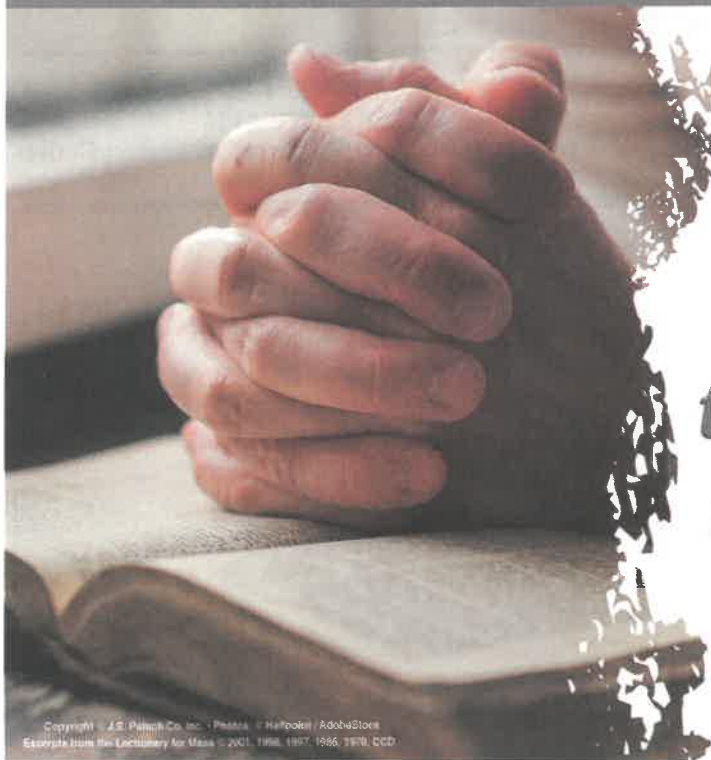


August 22, 2021 • Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Master, to whom
shall we go?

**You have
the words of
eternal life.**

John 6:68

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Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse in John. After Jesus' continued insistence that he is the Bread of Life come down from heaven, and that his words are "Spirit and life," most of his disciples drift away. The Twelve, however, affirm their faith in Jesus, whom Simon Peter professes to "have the words of eternal life." In the first reading, Joshua and the Israelites are preparing to enter

the Promised Land, and Joshua asks the people to decide which god they will follow, the LORD their God, or the gods of neighboring peoples. The Responsorial Psalm features Psalm 34, the "taste and see" psalm, that reflects the kinds of struggles the Israelites faced during their sojourn in the wilderness. In the second reading, Paul gives counsel for maintaining domestic peace and happiness.

**SAINT PATRICK
CHURCH**
14936 W. PEOTONE RD.
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**21st SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 22, 2021**

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 21, 2021- 5:45 pm

Special Intention of the Giver

Sunday, August 22, 2021 – 9:00 am

Parish Family of St. Patrick

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday – NO MASS

Thursday, August 26, 2021 – 9:00 am

Special Intention of The Hoehn Family

Friday, August 27, 2021 - Adoration 9:00am until 10:45am

Saturday, August 28, 2021 – 5:45pm

Parish Family of St. Patrick

Sunday, August 29, 2021 – 9:00 am

+Stanley Niemiec

DATE	LECTOR	USHER/GREETER
SATURDAY, August 28 - 5:45pm	Jim Kreske	Mike & Katie Horath
SUNDAY, August 29 - 9:00am	Sarah Hoehn	Roberta Stauffenberg & Ed Horath

COUNTERS FOR AUGUST 29, 2021 – Mooi

PLEASE HELP

Volunteers for Lector are needed – Contact Linda at 815-546-4715

THANK YOU

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, the weekly
Sunday collection goal is \$2,090.37

Sunday, August 15, 2021.....\$1,822.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish.

Please give prayerful thought to continuing your support by either mailing in
your contribution or by signing up for Online Giving.

