

## BAPTISM & HOLY WATER

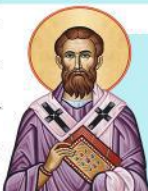
*"You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead."*

1 Corinthians 1:23



A church is a sacramental building, one which makes visible the otherwise invisible realities of the Faith and leads the viewer to their hidden spiritual meaning. Each part of the church building, like each part of a body, has a specific purpose and makes a particular contribution to the whole. Because of the vital role baptism plays in the living faith, the baptismal font serves as one of the primary parts of a church. The placement of the font logically indicates the nature of baptism as "entry" to the Church as celebrated by the whole Christian community. The baptismal font and its location reflect the Christian's journey through the waters of baptism to the altar.

The Savior Jesus Christ taught by means of parables and similes in order to render the divine truths clearer and more easily understood by His audience. He used the same method of teaching in the institution of His means of grace which in their outward signs are mainly symbolic of the effects which they produce in the soul. Thus the washing in Baptism is symbolic of cleansing the soul of original sin. In the same way, holy water is a beautiful, profound symbol of Baptism. It reminds us that our souls have been washed and made pure by the water of Baptism. We are reminded of our holy baptismal vows and of the obligation then undertaken: to keep our souls clean from sin.



*"When you shall have been baptized, keep to a good life in the commandments of God so that you may preserve your baptism to the very end."* ~St. Augustine of Hippo

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, August 20**

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Parish Family

**Sunday, August 21**

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Greg Mayer +  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Lugene Keys +

**Monday, August 22**

No Public Mass

**Tuesday, August 23**

8:00 a.m. Gruss Family Intentions  
8:30 a.m. Confession

**Wednesday, August 24**

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration  
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confessions  
7:00 p.m. Dan Runyon +

**Thursday, August 25**

8:00 a.m. Jerry & Mary Fisher Family

**Friday, August 26**

8:30 a.m. Genevieve Lohmuller +

**Saturday, August 27**

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Ed Bushee +

**Sunday, August 28**

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Ann Marie Kloc +



## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 21, 2022

This weekend (August 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>), the Church celebrates the **Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Next weekend, we have a number of events going on. After all Masses next weekend, you will have the chance to register with the parish, update any registration information that is out-of-date, learn about our various parish groups, and sign-up for any number of ministries that are offered or are being renewed.

On Saturday (Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>), we are hosting a Pizza Party and Ice Cream Bar in the Parish Social Hall for all families registering for our Religious Education Program (Grades K-12<sup>th</sup>). This is not only a chance to register for Religious Education, but also to meet your child's catechists for the coming year. On Sunday (Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>), our Knights of Columbus is partnering with the Red Cross for a Blood Drive from 7 AM to 12:30 PM in the Parish Social Hall.

### CHURCH LIGHTING

A special "Thank You!" to parishioners Corey Coulardot and Andy Vachon for help in changing lights throughout the Church this week. The light fixtures in the nave have all been fitted with new LED bulbs. Utilizing alternating color temperature bulbs in our downlighting and uplighting, the Church will maintain a soft ambience throughout the day for quiet prayer while also ensuring that the nave remains well lit throughout Mass.

### PARISH PLAYGROUND

After several unavoidable delays, our new playground equipment is in the process of being installed. With the equipment cemented into the ground, new turf is being laid throughout this week. If everything remains on schedule, the equipment and area will be safe and open for use in the coming week. Once the area is ready for use, we look forward to having a formal blessing of the equipment to open the area.

### SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Our **St. Francis Summer Reading Program** had nearly twenty of our youth participating (*and a number of adults!*) and resulted in well over 5,000+ pages read throughout the summer. Our Grand Prize Bucket went to **Bella S.** as one of our top readers. Each youth who participated and returned their reading sheets at the end of the summer will receive a participation certificate, signed by myself and Bishop Rhoades. Upon learning of our summer program, Bishop shared with me how glad he was that we started this program. A special "Thank You!" to all those who helped to organize and volunteered to help make this program happen.

### DID YOU KNOW? HOLY WATER

A Sacrament is an outward sign instituted by Jesus Christ to give grace. A sacramental, on the other hand, is anything set apart or blessed by the Church to excite good thoughts, to increase devotion, and to point us towards the Sacraments and Jesus Christ. Holy water is, arguably, the most well known sacramental from the Catholic Church. As a sacramental, it points us towards the Sacrament of Baptism. Every time we sign our foreheads with holy water, we are reminded of our holy baptismal promises and of the obligation then undertaken: to keep our souls pure and clean from sin.

The use of Holy Water in the Catholic Church is a time-honored custom. In the first centuries, it was usual to sprinkle the faithful with holy water in Mass. Church Fathers in the 4th Century make mention of a basin or other receptacle containing holy water which stood at the entrance of churches for the use of the Faithful. In the 5th Century, St. John Chrysostom relates that the Faithful used to take holy water to their houses and keep it throughout the year. Even today, when we enter the Church building, we are invited to take holy water from the font which is placed at the door and mark ourselves with the sign of the cross. This reminds us of our baptism and that we are called to approach the throne of the Most High with a soul free from sin. ~Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David

## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, August 22 - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary** - 2 Thes 1:1-5,11-12/ Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday, August 23 - St. Rose of Lima, Virgin** - 2 Thes 2:1-3a,14-17/ Mt 23:23-26

**Wednesday, August 24 - St. Bartholomew, Apostle** - Rv 21:9b-14/ Jn 1:45-51

**Thursday, August 25 - St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest** - 1 Cor 1:1-9/ Mt 24:42-51

**Friday, August 26** - 1 Cor 1:17-25/ Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday, August 27 - St. Monica** - 1 Cor 1:26-31/ Mt 25:14-30

**Sunday, August 28 - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** - Sir 3:17-18,20,28-29/ Heb 12:18-19,22-24a/ Lk 14:1,7-14



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie and Cheryl Jackson, Andrea Holte, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Nora LaVine, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Dr. Doug Phillips, Jeff Tillman, and Marj Pogue.

