

AUGUST
23
2020

Twenty-First Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Simon Peter
said to Jesus,

**“You are the Christ,
the Son of the
living God.”**

Matthew 16:16

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Jesus poses the question “But who do you say I am?” in today’s Gospel passage. It is a question posed to Peter and the disciples, to Matthew’s first readers, and to the Church today. Peter’s confession of faith in Jesus as Christ and Son of God was a culmination of what the disciples had experienced in their life with Jesus thus far. Jesus affirms Peter’s declaration as a gift from God. But it was only the beginning of Peter’s understanding of what these words actually meant,

and how the disciples saw themselves in light of this truth. As Jesus and the disciples turned toward Jerusalem and to the cross, the disciples perhaps pondered their own identity, together with their dawning understanding of Jesus’ identity. For us, the journey of faith, initiated and sustained by the Holy Spirit, means an ongoing reflection upon who Jesus is and who we are.

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**21st SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
AUGUST 23, 2020

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 22, 2020 – 5:45pm
+Loretta Tulley req. by M/M Louis Rodawald

Sunday, August 23, 2020 – 9:00 am
Parish Family of St. Patrick

Monday, August 24, 2020 – 9:00 am
NO MASS

Tuesday, July August 25, 2020 – 9:00 am
NO MASS

Wednesday, August 26, 2020 – 9:00 am
NO MASS

Thursday, August 27, 2020 - 9:00 am
+Stanley Niemiec

Friday, August 28, 2020 - 9:00 am
NO MASS
Adoration from 9am until 10am

Saturday, August 29 – 5:45pm
+Robert Oliver req. by the Stauffenberg Family

Sunday, August 30, 2020 – 9:00 am
Parish Family of St. Patrick

SATURDAY, August 29, 2020 – 5:45pm	SUNDAY, August 30, 2020 – 9:00am
USHER/GREATER: Mike & Katie Horath	USHER/GREATER: Dan & Tricia Knowles
LECTOR: Sue Nugent	LECTOR: Sarah Hoehn
	COUNTERS: Boyle & Kotesa

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the weekly Sunday collection goal is
\$2,090.37

Sunday, August 9.....\$1,150.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish

St. Patrick Parish depends on offertory donations for ongoing expenses. Please visit our parish website to set up online giving, if you have not already done so. Our parish website can be found at: www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org – Online Giving is simple, convenient, and secure. Thank you



Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish Goal: \$ 10,200.00
Amount Pledged: \$ 10,632.00
Amount Paid: \$ 9,647.00

Thank you for your generous response.



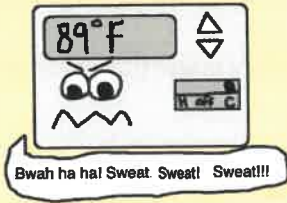
REMINDER! MASKS ARE MANDATORY
WE HAVE A FEW AVAILABLE,
THERE WILL BE A CHARGE OF \$1.00 EACH



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
BEGIN SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 AFTER THE 9AM MASS
PLEASE TURN IN ALL REGISTRATION INFORMATION
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING AS A
TEACHER PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.
THANK YOU



Our Two Week Candle is
burning for
A special intention for
FR. JIM LENNON



The new air conditioning unit is working well; the cost of the unit with installation was \$7,200. We appreciate everyone who has donated to help cover this cost. So far we have received \$855 toward the new unit. Thank You.



We've sprung a leak – the flat roof over the sacristy is leaking. Inside tiles will have to be replaced. That roof is about 25 years old. We have called several companies to look at the problem and have decided to have it repaired. Work will begin shortly



MASS ETIQUETTE

Remember that entering the house of God is a sacred place and the Scriptures instructs us to show proper reverence to God, specifically in the way that we dress and the way we act. We should attire ourselves appropriately at Mass to show God that we consider his liturgy as the source and summit of our Catholic faith. Being modest is part of obeying the law of Chastity because how we dress reveals our standards. The way you dress is a reflection of what you are on the inside and influences the way you and others act. Ask yourself, "Would I feel comfortable with my appearance in the presence of the Lord?" Dressing modestly not only shows our faith in the Lord, but shows our gratitude and respect for our bodies, which are gifts from God. Men remember to remove your hats, women may wear chapel veils. Gum chewing is not permitted and it does break the fasting rule before communion. Also remember that the use of electronics during Mass is unacceptable, so please turn off all electronics and cell phones. Finally during this difficult time of stricter rules and regulations because of the pandemic, be kind to those working so hard to keep the doors open. They are following the guidelines set down by the diocese so we all can participate in celebrating the Mass. None of us like these rules, but we must follow them for our safety and the safety of those around us. Thank you



SCRAP METAL DRIVE
Religious Education Annual Scrap Metal Drive
Will be on Saturday, October 10, 2020
From 8am until Noon
In the East parking lot.

**WE ARE HAPPY TO WELCOME
EVERYONE BACK TO
ST. PATRICK CHURCH**

**REGULAR SCHEDULE IS:
SATURDAY 5:45PM – MASS
SUNDAY 9:00AM – MASS
THURSDAY 9:00AM – MASS**

**RECONCILIATION AFTER THURSDAY MORNING MASS
OR BY APPOINTMENT**

**FRIDAY 9:00am TO 10:00am
ADORATION**

Currently, adoration is limited to only 10 attendees at one time.

You must register at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054FAEAE2FA3F58-stpatricks>

Entrance into the Church will only be through the east side door.

Our leadership team has prepared the church so that it is safe for our time of worship.

The following guidelines are recommended by our Diocese and the CDC.

