



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

August 22, 2021

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<i>Intentions</i>			
Mon.	23	8:00 a.m.	Poor Souls
Tues.	24	8:00 a.m.	Paula Pace
Wed.	25	8:00 a.m.	Int. Janet Counts
Thur.	26	8:00 a.m.	Thomas Jennings
Fri.	27	8:00 a.m.	Larry O'Neill
Sat.	28	4:00 p.m.	Carol Lay
Sun.	29	10:00 a.m.	Massmann Family
(SA)		8:00 a.m.	Parish Family

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

ST. JOSEPH	
SATURDAY MASS - 4:00 PM	<i>August 28, 2021</i>
Lector	Patricia Murphy
Eucharistic Ministers	Carolyn Rhodes
Altar Servers	Volunteer
Ushers/Greeters	L. Carrow, D. Gifford
ST. JOSEPH	
SUNDAY MASS – 10:00 AM	<i>August 29, 2021</i>
Lector	Deborah Pace
Eucharistic Ministers	Chris Willette
Altar Servers	Dan & Bernice Burle
Ushers/Greeters	P. DeGonia, G. Inman C. & W. Stephens
ST. ANNE	
SUNDAY MASS – 8:00 AM	<i>August 29, 2021</i>
Lector	Ron Schmidt
Eucharistic Ministers	Diane Schnable
Altar Servers	Richard Broome
Ushers/Greeters	G. Fisher, R. Byington

St. Joseph Catholic Church St. Anne Catholic Church

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 Website: www.saintjosephchurch.org
 Mass Schedule:
 Weekdays: 8:00 am (Monday—Friday)
 Saturdays: 4:00 pm Sundays: 10:00 am

Teach Us to Pray Talking to God as a Friend

In one section of the *Spiritual Exercises*, his classic manual on prayer, St. Ignatius Loyola encourages us to speak to God “as one friend speaks to another.” But St. Ignatius didn’t invent this beautiful way of interacting with God. After all, as we know from the book of Exodus: “The Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend” (33:11). St. Ignatius calls this way of praying a “colloquy” or, more commonly, a conversation. He encourages believers to do this with God the Father, with Jesus, and also with Mary. Many people find this an entirely natural way to pray. They say, “How else would I speak to God other than in conversation?” Others find it odd – almost offensive. They can’t imagine speaking to the Creator of the universe as a “friend.” But you can have reverence for someone and consider them a friend at the same time. Imagine yourself addressing a wise and elderly mentor you’ve known your entire life. You would likely be both reverent and friendly.

A “colloquy” doesn’t have to be complicated. Simply imagine yourself in the presence of God (or Jesus or Mary) in some way (for example, sitting in a chair beside you) and open yourself to them. And, if you are able, imagine what they might have to say to you. And always remember, as the Jesuit William A. Barry often points out, God desires your friendship.

Father James Martin, SJ *Give Us this Day*



Bingo – August 12, 2021

Gross Receipts: \$551.00

Players: 61

Your Gift to God

August 14 & 15, 2021

	<i>St. Joseph</i>	<i>St. Anne</i>
Envelopes	\$2,110.00	\$1,063.00
St. Vincent de Paul	5.00	
Assumption	343.00	75.00
African Missions	415.00	61.00
Church Restoration	287.00	

2020-21 Budgeted Amounts

Envelopes/Loose

St. Joseph \$3,712 St. Anne \$804
for 52 weeks

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ST. ANNE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass: Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Church Cleaning Team #1 – Ann Folle & Jean Hejlek



St. Joseph Fall Raffle September 19, 2021

1st prize \$700.00 Cash

2nd prize \$300+ in Misc. gift cards

3rd prize \$150 Lottery Scratcher Tickets

4th prize \$100 gas cash donated from Chuck & BJ's

5th prize \$100 gift card donated from Save-A-Lot

We ask for your help with the sale of raffle tickets to family, co-workers, friends and neighbors. Thank you!

Help Wanted for our Fall Dinner

We invite our youth to volunteer to help in the cafeteria downstairs at the Fall Dinner on September 19, 2021. We need volunteers to sack up the dinners and clean the tables.

To our Chairpersons: We will not hold the previously scheduled meeting on August 24. If you need volunteers for your group, please call the church office at 573.358.2112 or Frances Haug at 573.358.3134.



St. Joseph Fall Dinner Desserts

Parish families are requested to bring three desserts each for the Fall Dinner. Desserts are to be delivered to the church basement or meeting room

Saturday afternoon on September 18 or before 9:00 am on Sunday, September 19. Don't know what to bring? The most requested items are fruit and cream pies, brownies, 'dump cakes' and carrot cakes. All cakes and pies are appreciated. Don't have time to bake. Store bought also brings smiles! You can't go wrong with any of the above. Thanks!

Ladies of St. Joseph

Congratulations to our new officers who will serve for a two year term.

President	Margie Candelaria
Secretary	Gretchen Pratte
Treasurer	Linda Scrogin

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you know of anyone who has a desire to examine the Catholic faith, please invite them to contact Father Holbrook as soon as possible.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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"Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods." We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these "gods" because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with "who is God" and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised "more." But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only "feels" true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It's a choice we all have to make. ©LPi

Perfect Contrition and Spiritual Communion

What to do if you cannot go to Confession or Holy Communion due to the COVID-19 coronavirus



If you have to self-isolate or are quarantined due to the COVID-19 coronavirus, it is unlikely that you will be able to receive the sacraments as normal.

In these circumstances, there are devotions through which you can receive absolution for your sins, (under certain conditions), and the consolation of Eucharistic grace.

These devotions are officially encouraged by the Church and have been practiced by saints.

How to make an Act of Perfect Contrition

Through an act of Perfect Contrition, you receive pardon for your sins outside of confession, even mortal sins, on condition that you determine to amend your life and make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as this becomes possible for you.

Perfect Contrition is a grace from God, so sincerely ask for this gift throughout the day prior to making your act of contrition: "My God, grant me perfect contrition for all my sins".

1. In reality or imagination kneel at the foot of a crucifix and say to yourself: "Jesus, my God and my Saviour, in the midst of your agony, you remembered me, you suffered for me, you wished to wipe away my sins".
2. Contrition is 'perfect' if you repent of your sins because you love God and are sorry for offending Him and causing the sufferings of Christ on the cross. Before the Crucified Christ remember your sins, repent of them because they have brought our Lord to His sufferings on the Cross. Promise him, that with His help, you will not sin again.
3. Recite, slowly and sincerely, an act of contrition focused on the goodness of God and your love of Jesus: "O my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you and by the help of your grace I will not sin again. Amen".
4. Make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as practically possible.

How to make a Spiritual Communion

The key to Spiritual Communion is to grow in your heart a constant desire for the Blessed Sacrament.

1. If you are aware of serious or mortal sin, make an Act of Perfect Contrition.
2. Imagine the sacred words and actions of the Mass or watch online or on TV.
3. Make all those acts of faith, humility, sorrow, adoration, love and desire that you usually express before Holy Communion.
4. Desire, with earnest longing, to receive our Lord present — Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity — in the Blessed Sacrament.
5. Say this prayer of St. Alphonsus de' Ligouri: "My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You are already there, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You; do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen."
6. After moments of silent adoration make all those acts of faith, humility, love, thanksgiving and offering that you usually express through prayers after Holy Communion.

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