Knights of Columbus **Red Cross Blood Drive**  
Sunday, August 28, 2022 \* 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Register at - [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

### COME JOIN US!

#### REGISTRATION WEEKEND - Aug. 27th/28th at each Mass

You will have the opportunity to update your Parish Registration Information and learn about / sign-up for the various groups and ministries in the parish. Members of the Knights of Columbus and GIRL's Night Out will be available to give information about their respective groups and answer any questions you may have.

On Saturday, August 27th we will be hosting a Religious Education Registration Pizza & Sundae Bar for all families in the Parish who have children entering Kindergarten through Grade 12.

#### You will also meet these Amazing Catechists!

Kindergarten: Carol Butler and Nancy Wagner

Grade 1: Chrystal Streeter and Janelle Valenti

Grade 2: Kevin and Jessica Seago

Grade 3: Jennie Haiflich

Grade 4: Connie Garza

Grade 5: TBD

Grade 6: Eric and Tammy Mechling

Grade 7: Laurisa Roper and Chris Williams

Grade 8: Kerry Coyne and Michelle Paxton

High School Youth Group: Abe and McKenna Herr, Steve Wagner, Ben Wagner and Christine Zadylak

Together we **THANK** them for giving their time so lovingly to help **YOU** to bring your child(ren) closer to God.

If you would like to join our amazing team and become a Catechist, a Catechist Assistant or Substitute, contact Michelle in the Parish Office at 260-824-1380.

### PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., Aug. 20 - Helping Hands Fundraiser / St. Joseph Parking Lot (North) - 4:00-8:00 p.m.
- Sat., Aug. 20 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Aug. 21 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- Tues., Aug. 23 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- Wed., Aug. 24 - Adoration - 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Sat., / Sun., August 27 & 28 - Registration Weekend at all Masses.
- Sat., Aug. 27 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sat., Aug. 27 - Religious Education Registration Pizza & Sundae Bar following evening Mass in the Parish Social Hall. Classes begin Sunday, September 11 - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Sun., Aug. 28 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- Tues., Aug. 30 - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- Wed., Aug. 31 - Adoration - 6-7 p.m. / Confessions 6:00-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Fri., Sept. 2 - **First Friday Adoration** - (Following 8:30 a.m. Mass) 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Confessions 5:00-5:45 p.m. / Mass at 6:00 p.m.
- Sat., Sept. 3 - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Sept. 4 - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- Mon., Sept. 5 - Labor Day, Parish Office Closed today.

### Weekend of August 27/28, 2022



**5:00** Nick Boratenski  
**7:30** Donna Geisel  
**10:00** Josie Andrews and Kari Bedwell



**5:00** Stacey Coulardot  
**7:30** Steve Wagner  
**10:00** Monica Harris



**5:00** Volunteers  
**7:30** Volunteers  
**10:00** Volunteers



**5:00** Angel/Zoe Soto, Isiah Bedwell  
**7:30** Beth Geisel, Abby/Adrienne Wagner  
**10:00** Ellie Coyne, Gabby Hoffacker, Gracie Haiflich

#### St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of August 13/14

Adult Envelopes- \$3,243.00

Child Envelopes- \$3.00

Loose- \$275.00

Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$1,275.20

Religious Education Fund- \$175.00

Votive Candles- \$71.55

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary- \$591.00

Picnic Table Memorial Donation-  
\$500.00

**Total- \$6,133.75**

**Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40**

We are \$296.05 behind our  
budget for the month of August.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$40.00

*Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish  
are greatly appreciated.*

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### ST. JOSEPH SUMMER READING PROGRAM

**June 5th – August 7th**

Thank you for participating in our St. Joseph Summer Reading Program! We had lots of children **and** adults enjoying the wonderful selection of books that were provided for the program.

If you still have a book in your possession, and are finished reading it, please bring it back and drop it off in the narthex. All books must be returned no later than August 28th. Thank you!

### NEW CHOIR MEMBERS WELCOME!

The Adult Choir at St. Joseph is in need of singers. We sing on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month and have weekly practice on Wednesdays after the 7:00 pm Mass starting September 7<sup>th</sup>. The choir also sings Christmas Eve and Holy Week. If you enjoy singing and would like to serve in this important ministry please contact Teresa Smith at [teresasmith2000@yahoo.com](mailto:teresasmith2000@yahoo.com) for more information.



#### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION, September 2, 2022

(Following 8:30 a.m. Mass) 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Confessions 5:00-5:45 p.m. / Mass at 6:00 p.m.

"Spend an Hour with me." - Jesus

*Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.*



### DONATIONS WELCOME!

Our new playground will be fully installed this coming week and ready to welcome play, laughter and fun! We will be furnishing our new playground with picnic tables and benches. If you would be interested in making a memorial gift for the dedication of a picnic table or bench, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

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i - is it inspiring?  
n - is it necessary?  
k - is it kind?

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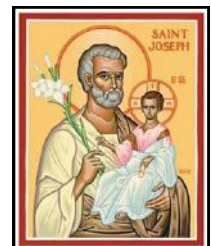
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-St. Mother Teresa

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