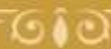




SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." - Mk 9:35b-37a

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<i>Intentions</i>			
Mon.	20	8:00 a.m.	Gladys Reynolds
Tues.	21	8:00 a.m.	Juana Guajardo
Wed.	22	8:00 a.m.	M/M Frank Vargo
Thur.	23	8:00 a.m.	Paula Pace
Fri.	24	8:00 a.m.	Sandy McCormick
Sat.	25	4:00 p.m.	Rosener/Mouser Families
Sun.	26	10:00 a.m.	Parish Family
(SA)		8:00 a.m.	Mary Ann Graffigna

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

ST. JOSEPH	
SATURDAY MASS - 4:00 PM	<i>September 25, 2021</i>
Lector	Rhonda Lavacot
Eucharistic Ministers	Dennis Bender
Altar Servers	Volunteer
Ushers/Greeters	M/M Daniel Howard
ST. JOSEPH	
SUNDAY MASS – 10:00 AM	<i>September 26, 2021</i>
Lector	Marcy Mueller
Eucharistic Ministers	Pam Schwartz
Altar Servers	Deborah Pace Theresa Pace
Ushers/Greeters	Mike Lukachick M/M Charles Isgrig
ST. ANNE	
SUNDAY MASS – 8:00 AM	<i>September 26, 2021</i>
Lector	Mickey Bange
Eucharistic Ministers	Kenneth Knobbe
Altar Servers	Volunteers
Ushers/Greeters	Steve Folle, Jerry Rokan

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St. Joseph Fall Raffle *****TODAY!***** September 19, 2021

- 1st prize \$700.00 Cash
- 2nd prize \$300+ in Misc. gift cards
- 3rd prize \$150 Lottery Scratcher Tickets
- 4th prize \$100 gas cash donated from Chuck & BJ's
- 5th prize \$100 gift card donated from Save-A-Lot

We ask for your help with the sale of raffle tickets to family, co-workers, friends and neighbors.
Thank you!

St. Joseph Fall Dinner Desserts



Parish families are requested to bring three desserts each for the Fall Dinner. Desserts are to be delivered to the church basement or meeting room Saturday afternoon on September 18 or before 9:00 am on Sunday, September 19. Don't know what to bring? The most requested items are fruit and cream pies, brownies, 'dump cakes' and carrot cakes. All cakes and pies are appreciated. Don't have time to bake. Store bought also brings smiles! You can't go wrong with any of the above. Thanks!



Bingo – September 9, 2021
 Gross Receipts: \$887.00
 Players: 67

Your Gift to God September 11 & 12, 2021

	<i>St. Joseph</i>	<i>St. Anne</i>
Envelopes	\$3,907.00	\$1,165.00
St. Vincent de Paul	25.00	
Cemetery Fund	47.00	
Church Restoration	852.00	

2020-21 Budgeted Amounts
 Envelopes/Loose
 St. Joseph \$3,712 St. Anne \$804
 for 52 weeks

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 19, 2021

ST. ANNE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass: Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Church Cleaning Team #1 – Ann Folle & Jean Hejlek



Any questions, please call Jean at 636.459.6403.

TODAY!

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 19, 2021

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.

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Perfect Contrition and Spiritual Communion

What to do if you cannot go to Confession or Holy Communion due to the COVID-19 coronavirus



If you have to self-isolate or are quarantined due to the COVID-19 coronavirus, it is unlikely that you will be able to receive the sacraments as normal.

In these circumstances, there are devotions through which you can receive absolution for your sins, (under certain conditions), and the consolation of Eucharistic grace.

These devotions are officially encouraged by the Church and have been practiced by saints.

How to make an Act of Perfect Contrition

Through an act of Perfect Contrition, you receive pardon for your sins outside of confession, even mortal sins, on condition that you determine to amend your life and make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as this becomes possible for you.

Perfect Contrition is a grace from God, so sincerely ask for this gift throughout the day prior to making your act of contrition: "My God, grant me perfect contrition for all my sins".

1. In reality or imagination kneel at the foot of a crucifix and say to yourself: "Jesus, my God and my Saviour, in the midst of your agony, you remembered me, you suffered for me, you wished to wipe away my sins".
2. Contrition is 'perfect' if you repent of your sins because you love God and are sorry for offending Him and causing the sufferings of Christ on the cross. Before the Crucified Christ remember your sins, repent of them because they have brought our Lord to His sufferings on the Cross. Promise him, that with His help, you will not sin again.
3. Recite, slowly and sincerely, an act of contrition focused on the goodness of God and your love of Jesus: "O my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you and by the help of your grace I will not sin again. Amen".
4. Make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as practically possible.

How to make a Spiritual Communion

The key to Spiritual Communion is to grow in your heart a constant desire for the Blessed Sacrament.

1. If you are aware of serious or mortal sin, make an Act of Perfect Contrition.
2. Imagine the sacred words and actions of the Mass or watch online or on TV.
3. Make all those acts of faith, humility, sorrow, adoration, love and desire that you usually express before Holy Communion.
4. Desire, with earnest longing, to receive our Lord present — Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity — in the Blessed Sacrament.
5. Say this prayer of St. Alphonsus de' Ligouri: "My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You are already there, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You; do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen.
6. After moments of silent adoration make all those acts of faith, humility, love, thanksgiving and offering that you usually express through prayers after Holy Communion.

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