ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH

ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

AUGUST 14, 2022
TWENTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE

Masses are currently being held in the St. Dominic Savio Center to the right of the school.

MASS TIMES

Saturday..... (Vigil) 4:00pm
Sunday..... 8:30am, 10:30am, 7:00pm
..... (Spanish) 3:00pm

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday..... 8:30am

CONFESSIONS

One half hour before each Mass daily and Sundays.

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

- Currently closed for repairs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place every day from 9am till 9pm in the St. Dominic Savio Center, except during weekend Mass times.

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

There is a "great cloud of witnesses" found in the official saints of the church and in ordinary people we meet every day. They are faith-filled inspirations who, by their example, help us to persevere in our faith. Living in a sea of conflict, change, challenge, and confusion, it is easy to grow tired and get weary. With so many things in competition for our attention, it is challenging to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and the Kingdom of God. We have to keep running the race and continue proclaiming the Good News. This message is not always welcome. It can cause division, challenge accepted mindsets, ruffle peoples' feathers, and cause some folks to become defensive. God's ways are not always our ways. Even though often rejected by the world, the message of God in Jesus Christ must continue to be preached. We can rely on the examples of faith before us and around us and not lose heart. As Jesus endured the voices of opposition, so too can we.
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Mass Intentions

Monday, August 15 • The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 am — Norman & Verna Millet, Rosalind M. Hutson, Deborah Acosta, Jessica Fournet
6:15 pm — PSR Teachers & Students

Tuesday, August 16 • St. Stephen of Hungary
8:30 am — Vivian Fisher

Wednesday, August 17
8:30 am — Special Intentions

Thursday, August 18
8:30 am — Special Intention

Friday, August 19 • St. John Eudes
8:30 am — Raphael Vanasse

Saturday, August 20 • St. Bernard
4:00 pm — Melancon & Fisher Families, Dan Guidry, Gregory Hymel, E.J. & Edna Guidry, Conrad & Betty Hymel, Crayon & Lato Families, Tony & Dolores Dottolo, Marilyn Torres, All Souls, Donald Acosta, Sr., Eleanor LeBoeuf

Sunday, August 21 • 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am — Steve Navarre, Tom & Teresa Bautsch, Mae & Alton Berthelot, Sr., Souls in Purgatory, Dolores Brignac DiCarlo
10:30 am — Vivian Scioneaux
3:00 pm — (en espanol) Our Parishioners
7:00 pm — Vives Family, Martinez Family, Sosa Family

VIGIL LIGHT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST
In Memory of Huey Waguespack

CHAPEL CANDLES BURN THIS WEEK FOR
In Thanksgiving for God's Blessings

Keep in touch with us
VIA EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGE flocknote

TEXT AOLPARISH to 84576

Online Mass Intention Request

Mass Intentions can now be made online! Visit our website **aolparish.org** and click on the Request a Mass Intention link to make your request.

Special Collection - August 21 Catholic Relief Services

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's Love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/ catholic-relief.

Reconstruction Update

Work schedules for the Parish Office have been fluctuating. Once work begins, the Parish Office will be closed and staff will work from home. Please continue to check our Facebook page and website for the most current information. We will do our best to keep you updated. If you need to contact us, the following are our email addresses:

Fr. Cyril Buyeera, Pastor:
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To make things easier, Mass requests and weekly/monthly contributions can be made online. Please visit our website **aolparish.org** to access these. You can also sign up for Flocknote, our communications platform where you can receive text or email updates from the church. Thank you for your patience.

