

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 6:30 a.m.**

*Weekday*

*1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 / Mt 23:13-22*

Janina Vasquez, AML

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 6:30 a.m.**

*St. Bartholomew, Apostle*

*Rv 21:9b-14 / Jn 1:45-51*

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 6:30 a.m.**

*Weekday*

*1 Thes 2:9-13 / Mt 23:27-32*

Michelle Denning, Donna Ackerman

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 6:30 a.m.**

*Weekday*

*1 Thes 3:7-13 / Mt 24:42-51*

Ronald Ratcliff, Sr.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, 12:10 p.m.**

*St. Monica*

*1 Thes 4:1-8 / Mt 25:1-13*

Liz Judice, AML

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 28**

*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*

**4:00 p.m.** George “Brother” Michel, Lonnie Michel, Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Dana G. Robin, Elaine M. Grant, Bobby Monceaux

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 29**

**7:00 a.m.** Eugene Baudry fly. (L&D), Calvin LeLeux fly. (L&D)

**10:00 a.m.** Chad David Felterman, Bobby Naquin

**6:30 p.m.** Ronald Ratcliff, Sr., Chaille Rasberry

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**Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure**

I have just a few pages left to read of a very interesting book about the Revolutionary War. It is one of those experiences that lead me to understand how incomplete my formal education really is. Until I started reading this book by Barbara Tuchman, I would have said that I have a good grasp of the major facts about the War for Independence. I now know that I do not. It is quite embarrassing.

Like other graduates of high school, I did have a year-long course in American History. This might have been the first year of teaching for the priest. Looking back, hindsight is so revealing, I recall that he literally sat at his desk and read from the text as he used a highlighter to mark passages. I now realize he did not prepare his classes.

I also had two semesters of American History in college. That teacher was knowledgeable and well-prepared, but a bit dramatic. This may have been a reflection of the iconoclasm characteristic of the time.

Transparency leads me to admit that I did not put significant effort into either experience. I could easily have done supplemental reading at the time, but I only did what I had to do.

Further reflection upon this one experience reminds me that there is so much for me to learn in so many different disciplines. I have desired over the past few years to request a sabbatical from the bishop for the purpose of study. The pandemic has made this request moot. There is also the question of my advanced age. Would it be prudent for the diocese to undertake such an expense for a priest so close to becoming worm food?

I am grateful to the Benedictines for instilling in me the importance of maintaining a posture of learning. I do intend to continue reading and studying as long as I am able. I do try to attend workshops and seminars. Learning is a value in and of itself.

The pursuit of knowledge is intimately connected with the pursuit of union with God. When we seek the truth in integrity, we find ourselves moving towards Him Who is the Truth.

The alternative is self-destructive. The person who fails to seek the truth can never come to know Him Who is the Truth. A mind that is closed to the truth is a tragedy.

We also have to grow in our ability to discern the truth of a given matter. Much is promoted that is simply not true. Some of these falsehoods are particularly destructive.

Examine carefully the source of information. A statement on the internet should be scrutinized carefully. An article in a newspaper or journal should be evaluated on its merits, the consistency of its logic.

Maintaining a posture of learning requires as much.

(Msgr.) Courville

**New Announcements**

**Memorial Mass:** The Reverend Carl E. Beekman, a priest of the Diocese of Rockford, Illinois will be the celebrant of a memorial Mass commemorating the seventy-seventh anniversary of the death of the Servant of God, Fr. Joseph Verbis Lafleur on September 7 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Landry Church, Opelousas. The general public is invited.

**Repeat Announcements**

**Religion Program:** The Come Lord Jesus gatherings and other sessions for the handing on of the faith to our children and young people began on Wednesday, August 18, at 3:30 p.m. for the younger group and 6:30 p.m. for the older ones. Adult volunteers are needed. Please contact Miss Peggy Acosta to volunteer, to register your child, or for further information.

**Newly Baptized**

Amelie Louise Gottung was baptized on August 14, 2021.

**Pray for the following priest each day:** Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

August 23, Rev. Johnathan Janise  
August 24, Rev. Rofinus Jas, SVD  
August 25, Rev. Stanley Jawa, SVD  
August 26, Rev. Raymond Jones, SVD  
August 27, Rev. Canon, A. Gerard Jordan, O. Praem  
August 28, Rev. Richard Kalinowski, SVD  
August 29, Rev. Andrew Killeen

DATE / TIME	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
August 28, 4:00 p.m.	Janea Giroir	Brian Giroir
August 29, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Prissy Davis Laura Dozar Susan Blanchard	Briant Dozar