

**Saint Christina Parish of Turner County  
PO Box 610 Parker, South Dakota 57053**

**Sunday, August 8, 2021**

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**It's hard for me to believe but I finally get to “officially” start as your new pastor! I drove back to Sioux Falls on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and have been getting settled in since. For those of who have gone through major transitions in life, like getting a new job, you know how the first couple weeks can feel like drinking from a firehose and that is certainly how I feel! So, thank you ahead of time for being patient with me as I learn and adjust to this new role.**

**Just a reminder, I was outside of Chicago at a retreat center for the entire month of July. I was making a 30-day silent retreat known as the “Spiritual Exercises” developed by St. Ignatius of Loyola. After a few days of the retreat, I learned why they are called “exercises”; it was a lot of work! I was expected to pray 4-5 hours a day in addition to meeting with a spiritual director every day. During the month, I prayed with God's love, my own sinfulness and God's mercy, the life of Jesus, his death and resurrection, and my own call that God has for me. It was an incredible experience and God gave me so much more than I was even expecting. The retreat almost felt like a “second priestly ordination” for me, it was that powerful. There would be way too much to share in an article like this but here are a couple things I learned.**

**1) Everything God does is because he loves you and me. I know that seems obvious, but just think all of creation (stars, planets, bugs, breezes, ice cream, rain, etc), it is all for you. Not only that but the incarnation of Jesus is for you, the saving act of Jesus' death and resurrection is for you. Why would God do all this for you? Because he loves you and wants you to be with him forever.**

**2) Our weaknesses are not a problem. We can so often think that our weakness, our foibles, our spiritual poverty somehow keeps God away from us. This could not be further from the truth! In reality, all of our human weakness and messiness are actually the very things that attract God to us! God loves to pour his mercy into our misery. This means that we should have so much joy and confidence when we bring our struggles to God.**

**3) God has a unique call for each one of us, and our unique call is wrapped up in the mission of Jesus. What was the mission of Jesus? It was to save us by reconciling us to the Father! Every single one of us is meant to share in the saving mission of Jesus in our own lives and in our own unique ways. One of the best prayers we can pray is simply, "Jesus, how are you calling me to share in your mission?" You might be amazed to discover how personal the answer is to you!**

**God bless,**

**Fr. Tyler**

**WEEKLY MASSES— St. Christina**

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>: Mass 11:00AM**

**Holy Mass: Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> — 6:00PM**

**Int: +Ron Muller**

**“Meet & Greet” and Parishioners Gathering  
with Father Tyler  
in the Parish Hall following Mass.  
Light refreshments offered.**

**Holy Mass: Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup>—8:00AM**

**Int: +John Cink**

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>: Mass 11:00AM**

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**The Holy Water Fonts at the entrances are  
now filled and bottles are available to take with you.**

**The Liturgical Team and Religious Education  
Program are in need of volunteers. Please help and  
pray that positions will be filled. Sign-up Sheets.**

**Liturgical Team:**

**++Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 11:00AM**

**Lector: Patti Thomas**

**Eucharist Minister: Jim Kasten**

**Servers: Aspen, Wyatt, & Levi Rand**

**Ushers: Matt Rand; Tyler Rand**

**Greeters/Gift Bearers: Brandon Purcell Family**

**Sympathy and Prayers from St. Christina Parish to  
Judy Muller and family on the death of Ron Muller,  
husband, father and grandfather.  
“Eternal Rest Unto Him, O Lord, May He Rest In Peace”  
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**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time      Bud Ozar  
“Stop murmuring” Jesus told the disciples in today’s  
gospel. Complaining is a dead-end and constant complain-  
ing is nagging. We might feel better but other feel bitter.  
Silence or grumbling will not resolve the problem. Address  
differences honestly and respectfully. Don’t make them  
personal attacks.      ++++++**

**St. Christina Church Support: Deposited**

**Thursday, July 29, 2021:**

**2 Env. Reg. Giving   \$269.00.**

**Monday, August 2nd, 2021:**

**29 Env. Reg. Giving \$1860.00; 1 Env. Reg. Giving \$80.00;**

**1 Env. Fuel Fund \$100.00; Loose   \$20.00;**

**Candles \$50.00**

**Thursday, August 5, 2021:**

**2 Env. Reg. Giving   \$341.00.**

**Thank You for your Generous Treasure.**

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**“Annual Pie Baking Contest at the Turner County Fair.”  
Heritage Park—Stage Area   Tuesday, August 17th, 2021**

**Please donate a pie or pies to the Pie Baking Contest.  
Pies are judged on taste alone; Prizes will be awarded.**

**Registration : Monday,   5:00pm to 7:00pm.  
                                 Tuesday, 10:30am to 12Noon  
Judging starts at 12Noon—Must be Homemade!**

**Double Crust; Single Crust; Pecan Pie; Cream Pie  
Prizes are: \$15.00; \$10.00; \$5.00.**

**Serving:   Pie & Coffee at 2:00PM  
Freewill Donations—to benefit the Local Food Pantries**