

TO *Welcome*  
OUR CHURCH

*August 22, 2021*

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***Mass Schedule***

***Wednesday Noon***

***Friday Noon***

***Saturday 4:15pm***

***Sunday 10:00***

**Office hours are Tuesday-Friday**

**8:00 to 4:00**

**August 22, 2021**

*"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord." John 6:56*

The immense love God has for his  
people prompts us to love in return.



In the first reading, Joshua and the tribes of Israel state their fidelity to the Lord God. In his Letter to the Ephesians, Saint Paul draws a parallel between a spousal relationship and the radical love between Christ and the Church. In the Gospel, Jesus proclaims that his words are *Spirit and life*, after which only some of his followers continued as disciples.

### **Mass Intentions**

**Wednesday August 25th noon**

Clara Wischnewsky

Annie Mae Coffman

**Friday August 27th noon**

Trey Barnett

**Saturday August 28th 4:15pm**

Monica Krause

**Sunday August 29th 10:00 am**

Deceased members of the  
Mary & Joe Sechelski family

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on  
our past,  
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our  
future!*

### **Father Eli**

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### **Liturgical Ministers Schedule**



**Saturday August 28th 4:15 pm**

Susan Wisnoski & Shirley Hesse

***Lectors:***

Barbara Dibello

***Rosary:***

***Altar Servers:***

Jillian Wisnoski, Brant Werner, Zoey Smith

***Ushers:***

Danny Pasket, Michael Wisnoski, Johnny Pasket Jr., Darrell Wagner

**Sunday August 29th 10:00 am**

***Lectors:***

Brian Burzynski & Ian Campbell

***Rosary:***

Eugene Yanchak

***Altar Servers:***

James Leman, Ben Leman Jr., Luke Leman

***Ushers:***

Mike Wroblewski, Roger Vezurk, Marcus Klawinsky, Darrin Pasket

*If you cannot be present, please find a replacement*

*Simon Peter answered... "You have the words of eternal life.  
We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."*

JOHN 6:68–69

## Make Up Your Mind

**O**ne can say that life is a series of choices. You have to make up your mind; which shall it be? Some of these choices are insignificant: red or green? Others are much more important: To what shall I commit my life? Shall I get married? There are some choices that are even more momentous: What kind of a person do I want to be—trustworthy or crafty? Should I even bother with God and religion?

Having spent a lifetime in the wilderness, the Israelites were poised in the land of the Amorites, ready to enter the land promised to them by God. Before they moved forward, a pressing decision had to be made. Which god were they going to worship? A Canaanite god who presumably made the land before them fertile and inviting? Or the God who delivered them from Egypt, fed them in the wilderness, brought them safely to this point, and yet with whom they

quarreled throughout their wilderness sojourn? Joshua voiced his decision: "As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD" (Joshua 24:15).

Jesus' declaration of himself as "the bread of life" (John 6:35) troubled many people. It was then, and still is today, a difficult saying. It was repulsive to many, and they thought that Jesus sounded blasphemous. Those who could not accept his claim, left him. He asked his closest followers, as he asks us today: "Do you also want to leave?" Speaking for all, Peter replied: "Master, to whom shall we go?" (John 6:67–68). How might you answer?

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *What decisions of conscience has life placed before you? How did you decide?*
- ✦ *Trust in God's care and protection even if you might have chosen better.*



# Dear Padre,

**My husband has vascular dementia and is unable to make an examination of conscience. Part of the anointing of the sick involves the confession of sins, so will it be valid when he receives it?**

**I**f circumstances permit, the sacrament of anointing of the sick may be preceded by the sacrament of penance and followed by the sacrament of the Eucharist (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1517).

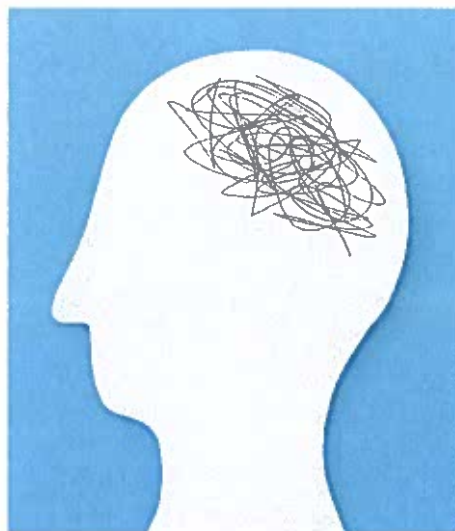
However, when conditions such as your husband's don't allow this, judgment on the suitability for anointing is to be made prudently and without scruple (*Pastoral Care of the Sick*, 8). For example, anointing is conferred on people who have lost consciousness or the use of reason if, as Christian believers, they would have "at least implicitly asked for it when they were in control of their faculties" (*PCS* 14). Therefore, because of the degree of brain-function loss in this circumstance, the sacrament of anointing also absolves any sins.