To enroll in Online giving, please go to our website:
www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org and follow the online
giving link. *Thank you*



2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES – Beginning 2022 offering envelopes will be mailed directly to your homes. It is very important that we have your correct address. Please let the office know if your address has changed or if you are going to sign up for on-line-giving. If you are regularly attending our parish and would like to receive offering envelopes, please let us know. Thank you.

2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Thank you for pledging a gift to the CMAA! Monthly pledge payments should be made in the next few days. It is important these pledges be paid, so our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to our parish for our needs.

Parish Goal:	\$ 9,600.00
Amount Pledged:	\$ 9,070.00
Amount Paid:	\$ 9,030.00

Thank you for your generous response.



ST. ROSE CHURCH IN WILMINGTON
IS LOOKING TO HIRE A PART-TIME BUILDING
& GROUNDS KEEPER. Approximately 20 hrs. a
week. Interested persons should email resumes to
Fr. Sebastian Gargol at:
fr.sebastiangargol@gmail.com



**SCRAP METAL RECYCLING
SPONSORED BY
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM
SATURDAY—OCTOBER 9
ST. PATRICK CHURCH
14936 W. WILMINGTON-PEOTONE RD.
WILTON CENTER, ILLINOIS
8:00AM UNTIL NOON**

Scrap Metal Collection Ideas

Items we can accept:

Aluminum

Aluminum Cans
Aluminum Siding
Aluminum pots / pans
Vehicle Rims—No Tires

Copper

Copper Pipe
Copper Wire
Household Wire
Extension Cords
Computer Cords

Stainless Steel

Sinks
Pots / pans
Springs
Pet dishes
Door hinges

Batteries

Car Batteries
Lawn Mower Batteries
Motorcycle Batteries

Electric Engines

Box Fan motors
Ceiling Fan Motors

Brass

Faucet Fittings

Appliances

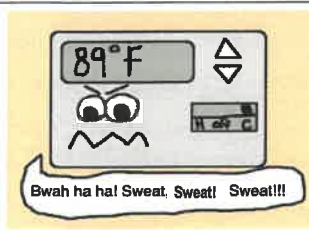
Washers
Dryers
Stoves
Refrigerators
Freezers
Dishwashers

Steel

Bed Frames
Metal Shelves
Ironing Boards
Bicycles—No Tires
Brake Rotors
Vehicle Engines
Vehicle Rims—No Tires
Farm Silos
Ditch Culverts
Chain Link Fence
Fence Post—No Cement

Farm Equipment

Tractors
Combines
Grain Boxes
Tractor Wheels—No Tires



It happened again this year. Our church is cooled with two air conditioning units (one on the East Side and one on the West). This year the unit on the East side went out, this one is also about 30 years old. It has been replaced and working nicely. However, our Maintenance fund has been depleted.

We are just beginning to come back from the pandemic, and our collections have been keeping us barely going, but not much for extraordinary expenses. We are not alone and realize everyone is struggling at this time, your generosity in helping us cover the cost of this expense would be greatly appreciated. Thank You.



REGISTRATION PACKETS FOR THE 2021-2020 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES HAVE BEEN SENT TO OUR CURRENT FAMILIES IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE PARISH OR HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED YOUR PACKETS

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AND MAKE SURE WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT E-MAIL ADDRESS REGISTRATIONS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE PARISH OFFICE BY AUGUST 1, 2021 IF YOU ARE INTERESED IN VOLUNTEERING AS A TEACHER PLEASE LET US KNOW. THANK YOU

**The Catholic Education Foundation and the Women's Giving Circle
Invite you to Join Us for our Inaugural**



**Celebrating Catholic Education Throughout the Diocese of Joliet
Saturday, September 11, 2021
Drury Lane Theatre & Events
For Tickets and More Information, Visit:
<https://cefjoliet.ejoinmeorg/PKB2021>**



MEDICARE PART D OPEN ENROLLMENT OCT 15 – DEC 7, 2021

The Senior Assistance Center at St. Paul the Apostle Peotone

will begin accepting appointments Sep 1 for an annual review of your prescription drug plan. Premiums, drug tiers and formularies change from year to year. A review ensures you are on the best plan at the lowest cost. Call 708-258-6917 and press 5 for Senior Assistance. Leave your name and phone number to schedule an appointment.

