

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

Sunday, August 29, 2021

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

I celebrated an anniversary this week. On August 25th, it was the 30th anniversary of my baptism. While I love celebrating my birthday, I think I love celebrating my baptism day even more. Baptism is our second birth, the moment we are born again of water and the Spirit. It is by far the most important day of our lives.

Baptism begins the divine adventure that we are all called to by following Christ. Baptism is when God the Father looked at you and me and said, “This is my beloved son” or “This is my beloved daughter”. And God does not go back on his choice!

Do you know the date of your baptism? If you don’t, I’d encourage you to take some time and look it up. You can even contact the church where you were baptized, and they will be able to tell you the day. Here are some ways that you can commemorate your baptism day. Also, if you have children, here are some ways that you can celebrate their baptism anniversaries as well.

1) Light a candle. When we were baptized, a baptismal candle was lit from the Easter Candle as a sign that we now belong to Christ. We have been given the light of Christ and are meant to share that light with others. We are called to grow the flame through love and faith. If you still have your baptismal candle, go ahead and light it! If not, any candle will do as a symbol of the flame burning inside you.

2) Learn about the saint of the day. Every day of the year, the Church remembers certain saints. Do some research on which saint is remembered on your baptism day. Nothing is a coincidence with God. The saint on your day was chosen for you by God to pray for you in a particular way. By learning about the saint, you might even make a new friend in Heaven.

3) Bless yourself with Holy Water. Catholics have Holy Water fonts in our churches so that by blessing ourselves with it, it can remind us of our baptism. “In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit”, and how it is only through the death and resurrection of Jesus that we can receive the Divine life given to us in baptism.

4) Practice gratitude. We should practice gratitude every day, but our baptism anniversary is a perfect day to intentionally call to mind all the ways that God has blessed you throughout the years. We can remember that every breath, every heartbeat, everyday is a gift from the Father who loves us. This is an activity that we can invite others into as well. As we share our thankfulness with others, it spreads and grows.

I am so grateful for my priesthood. But I know God has been at work in my life long before I ever even thought about being a priest. It all started with my baptism. Praise the Lord!

God bless,

Fr. Tyler

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WEEKLY MASSES— St. Christina

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, August 29th: Mass 11:00AM**

Confessions-5 to 5:45PM-Tuesday, August 31st

**Holy Mass: Tuesday, August 31st —6:00PM
Int: +Randy Garry**

**Holy Mass: Thursday, September 2nd—8:00AM
Int: +Kevin Leber**

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, September 5th: Mass 11:00AM**

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**Father Tyler is making plans
to have an Adult Bible Study at St. Christina.**

**The Book of James is 5 chapters and this should
work very well to begin a 5-week study.**

**Father will be gone two weeks in October; so
skipping those two weeks, we could begin
on September 21st. The plan is to have the class
following the Tuesday Evening Mass.**

**The dates are as follows: September 21
September 28
October 12
October 26
November 2**

**A Sign-up sheet is in the back. The deadline to
sign is September 12th and that will give Father time
to order books. The cost of each book is \$15.00.
Several parishioners have requested an Adult Bible
Study and now we have the opportunity.**

**A new beginning was what we talked about
at the parish meeting two weeks ago.**

Sympathy and prayers to the Fitzgerald families on the death of Florence, a sister to Leo and Tom.

**“Eternal Rest Unto Her, O Lord
May She Rest In Peace.”**

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Bud Ozar

In today’s gospel Jesus warns “what comes from within can defile” a person. Families need to worry about “outside influences” but also “inside influences.” The values our children carry for a life time are learned at home. Habits of the Hearth are the most powerful influences on a child. That’s the good news! That can also be the bad news!

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St. Christina Church Support: Deposited

Monday, August 23rd, 2021:

**36 Env. Reg. Giving \$1980.00; Candles \$13.00;
Loose Giving \$115.00.**

Thank You for your Generous Treasure.

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It is necessary that each family that has registered before 2021 Update a new Census Registration Form as many Phone Numbers have changed, Family members have grown, married and/or moved. It is important that we have the correct Address and Phone Number for Father Tyler and the Diocese.

Registration Forms for Religious Education also need to be Updated. Both forms are on the back tables so you update them and put them in the Basket.

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**St. Stephen’s Catholic Church, Bridgewater is
Preparing and selling their Whole Hog
Sausage again this year.**

Pre-orders MUST be received by Friday, September 10th.

Call: 605-729-2714 or 605-214-0389

\$7.50 per pound & sold in 1-pound rings or ground squares.

Pickup Orders: Sunday, October 3rd from 1:30 to 4:00PM.

At St. Stephen’s Parish Hall