When a habitual desire to die as a faithful Catholic is implied before a person's illness, the special grace of the sacrament of anointing has this as one of its effects: "the forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of Penance" (*CCC* 1532).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR | [Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)

**Do you have a question for the Padre?**

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to submit your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.



## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*When someone is sick, we at times think: "Let's call for the priest to come"; "No, then he will bring bad luck. Let's not call him."...The idea is floating about that the undertakers arrive after the priest, and this is not true....It is Jesus himself who comes to relieve the sick person...and also to forgive his sins.*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, FEBRUARY 26, 2014

## Calendar

**Monday**

AUGUST 23

Weekday

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10

Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday**

AUGUST 24

St. Bartholomew,  
Apostle

Rv 21:9b-14

Jn 1:45-51

**Wednesday**

AUGUST 25

Weekday

1 Thes 2:9-13

Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday**

AUGUST 26

Weekday

1 Thes 3:7-13

Mt 24:42-51

**Friday**

AUGUST 27

St. Monica

1 Thes 4:1-8

Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday**

AUGUST 28

St. Augustine,  
Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church

1 Thes 4:9-11

Mt 25:14-30

**Sunday**

AUGUST 29

Twenty-second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

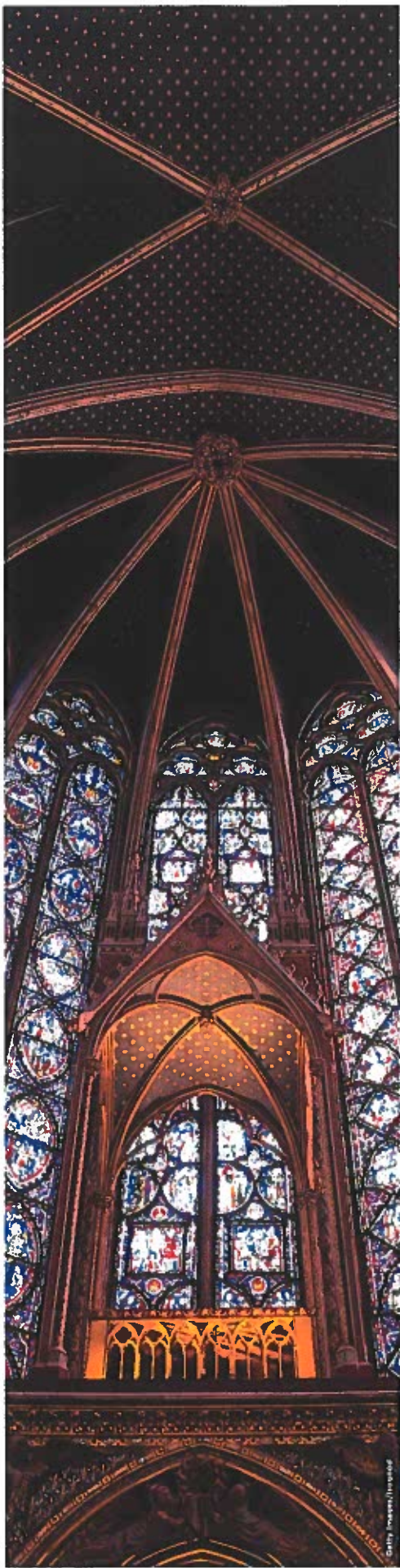
Dt 4:1-2, 6-8

Jas 1:17-18,

21b-22, 27

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15,

21-23



August 22, 2021

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b | Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32 | Jn 6:60-69

### **GROW AS A DISCIPLE** | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Have you ever felt nervous in standing up for something, or in taking a position on an issue? Even when the stakes are not particularly high, like a classroom debate over an author's meaning in her text or requesting that customer service fix a take-out order gone awry, it can be nerve-racking for many of us to have this kind of engagement. It is especially difficult when we sense conflict. Why is that? Why do we care so much what others think of us? What about when the stakes are literally life or death? In today's first reading, Joshua is imploring the people to decide which god they will serve, and he boldly proclaims: "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." In the Gospel, some of Jesus' disciples reject his teachings and drift back to "their former way of life." Jesus asks the Twelve whether they, too, "want to leave." Simon Peter responds with the rhetorical question, "Master, to whom [else] shall we go?" Like Joshua, he is bold in his own pronouncement: "You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." Today's readings encourage and exhort us to go "all in" when it comes to discipleship. The implication is clear: it matters not what others think of us, or what attraction they might hold for us to acquiesce to them. God alone is the source of life, and the truth. He offers us a way - it's that simple. We simply must decide to serve him.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