1. Face covering is required.
2. Social distancing will be maintained. Households may sit together.
3. The Church has been disinfected and will be disinfected after every Mass/ rite or event
4. Arrive 10 -15 minutes earlier as there is a check-in process
5. If you have been exposed to someone that tested positive to COVID self-quarantine and don't attend. If you have flu-like symptoms, please respect the health and safety of other attendees and stay home to get well. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Saturday/Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation is extended until further notice.
6. Please follow the guidance of the ushers/greeters through the check-in, seating and exiting process.

If you are interested in volunteering, please send me an email. We need ushers, greeters and cleaners for each service.

Also, the weekend Masses will be available for you to attend on St. Patrick's website and Facebook page.

Thank You and may God Bless You. Fr. Sebastian

The Diocese of Joliet is seeking to hire a Network Admin/IT Coordinator that supports the Director of Information Technology with system analysis, supporting, maintaining, and upgrading of the Diocese of Joliet technology systems.

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES • Maintain' s file servers, Hyper-V, firewalls, switches, network infrastructure (LAN, WAN), WIFI, desktops, laptop, and printers. • Updates operating system(s) on all servers, WIFI, LAN, WAN on ongoing basis. • Helps Identifies system needs, technical solutions and process improvement • Provides network data backups and restores and help desk support • Maintains or creates documentation • Supports the telephone and voicemail system (adds, moves, changes) • Receives, prioritize, and respond to incoming work orders • Develops, implements and maintain documentation, policies and procedures • Support and maintains IT systems including Group Policy, WSUS, backup and Anti-Virus services • Supports the mission, philosophy, objectives and policies of the Catholic Church and the Diocese of Joliet

QUALIFICATIONS Bachelor's degree in computer science or related areas and previous work experience. Must support the Mission and values of the Diocese of Joliet and the Roman Catholic Church. Proven experience and success supporting computer systems, LAN and WAN environments, network security principles and best practices, proven analytical and problem-solving abilities, experience working in a team-oriented, collaborative environment. Must have strong customer service orientation, strong oral and written communication skills along with good interpersonal skills.

Qualified candidates please email cover letter, resume and salary requirements to humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org.

To view a full job description visit: <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/jobdetail.php?id=593>

SAINT MONICA (332-387) August 27

She had smiles for the neighbors, though her husband found her religion and the charity it inspired annoying. She made tearful prayers in private for a son, outwardly self-assured but, as his mother knew, inwardly restless, and whose girlfriend of a dozen years had borne his child out of wedlock. Though not the first or last such mother and son, Monica and Augustine are the Church's most famous, so we keep their feast days back to back, with Monica's, fittingly, first. To Rome she followed Augustine, then to Milan, where years of prayer – and nagging – finally bore fruit in his conversion by Saint Ambrose. For six months, mother and son enjoyed the blessing of rediscovering each other. Just in time! On the way home to North Africa, Monica took sick and died near Rome. No child who has mourned a parent can read, unmoved, Augustine's tender account, in his Confessions, of Monica's last days. At this time of the year, when parents watch apprehensively as children leave for school, may Monica's perseverance and Augustine's long-prayed-for conversion ease anxiety and kindle hope.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernhard, Cecelia Mundt; Fr. Jim Lennon; Gary Ulman; Nicole Flint; Brett Burkhalter ; Cathy Engler; Grace Niemiec; Russ McClellon; Bob Johnson ; Steve Niemiec; Noreen McAndrew

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PUT ON THE PRAYER LIST.

Intention of the Holy Father MONTH OF AUGUST

- We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK August 23, 2020



Monday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mk 6:17-29

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Bartholomew

Tuesday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz

Thursday: St. Monica

Friday: St. Augustine

Saturday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – 23 August 2020

Isaiah 22:19-23. Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8. Romans 11:33-36. Matthew 16:13-20.

My Experience. Jesus asks today: Who am I? Peter blurts out: The Christ. In that response, he means the Messiah, the Promised One, the Son of God, the One who saves, redeems, and binds us to God. Quite a mouthful. Profound belief. He is the very foundation of the Church, the People of God.

What is my experience of Jesus? He is....

How does my experience bind me to all who believe in him?

Since I am called to be like him, whom will I save in some small way today?



TO BIND AND TO LOOSE

When Jesus says to Peter “whatever you bind” or “whatever you loose” in today’s Gospel, he describes a distinct power that emerges from Peter’s faith in Jesus. The capacity to bind or to loose suggests a new ability, both to restrain or block forces that harm the community of faith, and also to release or liberate energies that strengthen the community.

It might be helpful to observe, within your own parish or faith community, where God might be working now. Perhaps you can see persons and groups working to restrain toxic forces of resentment or fear. You might see those who are releasing new energies, and empowering the faithful to care for their neighbors. When we are grounded in a prayerful trust relationship with Jesus, we can receive this power to participate in God’s work, to bind and to loose.

AWE AND PRAISE

In today’s passage from Romans, Paul concludes his complex reflections on the Jewish people, the emerging Gentile churches, and God’s work among them. Paul has struggled to understand the responses of both the Jewish and Gentile communities, with their mix of acceptance and rejection of Jesus. He warns the Roman church to avoid any sense of superiority over Jews or non-Christian Gentiles, for everyone is in need of God’s mercy. Paul acknowledges the limits of his understanding, and gives way to prayers of awe and praise. He concludes by marveling at the limitless mercy of God, whose designs are ultimately mysterious.

Sometimes our own prayer can be like that of Paul. In conversation with God, we try to make sense of life, especially its difficulties. The full truth of what’s going on in our lives or in our world eludes us, and so we work humbly with the truth that we can understand. If we believe our mysterious God is indeed trustworthy, we can open our hearts in praise, and allow God to shape our lives.

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8/23/2020