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August 22 2021 ~ Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Blest are they who through their lifetimes sow the seeds of peace!”

Today’s gospel reading concludes the discourse on the bread of life. The crowd following Jesus was confused by his proclamation, *“Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.”* The time of decision-making had come to those listening to Jesus. It is not only his opponents, but his followers, his own disciples, who are scandalized by his words. They complain that it is an intolerable teaching, too hard and offensive to accept. This is hardly surprising and their outrage and astonishment led many to return to their former way of life. A life of discipleship is not easy. We are called to accept teachings that are difficult and commandments that, at times, may seem impossible. Jesus asks us to love our enemies, turn the other cheek, and embrace the same vulnerability and humility that he embodied on the cross. To any one of these requests we might be tempted to say, *“This saying is hard; who can accept it?”* And yet, Jesus reminds us today that these words, which cause consternation and challenge us to be more than we ever thought possible are “spirit and life.” In our Christian faith we realize there are many things we might not fully understand or comprehend. As the Lord reminds us through the prophet Isaiah, *“For the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways.”* Instead of rejecting the Lord’s words and actions that we might

not understand, we are called to meditate and even to struggle with them until we are blessed with the nourishment and insight they bear. Perhaps there have been times when we, too, may have felt like walking away from the Church - tired of words that seem empty of spirit and life, bored with poor celebrations, perplexed with change that is too slow or too fast. Basically we are like the people listening to Jesus in today’s Gospel. We can be tempted to want Jesus to conform to our expectations of how he should be present in and to the church in word and sacrament. But perhaps our greatest tragedy is our failure to realize that when we are not in communion with others we fail to be in communion with the Lord. Peter’s response – *“master, to whom shall we go?”* – faces us with the memory of the Servant Jesus who went to death, who gave his full life for us so that we might share in his eternal risen life. It is a pertinent and timely message in these days as we continue to face the challenges of the virus and the struggles of our world.

This weekend I am happy to announce more details about our “POWER-UP→RECONNECT!” special event on Sunday, September 19. See the special announcement in today’s bulletin (back page.) I hope that you will plan to join us for an afternoon of good food and fun!

Enjoy the week! ~ Fr. Balash





~ August 22-29, 2021 ~

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

AUGUST 22, 2021

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **GAIL BYERS/** Mary Ann Quinn
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **MARY ANN LANAHAN/** Lanahan Family
10:30 a.m. † **JOHN & ROSE MAKOSKY/** Makosky Family

Mon 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**
Tues 8:30 a.m. † **FRANK IANNIZZARO/** Carl & Gloria Karafa
Wed 8:30 a.m. † **JAMES DUGIC/** Marie Dye
Thur 8:30 a.m. † **IDA MAE SWITTER/** Theresa & Jim White
Fri 8:30 a.m. † **JOANN HUDAK/** Theresa Craiger

AUGUST 29, 2021

Sat 5:00 p.m. ♥ **BOB & MARCIA KANE/** Anniversary
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **THERESA LEE BENNING/** Hysen Sait
10:30 a.m. † **LARRY DINES/** Gerry Dines

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ August 29, 2021 ~

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8

Moses said to the people: "Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe ...

James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27

Dearest brothers and sisters: All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights ...

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus ...

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

August 28/29, 2021

Lectors

5:00 p.m. _____,
8:30 a.m. Christine DePascale, _____
10:30 a.m. Carla Gilronan, _____

Servers

5:00 p.m. Therese Tuttle
8:30 a.m. Joe DePascale
10:30 a.m. _____

Eucharistic Ministers

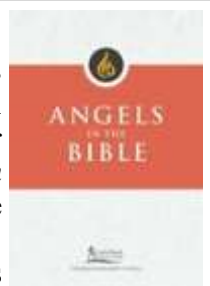
5:00 p.m. _____,
8:30 a.m. Penny Hudak, _____
10:30 a.m. _____, _____

Sign-Up In Vestibule



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Have you ever wondered about Angels and how God uses Angels to reveal himself to us? If so, join us for our Little Rock Scripture Studies "Angels in the Bible." Explore and examines some of the Bible's most fascinating passages about angels, their ministry on God's behalf, and drawing insights for our own spiritual lives. Because angels are mediators of God's presence and action, studying angels is studying God.



Introductory Session

Monday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m.
Six weekly sessions begin on September 20.
Choose the morning or evening schedule.
Morning Session 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Evening Session 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Cost \$10.00

Kindly register by September 5, 2021.
Registration information is posted in the vestibule.

SUMMER GOES SO QUICKLY!!!

Just a reminder: **Sunday, September 5** is the LAST Sunday for our summer Mass schedule. 11:00 a.m. Mass returns beginning Sunday, September 12.