At times this commitment, this life of discipleship, is more difficult than other times. Faith is a personal and communal relationship with our Triune God, and just like our human relationships it requires attentiveness, and "[living] in love as Christ loved us." Just as a spouse or roommate can annoy us - being messy, hearing the same joke over and over, and don't get me started on who gets to control the remote! - we may get upset with God because our expectations are not met. But God is God, not "who we think God ought to be." Therefore, today's readings are an encouragement to remain steadfast when things are difficult, with St. Paul comparing the love of Jesus for the Church (all of us!) with the mutual love between a husband and wife. No one said it would be easy. Just as a good marriage requires communication, give-and-take, and large doses of forgiveness, so does our relationship with the Lord require prayer, confession, repentance, and thanksgiving.

**ACTION** Place Joshua's words on your refrigerator this week: "Decide today whom you will serve ... As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Brainstorm about how each member of your household can do that.



**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**August 22, 2021**

**Gospel: (John 6: 60-69)**

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?"... Jesus said, *"It is the Spirit that gives life...the words I have spoken to you are spirit and life."* Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, *"For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father."* As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. 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."

**Reflection:**

Believing in Jesus and his teaching requires letting go of what we think we know of God and allowing God to act in a whole new way. Israel's expectations of who the Messiah would be blocked the way for some to see God acting in a new way and offering a whole new way of relating to us. Never before had Israel heard of a God who becomes incarnate and dwells among the people. Believe or leave is a pretty clear choice. Many of us make the choice to stay with Jesus but live the new, self-giving life only halfheartedly. Liturgy invites us to constantly assess the depth of our belief-commitment. We judge our belief not on what we say or think but on what we do. Self-giving always leads to new life and this is why we are able to make the choice to stay with the Master, for we have come to know and believe that he has the words of eternal life. (Living Liturgy, p.196)

**Vincentian Meditation:**

In prayer, the emphasis must always be on the presence of the personal God, to whose word we must listen attentively, as he speaks to us the good news of his love for us and for others. In an era when there is much noise, where the media, if we so choose, speak to us all day long, we must ask ourselves: Are we able to distinguish the voice of God among the many voices that are speaking? Is God's word able to say "new things" to us? Are we still capable of wonder? The word "wonder" has a kinship with the word wound. Is the word of God able to wound us, to penetrate the membrane that seals us off, that encloses us within ourselves? Can it break into our consciousness and change us? (Maloney, Go! On the Missionary Spirituality of St. Vincent de Paul, p.24)

**Discussion: (Share your thoughts on the readings after a moment of silence)**

**How is the Holy Spirit calling us to change- to become "new"?**

**Closing Prayer:**

Jesus is ever present with God, and ever present with us, and so we pray,  
**-Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.**

We ask for strength to continue as your faithful disciples,  
**-and may we always let your word break into our consciousness and change us. Amen.**



# St. Stanislaus Kostka



**Sunday October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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We are asking for partial or full donations for the prizes, your support is very much appreciated.

## **We are collecting items the follow booths for this year's bazaar**

- Gift Cards to Restaurants (New Booth)
- Toys for Toy Booth
- Fishing and hunting items for Outdoor Booth
- Homemade & handmade items for Babusha's Porch
- You can drop off items in the office.

a. We are look for a family to run the Toy Booth.

b. Next Bazaar meeting September 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 in the parish hall. All are welcome

c. Raffle tickets are available for pick. Each family is asked to sell 10 tickets. Extra tickets available in the office. Please return any unsold ticket to the office.



# Welcome to St. Stanislaus Kostka

Please contact the parish office if you wish to become a member register 936-873-2291

## **Our Holy Father's Prayer Intentions August**

*Intentions for Evangelization:- The Church*

*Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.*

## **Announcements**

**RCIA class to start in September. Call the office for more information 936-873-2291**

## **CCE**

CCE will resume on Sept 8th with a parent meeting in the church at 6.

We are in need of CCE teachers and helpers. If you are available to help, please contact

Kirby Borski at 936-661-5699 Check your emails for signup information

**SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2021**

**PARISH CLEANUP DAY ALL HANDS ON DECK!** Everyone is invited to help clean up the church property and help out with minor maintenance around the campus. (Window washing, painting, trimming bushes and general maintenance) Please bring your family to volunteer. Call Carol in the parish office to sign up. (936-873-2291)

The time will be announced closer to the date. Lunch and drinks will be provided.