DECISIONS

There is an axiom that states, "Not to decide is to decide." This saying was popular in the turbulent times of the Vietnam War. It urged us not to allow others to answer the moral questions raised by our nation's involvement in that terrible conflict, but to decide for ourselves. Making such choices is never easy. Avoiding them is common. Jesus, for his part, was not only a gallant risk-taker, but a clear decision-maker. As he pursued the mission to which the Father called him, he continually decided for us and for the Father. He worked hard to lay out a scenario that would enable others to make similar choices. Never did he make decisions for others or force others into decisions, even decisions that had eternal ramifications. Jesus is inviting us to make such decisions today. We won't be absolutely sure. What is sure, however, is the command that issues from God's word: Take the risk. Decide! Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN
YOUR PRAYERS**

Marge Flint; Nancee Long, Shay Phelan,
Lisa Bernhard, Cecelia Mundt; Fr. Jim
Lennon; Noreen McAndrew; Jan Sharp;
Cathy Engler; Don Smith; Steve Niemiec;
Marilyn Cieply; Holly Flint-Jones; Dan
Gast; Nona Stauffenberg; Jimmy Quigley

**Please call the office to be included on
the new list. Thank You.**

**Intention of the Holy Father
MONTH OF AUGUST**

- 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.

If you or a loved one would like to be
put on the prayer list because of illness,
rehab, or living at a health care center
please let the office know. If there is an
emergency and you need a priest, Fr.
Sebastian will be available and can be
reached at : 1(815) 478-3440 ex. 102 or
815-476-7491 and then press 1.

Twenty-first Sunday in
Ordinary Time
As for me and my household,
we will serve the LORD.
— Joshua 24:15b

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK
AUGUST 22, 2021**



Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-
10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13
-22
Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-
18; Jn 1:45-51
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab;
Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-
14, 17; Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6,
10-12; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt
25:14-30
Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas
1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8,
14-15, 21-23

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Rose of Lima
Tuesday: St. Bartholomew
Wednesday: St. Louis; St. Joseph
Calasanz
Friday: St. Monica
Saturday: St. Augustine



**MASS INTENTION
OPENINGS AVAILABLE**
Remember a loved one or
Honor someone special with
a Mass Call the office and
schedule a date.



CROSSROADS IN LIFE, THEN AND NOW

Sometimes in life we find ourselves at a crossroads, faced with an existential choice that will alter the course of our life. We are aware, at these moments, just how significant our choice will be and that there will be no going back.

In both the first reading and the Gospel we see such moments calling people to make such choices. Which god will the Israelites follow? Joshua, their leader after Moses, knows that the area around the Promised Land is occupied by other peoples, with other gods. Perhaps remembering how, after Moses had gone up Mount Sinai, the Israelites set up a golden calf to worship, Joshua worries that they may again be susceptible to such attractions. He is asking them for a commitment, and proclaims, "As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

CAN WE STAY WITH JESUS?

The people who were frenetically following Jesus, crossing the lake twice to pursue him, eating the bread he miraculously provided, are now puzzled by Jesus proclaiming himself as "the bread of life," and they are incredulous. They can go with him no farther, so they gradually drift away. The Twelve, however, stay with Jesus. What else could they do? Who else offers such a profound vision of human life? Peter expresses it well: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Not all of our life's crossroads involve our faith, but some do. Perhaps there is someone in your parish who chose to become Catholic and is now alienated from their family; someone who is unhappy with a new pastor and wondering about looking for a different parish; someone who was especially distressed by the clergy sex abuse and prayed long and hard before deciding that she needed her parish to get through it. There may be many in your parish facing such choices, and they need our support and our prayers. In the meantime, we can hope that someday they will again experience Jesus as the Holy One of God, offering them words of eternal life.

Today's Readings: Jos 24:1–2a, 15–17, 18b; Ps 34:2–3, 16–17, 18–19, 20–21; Eph 5:21–32 [2a, 25–32]; Jn 6:60–69

8/22/2021