ACTS Men's Retreat

September 8-11, 2022
Lumen Christi Retreat Center

Men of Ascension of Our Lord are invited to join in an extraordinary weekend! This experience will take place September 8-11, 2022 at Lumen Christi Retreat Center in Schriever, Louisiana. Visit our Parish Website for information and registration forms. Or you may contact one of the retreat directors:
DIRECTOR: Barry Mader 504-722-6821
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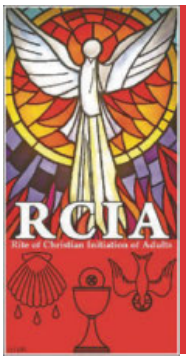
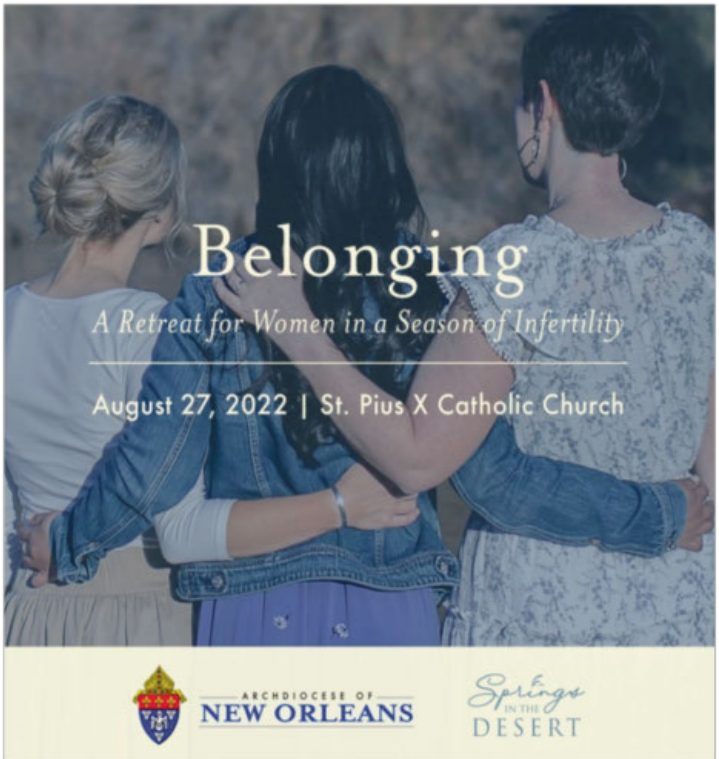


If you or someone you know would like to become Catholic, or if you are Catholic and would like to be confirmed, we will begin our RCIA program in late August or early September. Classes are held weekly in the Parish Office. Please contact the Parish Office for information.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION
REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration for 2022-2023 Parish School of Religion (Grades K-12) is open. Online registration can be found at **www.aolparish.org/psr** along with the class schedule. Payment can be dropped off at the parish office. **We will begin our year with Opening Mass at 6:15pm on August 15th**. If you have any questions, please email our PSR Coordinator Mrs. Andree Gurdian at ***andreemgurdian@gmail.com***.



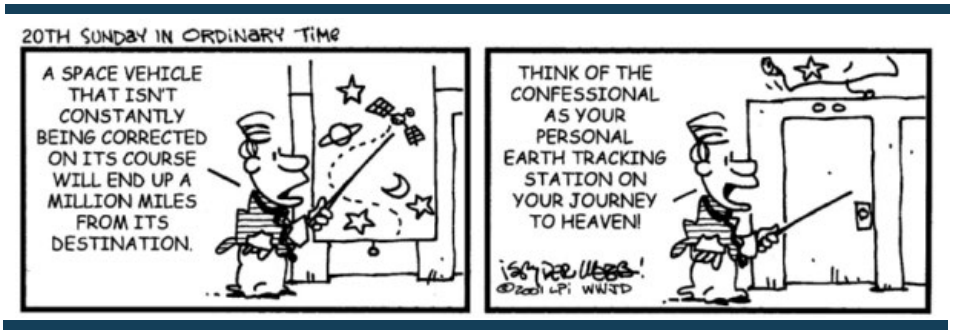
If you struggle with infertility, you may feel like you're in a lonely, desert place. But you are not alone! Join the Archdiocese of New Orleans and Springs in the Desert on August 27. Visit **springsinthedesert.org/nola/** to learn more.

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Wednesday, August 17
6:30 pm KC General Meeting - KC Home

Saturday, August 20 • Team 3

Sunday August 21 • Team 3
8:30 am Altar Society Monthly Mass - Savio Center



Kids Corner

READ THE GOSPEL & COLOR

Jesus came to make people choose sides. If your sister wants you to steal a toy at the store, Jesus wants you to choose to work for the money to buy it. If your brother wants you to beat up a boy, Jesus wants you to talk instead. When you want to keep all of your lollipops, he wants you to share. He wants you to choose his way of goodness, not evil.

PRAYER
Lord, make me strong so that I choose goodness, not evil.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK
When I am tempted to do evil, I will pray, "Make me strong, Lord."