Thank you in advance for your support!

## **Together in Holiness Marriage Conference**

**Saturday, September 25, 2021**

**St. Theresa in Sugar Land and Sts. Simon and Jude in The Woodlands**

Presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation

Registration: \$59/couple and \$35/individual Early Bird discount available until August 2.

Scholarships available upon request; please inquire. On-site childcare (2-12yrs); pre-registration required.

For more information, please visit [togetherinholiness.org](https://togetherinholiness.org) or email [th@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:th@forlifeandfamily.org).

**Flower on the altar in memory of Eddie Knowles & John Saver**

The theme for today's readings is fidelity between God and his people. How loyal are we to Jesus? Are we able to take Peter's words as our own? *Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.* How well do we even know the words of Jesus? Let us recommit ourselves to deepening our knowledge and love of the Lord.

**Altar Society** : Meets the first Thursday September to May. The next meeting will be Thursday September 2nd at 6:00 in the rectory. All Catholic ladies are welcome.

**Baptism**: Classes are necessary for baptism. Please contact the parish office to make needed arrangements.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries** : On the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of every month Fr. Eli will bless anyone with a birthday or wedding anniversary during that month following each Mass.

**Cemetery Guidelines**: If you have any questions or concerns pertaining to the cemetery, please contact Charles Posinski at 936-873-2113. If work needs to be done you must call Charles Posinski first.

**Choir Practice**: Choir practice is on Thursday evenings beginning at 6:15pm in the church. You can contact Leo Hock at 713-435-9949 for more information.

**Counseling**: Gratia Plena is a nonprofit organization that provides mental and spiritual health services for mental illnesses, addictions, and marriage/family problems. All counselors are Catholic and provide services in a way that is faithful to the teachings, values and traditions of the Church. Their closest office is near The Woodlands, but counselors are also available by video session. For more information, see their website at [www.gratiaplenacounseling.org](http://www.gratiaplenacounseling.org) or call (832) 532-0129, or email [info@gratiaplenacounseling.org](mailto:info@gratiaplenacounseling.org)

**Divine Mercy**: Every Friday after the noon Mass . Everyone is welcome to join us.

**Gabriel Project**: Pregnant. Scared. Need to talk! Gabriel Project offer assistance to women experiencing difficult circumstances. Please call Wanda O'Brien 936-597-6328 or St. Mary's Catholic Church 936-894-2223

**Knights of Columbus** : KC Council #4054 meets at the KC Hall every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7pm. Please join us. All Catholic men are welcome. **Next blood drive September 19th in the parish hall with a pancake breakfast.** Contact Deen Miller 936-524-1700 for membership information. And James Moran 936-825-7866 for rental information .

**Marriage**: There is a required preparation process that must be completed prior to one being married in the Catholic Church.

**RCIA & RCIC**: Anyone seeking the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults / Children or adult confirmation. Please call the church office at 936-873-2291 RCIA classes to start in September.

**Reconciliation**: 30 Minutes before Wednesday & Friday Masses ( Please call ahead to let the Priest know) and 3:00 to 4:00 on Saturdays

**St. Vincent de Paul**: **The 3rd Wednesday of the month (September 15th) 5:00 p.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall Anderson.**

**12 Hour Adoration**: Our church is open every Monday 8 am to 8 pm. September to May Everyone is welcome to join in the worship with the scheduled persons.

## Upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections:

8-29 DSF

9-5 University of St Thomas

## Weekly Collections:

August 14 & 15

\$ 4,467.05



### Please pray for those in active military duty:

Andrew Anderson, Austin Barnes, Andrew Burzynski,  
Lukas Diorio, Don Fontaine, Travis Hayes, Cody  
Klawinsky, Travis Klawinsky, Stash Allen Kurten, Joe A.  
Lopez, Matthew Macejewski, John McKnight, Shelby  
Seale, Phillip Walkoviak, Travis Watson

### Please pray for our parish family who are ill and/or homebound:

Dody Abbott, Mandi Alford, Dana Briers, Timothy Busa,  
Valerie Busa, Pat Dave, Donna Emmette, Margaret Fann, John Faust,  
Briley Gladney, Dolores Holler, Helen Kurtin, Florence Lara, Elizabeth Kovis,  
Andy McCleney, Desire Oliver, Matt Oliver, Henry Ostermann, Charlie Pasket,  
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Josephine Schwenke, Chris Szymczak, LaNell Szymczak,  
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Johnny Wisnoski, Fr. Louis Sikorski

*Lord hear our prayers*

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