had a profound impact on you or made you go “Hmmm.”

I’m willing to bet that the plot of this film features some tough moments and difficult scenarios. However happy the ending, at some point, the situation for the protagonist might look awfully hopeless. The script speaks some truth to you about what it is to be human in difficult circumstances. What it means to persevere.

We’re attracted to the tension that exists when the hero is besieged. We’re captivated by the decisions he makes in the darkest hour of the night when it seems like the dawn will never

come. Why? Because we know that feeling so well. This is the essence of our human life on earth: waiting, hoping, doubting — and enduring.

We know the ending to our story, but we don’t know when it’s coming. We live our whole lives in the rising action of the narrative. Sure, it gets old. Tiresome, even dull. We may start to despair that the climactic scene is coming at all.

But faith is the realization of things hoped for, and evidence of things not seen. We feel it watching a great movie, because we recognize it intuitively: it is faith which earns the happy ending. No one is drawn to the story when the hero gives up or gets tired of waiting for the payoff. Everyday stewardship is the collection of choices we make while we’re waiting, because we are called to action, not idleness, even in our perpetual state of expectation.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

KIDS CORNER



SPC School Board Meeting: Monday, August 8th SPC School Board will meet at 6:00 P.M.

SPC School Mass: Wednesday, August 10th, 8:00 A.M. - Parents, Grandparents and friends of SPC are welcome to celebrate with us.

St. Michael Parish Council Meeting: The monthly council meeting will be on Wednesday, August 10th @ 6:30 P.M. in the St. Michael Church Hall.

Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, August 10th beginning @ 6:30 P.M. with the recitation of the rosary, 7:00 P.M. meal and 7:30 P.M. meeting.

Court St. Joseph Catholic Daughters Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, August 10th beginning @ 6:30 P.M. in the SPC Cafeteria. Please remember to bring pantry items for donation to SVdP.

9th & 10th Grade PSR Parent Meeting: Sunday, August 14th, 6:15 P.M. @ Sacred Heart Church. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Confirmation Meeting: Sunday, August 14th 7:15 P.M. @ Sacred Heart Church. This meeting is mandatory for all confirmation students and parents.

Pastoral Office Closed Monday, August 15th: The Pastoral Office will be closed in honor of the Feast of the Assumption. This is not a Holy Day of Obligation but there is a Mass of the Assumption at 6:00 P.M. at St. Joseph for those who wish to attend.

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

SHARING THE GOSPEL
 One day Jesus will come back from heaven. He could come back any day now - nobody knows when. So, you and I need to be ready. Put God first in your life. Love God with your whole heart. Live every day in a way that will make Jesus smile. Be ready to go to heaven!

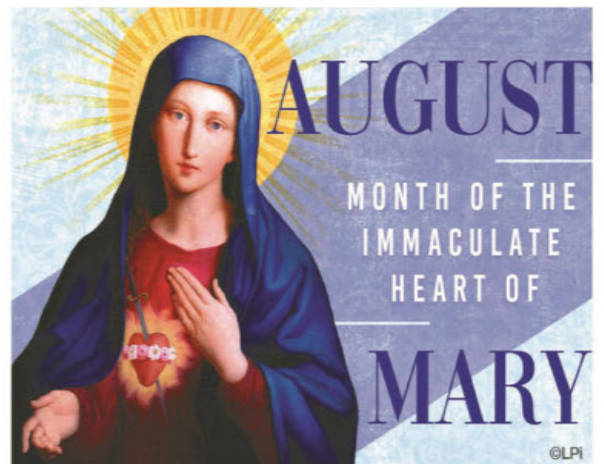
PRAYER
 Dear God, help me to stay close to Jesus.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK
 Every day I will read, play, and listen to things that make God happy.

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lamps	night	thief
servants	morning	coming

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August 10: All students attend in PK3, PK4, and K. Our first school Mass 8:00 A.M. - Parents, Grandparents and friends of SPC are welcome to come celebrate the gift of God's love with us.

August 8-10: Staggered entry for Daycare

August 11: All Daycare attend

August 18: Back to School Night for parents 6:00 P.M. Come meet your child's teacher and gain valuable information about your child's classes

August 25: CHASA information night 6:30 P.M. All are invited to learn more ways to become involved in CHASA, Chanel Home and School Association. A short presentation will be given at Back to School Night.

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For more information, contact Deacon Alfred Adams 225-910-6080.



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INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

If you are not Catholic, please accept this invitation to inquire (no obligations) about becoming a Catholic. For more information, please contact the Pastoral Center at 225-869-5751 or Lisa or Ernie Sieber @ 225- 266-0569



RCIA IS A process of initiation into. . .

- ... a relationship with Jesus
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Jesus Christ gives us the insight and hope we need to cope with life's questions. Jesus makes it possible for us to see purpose and promise far beyond our immediate experiences. Jesus invites us to fullness of life but He does not force us to accept it. Jesus honors the free will created in us and waits for each of us to open our lives to Him.

You might find it curious to know that not everyone understands Jesus the same way. Not all Christian religions interpret Jesus and His message the same way. You are wise to want to seek answers for your questions. The Catholic Church recognizes that faith and questions about faith are not to be taken lightly. The Catholic faith is an entire approach to life, which holds a personal relationship with Jesus, and His Gospel is at the very core. The Catholic Church invites you to consider RCIA if you are open to Jesus, His message, and His community of followers.

RCIA ...

- ... stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.
- ... is the Catholic Church's preferred method for welcoming new Catholics.
- ... weaves instruction, prayer, community, and ritual into one process.



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