SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

#### Sunday, August 22nd: Twenty-First Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) Fr. Dan Prez by The Juchno Family

- → 8:30 am (SC) Confessions
- → 9:00 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Special Intentions of Maxine Hawthorne by Mom

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Michael Lucas by Rick & Barb Grasso

#### Monday, August 23rd: Saint Rose of Lima

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Galla & Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla

#### **Tuesday, August 24th: Saint Bartholomew**

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Henry & Elizabeth Hart by The Hart Family

#### Wednesday, August 25th: Sts. Louis & Joseph Calasanz

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Joseph E. Hartman by Nieces

5:30pm (SC) Latin Mass: Special Intentions of Dennis Hawthorne by Tracy and Maxine

#### Thursday, August 26th: Weekday

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) In Memory of Mary Lou Wieczorek by Joann Calabrese

#### Friday, August 27th: Saint Monica

11:30am (SA) Confessions

12:05pm (SA) Michael Lucas and Msgr. John Lucas, Anniversary by Bob & Theresa Narducci

#### Saturday, August 28th: Saint Augustine

Private (SA) Galla & Walach Families by Paul and Lisa Galla

No Public Saturday Vigil Mass or Confessions (SC)

### Sunday, August 29th: Twenty-Second Ordinary Sunday

Private (SA) Sandra Kujan Demchak by Kay Kujan

- → 8:30 am (SC) Confessions
- → 9:00 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Ann S. Wilczewski by Brother Paul Wilson, OFM

10:30 am (SC) Confessions

11:00 am (SC) Joseph M. Krkoska, Birthday, by Judy and Don Halcom

#### THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

#### Holy Family

- 1) Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla
- 2) Rev. James T. O'Hara and Rev. Ron Gmerek

Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

#### St. Ann's

- 1) Ann Marie Ropelewski, Birthday by sisters Eileen and Elizabeth
- 2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

#### St. Casimir's

- 1) Fr. Daniel Prez by The Sundy Family
- 2) Fr. Daniel Prez by Loretta Baran

FINANCIAL REPORT
Offertory August 15, 2021: \$3,352.50

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2021 Goal: \$20,164.00

Pledged:\$13,546.00

Paid:\$12,496.00

Friendly Reminder ... have you moved, changed telephone numbers, email address, etc. Please let us know. Keeping your contact information updated with the rectory office helps us stay in contact with you. Simply leave a message at the rectory or include a note with your offertory.

Please remember it takes our envelope provider 2-3 months to update their processing system ... you will not see the change done immediately, please be patient. Thank you.

The 2022 Mass Book is now open for your Mass and Candle intentions.

The current Mass schedule will be followed at this time and may be adjusted throughout the year according to Diocesan rules.

- Mass requests are on a first come first serve basis.
- Please remember our 11:00AM Sunday Masses are VERY limited.
- The Private Masses, with Fr. Priscaro, will be available for your Mass intention. These Masses are offered on Saturday and Sunday at the convenience of Fr. Priscaro's schedule and are private, no one in attendance.

# From the Desk of Deacon Jerry Twenty-First Sunday Ordinary Time

**Rod Showers** will be speaking briefly before our masses next Sunday to share information about the **Knights of Columbus** and encourage others to join. Rod is the Administrator of our Parish's Knights of Columbus Roundtable. We are hoping to get enough members to bring the membership in our parish to 20 so that we may have our own Council. Our members currently partner with the St. Boniface Council.

**Thank You** for supporting last weekend's special collection for the Church in Latin America. The money donated will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean, so they in turn can share the Good News with others.

Holy Trinity's ZABAWA is August 27, 28, and 29. It returns to somewhat of a normal format this year with some changes. The hours are: Friday, 5pm-10pm (Kitchen closes at 9pm); Saturday, 12pm-10pm (Kitchen closes at 9pm); Sunday, 11am-4pm (Kitchen open until sold out).

Our Lady of Mount Carmel will host a Fish & Pierogi dinner on Friday, September 17th, from 4-7PM. They are offering both a "dine-in" and "takeout" option. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children. All meals are served with two sides (potato salad, coleslaw, macaroni cheese, green beans, or French fries), a roll, and ice cream. The Fish Dinner consists of 3 pieces of fish; the Pierogi dinner comes with 2 pieces; and the Combo dinner includes 2 fish and 1 pierogi.

**St. Stanislaus Parish** will be hosting "**A Taste of Poland**" on Sunday, October 10, 2021, From 11:30 AM – 5:00 PM. The event is the same as their traditional "Parish Day" simply under a different title. There is more information on the bulletin board at the main entrance.

#### To Whom shall we Go?

This week we conclude our readings from John's Bread of life discourse. Our Gospel along with our first reading from Joshua cause us to think about the choices that we make and more specifically, the choice about whom we decide to serve.

This leads to a very curious question from our Gospel: why do many disciples choose to leave Jesus while the Twelve stayed with him? This question touches one of the great mysteries of our faith: human freedom. Somehow in the depths of our hearts, God leaves us free to accept or reject the gift of faith. Sure, it always begins with God ("no one could come to me unless it is granted by my Father"), but the choice to stay or leave remains with each individual: "Do you also want to leave?".

Sometimes following Jesus is uncomfortable and we are tempted to turn away from him just like the listeners at Capernaum did. All of us all can recall a neighbor, relative, friend, or perhaps even a family member who has quit practicing their faith and left the catholic church for whatever reason. For most it was nothing big, nothing dramatic, they just faded out. There are numerous reasons we can cite for this but perhaps it leads to a more intriguing question: "Why do we stay?"

Like Peter, we know there is no one to whom we would rather go. We desire and yearn for a relationship with Jesus and we choose to stay and to receive him in the Eucharist, to allow our very lives to speak the truth of his words. Try to imagine Jesus speaking these words, "Do you also want to leave?" Try to picture his expression as he looked in the face of his chosen Twelve. He cared deeply about them and he handpicked them to be his closest companions. He had given them his heart, and he does the same for us - if we choose to accept it.

Why do we stay? Jesus humbles himself, gives us his fullness in the Eucharist and promises to be with us forever. Why do we stay? The gift of eternity - heaven on earth. Why do we stay? I think the question needs to be changed to: "Why on earth would we want to stay away?" Ultimately if we press hard enough, the answer is very simple - Jesus is the reason. Master, to whom shall we go? We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." So once again - in our mind's eye let us use our imagination and picture Jesus standing before us, looking at each one of us in the eye and asking "Do you also want to leave?"

How will we answer? That is our choice to make!



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