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Come Let Us Adore!

Adoration is being held in the St. Dominic Savio Center (the temporary Church) every day from 9:00am to 9:00pm, except when Mass is being celebrated or a special activity is being held.

Please understand that continuing Adoration while sharing the St. Dominic Savio Center with other ministries has been difficult. Personal prayer time with Jesus refreshes our lives and feeds our souls. Patience and love is necessary during this rebuilding process. Thank you for your commitment.

SACRAMENTS

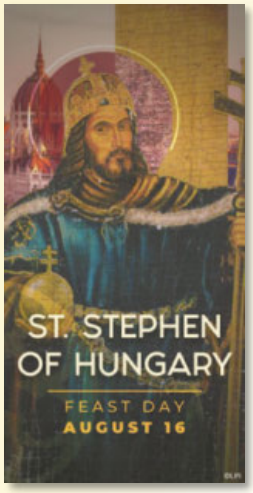
BAPTISMS: Baptismal seminars are held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Parish Office at 7:00pm. Please call the Parish Office to pre-register.

WEDDINGS: Couples must contact the priest at least six months prior to the preferred date of the wedding.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please call the Parish Office at 985-652-2615.

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: To be added to the list, please call the Parish Office.

FUNERALS: Family must make arrangements with the priest prior to making final arrangements with the funeral home.



SAINT OF THE WEEK
EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

St. Stephen of Hungary
Feast Day August 16

Born a pagan in the 10th century Saint Stephen was baptized as a boy when his father converted to Christianity. Saint Stephen married Gisela, daughter of Duke Henry II of Bavaria who would become Saint Henry II. He succeeded his father as leader and began to transform the nation into a Christian kingdom.

Pope Sylvester II proclaimed him the first king of Hungary in 1001, sending him a crown and gold processional cross. The crown, made in the Byzantine style, has become a symbol of Hungarian nationhood.

King Stephen's reign was a relatively peaceful and prosperous time. He outlawed paganism, mandated church building, and tithing for support of the parish, and commanded all to marry except clergy and religious. He founded a Benedictine monastery, and Hungary became an important place along the route to the Holy Land for many pilgrims.

Unfortunately, Stephen's son and heir died in a hunting accident, causing much conflict over the succession when the saint died. Eventually the kingdom was won back for Christendom and father and son were canonized in 1083 by Pope St. Gregory VII. Saint Stephen I is now patron saint of Hungary. ©LPi

REFLECT - QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading
The court official, Ebed-melech, courageously advocated for the prophet Jeremiah, having him recused from the muddy cistern. When have you defended someone being ridiculed for their faith?

Second Reading
The author of Hebrews encourages his community to remain strong in their faith in Jesus. What or who helps you when you feel spiritually discouraged?

Gospel
Jesus forewarned his disciples that his message would bring division, even within families. How does your family deal with this type of tension? ©LPi

RESPONDING TO THE CALL

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

A Steward's Growing Pains

Have you ever written a check or seen the charge on the credit card machine that had far too many zeros on it for your comfort?

The brakes finally give up on the car you were hoping to nurse through the season. The water heater dies on the coldest week of the year. A medical procedure wasn't totally covered by insurance. We've all been here in this place, being asked to part with a not-so-small sum of money for a not-so-fun reason.

It's a little easier to bear when you're forking over dollar signs for a fun vacation or even a worthy cause like your child's education. But when it's something you weren't expecting, something negative, that uneasiness in the pit of your stomach can quickly become despair.

The next time this happens to you, embrace it. Celebrate it. Wrap your arms around it and welcome it as a growing pain.

We are often asked, in life, to give more than we wish. Our loved ones demand greater patience than we think we have. Our prayer life is stalling, and we feel God isn't holding up His end of the communication bargain. The daily grind seems to be grinding us down. We feel that uneasiness in the pit of our stomach, just as we do when we part with money we thought belonged solely to us.

That place of uncertainty propels us in life, in stewardship, in relationship. All forward motion comes from that feeling. Put out your hands and let yourself be thrust into the pit — He will stoop to take you out from the mud. Spread your arms on your cross — joy is waiting for you.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/ Lk 12:49-53
Monday:	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Tuesday:	Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday:	Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

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