

AT THE TABLE

In today's first reading, Wisdom is imagined as a woman rich in poise and grace. She moves smoothly and confidently about her temple-like home. She doesn't flutter about, nervous with worry. Wisdom sends her maidens to invite all to her open house. The guests do not possess any particular genius or insight. They need

only be a people of good will and common sense. They are summoned to leave behind foolishness and to find for themselves a place at Wisdom's table. There they may and can eat and drink deeply.

Today's Gospel draws us back to the table of the Eucharist. Jesus addresses those who seek to understand his words and, sadly, those who seek to avoid them. As people born of God, we are called and equipped to seek God's will and act on it.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
 Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
 Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
 Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14
 Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
 Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12
 Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Wednesday: St. John Eudes
 Thursday: St. Bernard
 Friday: St. Pius X
 Saturday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary



*St. John the Baptist Altar Society
 resumes monthly meetings on
 Thursday, September 3rd at 10:00 a.m.
 All Ladies of the parish
 are invited to attend and join our group.*

Judgement

To pass judgement on another is to usurp shamelessly a prerogative of God. ~ St. John Climacus

WEEKLY COLLECTION 08/09/2015

St. John the Baptist

Identified Contributions (182 Families)	\$	7,849.00
Unidentified Contributions	\$	633.00
Building Maintenance Fund (11)	\$	327.00
Youth Ministry (5)	\$	85.00
Legacy of Faith / Capital Camp (51)	\$	4,943.00
Legacy of Faith / Capital Camp TOTAL	\$	5,187,257.98

ONLINE GIVING

Regular Contributions (30)	\$	2,135.00
Building Maintenance Fund (6)	\$	195.00
Legacy of Faith Capital Camp. (25)	\$	2,559.00
Campaign Total	\$	5,189,816.98

Our Lady of Assumption

Identified Contributions (48 Families)	\$	2,435.60
Unidentified Contributions	\$	313.51
Building Maintenance (2)	\$	50.60
Youth Ministry (1)	\$	10.00

ONLINE GIVING

Regular Contributions (3)	\$	300.00
Building Maintenance (1)	\$	10.00

NO SPECIAL COLLECTIONS IN AUGUST

SANCTUARY LIGHT **AUGUST 15TH - AUGUST 21ST**

*The Sanctuary Light at St. John will burn
 in memory of **Donald Richard**.
 The Sanctuary Light at Our Lady will burn
 in memory of the **Aborted Babies**.*

In Sympathy

*Our Communities of Faith
 extend our sympathy and
 prayerful support
 for the family of :*

Danny O'Quinn, brother-in-law of Nita Poole.
*May the Lord grant comfort and peace to this family and
 may he and all who sleep in Christ, find in His presence,
 light, happiness, and peace.*

WE NEED YOU To Make Our Pictorial Complete!
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 in one of two ways:*

- 1. Visit our website and look for the logo on the top right of the home page and click on your parish*
- 2. Call or visit the Parish Office.*

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† ~ † NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE † ~ †

Sunday, August 16th

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

-7 a.m. Mass / Coffee & Pastries
-10 a.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy / Rosary
-11 a.m. Mass

-OLA

-8:30 a.m. Rosary / Choir
-9 a.m. Mass
-10 a.m. Feast Day Celebration

Monday, August 17th

-6:30 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group
-6:30 p.m. Scouts
-7 p.m. N.A. Meeting

Tuesday, August 18th

-6 p.m. Adult Choir

-OLA

-6 p.m. Rosary
-6:15 p.m. Confessions
-6:30 p.m. Mass

Wednesday, August 19th

-7 a.m. Mass

Thursday, August 20th

-7:30 a.m. Mass

Friday, August 21st

-7:30 a.m. Mass/Divine Mercy/Coffee & Biscuits

Saturday, August 22nd

-9 a.m. Teacher's Mornings of Reflection
-9:30 a.m. Baptismal Seminar
-4 p.m. Confessions
-5 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday, August 23rd

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

-7 a.m. Mass / Coffee & Pastries
-10 a.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy / Rosary
-11 a.m. Mass

-OLA

-8:30 a.m. Rosary / Choir
-9 a.m. Mass



**Teacher's
Morning of Reflection**
Next Saturday, August 22nd
at 9:00 a.m.

Attention: All Current Altar Servers

Please contact Dale Myrick at
235-6509 to update your records
if you have not done so already.

If you are interesting in
becoming an Altar Server, please
contact Dale Myrick at 235-6509.



Altar Servers



Baptismal Seminar
Next Saturday
August 22nd
at 9:30 a.m. in the Church.

No need to register. Just show up.

Reminder
Jr. High Retreat
in Rosaryville
September 11th - 13th
For more information

*please contact Katie Myrick
in the Youth Ministry Office.*

PARENTS - If available, we need chaperones !!!



Have you seen???

*We are looking for the church's set of DVDs
Gospel of Matthew Bible Study.
Contact the Parish Office if you can help !!!*



Children and Youth Choirs
resume practice on

Tuesday, August 25th:

Children (K-5th): 5:00 p.m.

Youth (6th-12th): 5:30 p.m.

Begins September 3rd
at 7:00 p.m.
and continues
every Thursday.

RCIA
Christian Formation Process

Call Joey Hebert at 301-1737 for information.
*The RCIA process has several distinct stages:
Inquiry (just looking), Catechumenate (learning),
Purification & Preparation (conversion) and Initiation.*
Faith is the foundation of your life.
Make that foundation solid!

Saint of the Week

St. Helena

Helena was born of humble parents in the Roman province of Moesia, a land on the western shore of the Black Sea. According to St. Ambrose, Helena was an inn-keeper when Constantius Chlorus lifted her from her lowly position and made her his consort. She married Constantius and their son Constantine was born in 274. Constantius divorced her in 294 in order to further his political ambitions by marrying a woman of noble rank. On the death of his father, the young Constantine became emperor. He showed his mother great honor and respect by bringing her to live at court and granting her the imperial title "Augusta."

Everyone knows the story of Constantine's dramatic conversion. The Church historian, Eusebius, whose Life of Constantine is a chief source of information for the period, relates that on the eve of a great battle in the year 312 Constantine had a dream of a flaming cross in the sky, and beneath it were the words, in Greek, "In this sign conquer." He thereupon embraced Christianity and proceeded south to the Tiber, where his victory over the Emperor Maxentius gave him control of the Western Empire. Constantine now effected his mother's conversion and had his children reared as Christians. After 300 years of persecution, Christians could finally practice their faith without fear. Helena became zealous for the faith, using her influence and wealth to extend Christianity. She built many churches and restored shrines; her name is particularly associated with churches at Rome and at Trier, in Gaul. But it is in the Holy Land itself that we have the most authentic record of her activities, which included the construction of great basilicas at Bethlehem and Jerusalem. When she was an old woman of nearly eighty, with the help of St. Judas Cyriacus, she cleared the mound that covered the Holy Sepulchre, and in doing so uncovered the True Cross, on which Jesus was crucified.

Motto for this week: THE CROSS, OUR HOPE!

Resolution: I will offer up a daily sacrifice for the conversion of sinners

Patron Saint of:

Archaeologists, converts, difficult marriages, divorced people

Feast Day: August 18th

Prayer to St. Helena:

Holy and blessed Saint Helena, with the anguish and devotion with which you sought the Cross of Christ, I plead that you seek for me God's grace to suffer in patience the labors of this life, so that through them and through your intercession and protection, I will be able to seek and carry the Cross, which God has placed upon me, so that I can serve Him in this life and enjoy His Glory ever after. Amen.