**MISSIONARY CO-OP COLLECTION
THANK YOU**

Many thanks to all who donated last weekend to our special Missionary Co-Op Appeal and collection for the Diocese of Maiduguri in Nigeria. Your generosity is most appreciated.

WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." JOSHUA 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a disciple in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ August 15, 2021 (WK 7)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 6,090.00*	\$ 48,216.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 50,883.00
Difference	\$ (1,179.00)	\$ (2,667.00)
Performance	84%	95%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 675.00 LAST WK — \$ 6,050.00 YTD
Envelopes ~ 165 out of 535
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 2.00 (2 out of 45)

POT-OF-GOLD

#79 drawn on 8/18/2021

!!NO Winner!!

Amount: \$148.00



†† RECENT DEATH ††

Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

Bernadette Fox

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

R(ite) of C(hristian) I(nitiation) of A(dults)

It is not too late to consider joining RCIA this coming year! The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which adults seeking answers in their lives are brought into full union with our parish community and the Catholic Church. The RCIA provides a spiritual opportunity to learn and discuss various aspects of the Catholic faith and its practices.



If you or someone you know has:

- ◆ ...been worshipping with us but never officially took the step to become Catholic?
- ◆ ...been away from the Church...and now have returned but want to know more?
- ◆ ...yet to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation or Eucharist?
- ◆ ...joined us from a different background and would like to find out more about the Catholic Church?
- ◆ ...felt God leading you and want to find out where that might be?

If any of the above applies to you, or if you know of anyone who could answer YES to any of these questions, we would love to help you on your journey! If you or someone you know might be interested in learning more, please contact Fr. Balash at the Parish Office for more information. RCIA begins in September!

PSR NEWS

PSR starts on September 12, 2021. If you are a new family with children Kindergarten and older, please contact the parish office to be put on the PSR family mailing list to receive information about the upcoming PSR school year.

STORIES & SCRIPTURES

Stories and Scriptures meet the second Sunday of the month beginning October 10 from 9:30—10:45 a.m. This is for children ages 3-5 and their parents. Any families interested, please contact Carol Timko to be put on the mailing list (ctimko@stwilliamchampion.org)

PSR TEACHERS/CATECHISTS

We will hold our beginning of the year teacher/catechist meeting on Tuesday, August 31 at 6:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars!

TNT NIGHT

CLUE-a comedy/thriller
presented by Trumbull New Theatre
Wednesday, September 22 at 7:00
Tickets on sale soon!
Mark your calendars!



THE PARISH CALENDAR

Aug 24 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
Aug 24 ~ Bereavement Ministry 6:00 p.m.
Aug 28 ~ Renee's Closet 9:00 a.m.

Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events

WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

Social: 6:00 p.m.

Meeting: 6:30 p.m.



Membership in the Women's Guild is open to women 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. If interested in joining, join us at a regularly scheduled meeting.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL #7491



Next Meeting:

Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. If interested in joining, please visit our web site at www.knights7491.org

WOMEN'S GUILD CHANCE AUCTION

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Gift cards and lottery tickets are needed to complete the baskets to be auctioned. Bring donations to the Parish Office by September 26 and record your name on the donation list. Thank you for your continued generosity and support to all Women's Guild functions that benefit the church.

BULLETINS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you know of a parishioner who is homebound or in a nursing home or assisted living and would like to receive a weekly bulletin, please notify the office with their name and address.



COMING SOON!

The best tasting coffee and donuts in town will return Sunday, September 5, after the Sunday Masses and will continue the first Sunday of the month for the coming year. Come and catch up with friends and parishioners. We are in need of a few two person teams to assist with this ministry once a year. If interested, please call Keith Bowser at 330-847-0747 or Bob Kane at 330-307-6249.



The Big Event!

Sunday, September 19 ~ 4:00 ~ 6:30 p.m.

POWER UP! **RECONNECT**

4:00 p.m. Early Arrival Raffle!

Arrive by 4:00 p.m. SHARP to be eligible for the Early Arrival Raffle!

4:00 p.m. “The Music of ‘Ole Blue Eyes’”

Enjoy the Music of Frank Sinatra featuring Angelo Barbaro!

4:45 p.m. “Power Up↑” Buffet Dinner

Catered by Guy’s BBQ Catering!

Pulled Pork ~ Hot Dogs ~ Fried Chicken

Baked Beans ~ Mac & Cheese ~ Potato Salad

Ice Cream Dessert Treats!

Klondikes ~ Push-Ups ~ Sandwiches ~ and more!

5:30 p.m. “→Reconnect”

Stilt Walkers! ~ Petting Zoo! ~ Bingo! ~ Bonfire!

6:30 p.m. Raffle Drawings and Closing



BINGO				
3	29	45	56	68
1	19	43	50	72
11	25	FREE SPACE	49	61
9	23	31	58	63
4	27	42	54	71

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