

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 9, 2020

Mass Intentions

<i>Tues.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Alphonse Tesar <i>St. Clare, Virgin</i>
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Willie & Mary Pavelka & Paul Molnoskey <i>St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious</i>
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Carlos, Pete, Sr. & Ray Barrera <i>Sts. Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs</i>
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Sam & Mary Elizondo <i>St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr</i>
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Deceased Members of the Roller Family
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Jimmie & Mildred Mikulenska
	9 A.M.	Parish Family <i>Pro Populo</i>
	11 A.M.	Cynthia Jimenez

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Ervin Rainosek.

Prayer List

Contact Theresa Bordovsky at 293-3124 or
Ann Marie Bludau at 798-2959.

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

1 Kg 19:9a, 11-13a; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

Your Gift to God: August 2nd

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$3,505.42
Online Giving Parish Support	\$3,015
Building Fund	\$480
Online Building Fund	\$150
Helping Hands	\$508.25
St. Ann Parish Support	\$876
Online Giving	\$230
Building Fund	\$130

May God reward your generosity!

Please Note: Confessions

Wednesday confessions will be heard from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. On Saturdays confessions are available from 4 p.m. to 4:40 p.m.

Liturgical Assignments

Lectors

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Gladys Jiral
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Nancy McNease
	9 A.M.	Anthony Harper
	11 A.M.	Susana Trujillo

Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Bobby Jiral, Bill Lopez, Charlie & Carolyn Hoepfl
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Tommy & Roberta Wenzel
	9 A.M.	Glenn & Darlene Renken, Randy & Debbie Randazzo
	11 A.M.	Gabriel Espinosa, Raquel Gomez, Vicky Vasquez, Miguel Trujillo

Feast of the Assumption

Since the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15th, falls on a Saturday this year it is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

Website Updated

The parish website has received a much needed overhaul to seek to make it more accessible and user-friendly. Take a look and get a sense of what is available at one's fingertips.

Weekly Contributions

For precautionary reasons the collection baskets will not be passed during Mass. Baskets will be available at the front of church for those who wish to leave their weekly contribution. Otherwise you may continue to drop your envelope off at the parish office during regular business hours, placed in the drop box (left of the office front door) or mailed to P. O. Box 734.

Ever Consider Online Giving?

Visit the parish website, click on the Online Giving icon and follow the instructions to setup your online giving account.

"Blessed are they who hear the word of God and observe it."

Deadline: Online Auction Items

The deadline to submit items for the online auction is **August 17th**. A picture and description of the auction items will be posted on the website for bidders to view. You may submit a picture of the auction item(s) to the parish office at businessmanager@stjatholicchurch.com by August 17th and drop the item off at a later date. If you are not able to download a photo of the item, please contact the Pastoral Center and arrangements will be made to have a photo taken. Items may be dropped off at the parish office during regular hours.

KC Officer Meeting

The Knights of Columbus officers will meet Wednesday, August 12th at 7 p.m. at the KC building.

SJS School Year Begins

The 2019-2020 St. Joseph School year will begin on Wednesday, August 12th.

We're Going Back To School



A Note from Principal Mooney

If interested in sending your child(ren) to St. Joseph School, please stop by the school office and speak to Mr. Mooney or call (361)293-9000. Take a tour of the school and learn more about what St. Joseph School has to offer.

Clase de Preparación Bautismal

La clase de preparación bautismal será el primer Sabado, **Septiembre 5, del mes a las 9:00 a.m.** en el Salon Parroquial. Hable con Susanna Trujillo para mas información.

Baptismal Preparation Class

The next English Baptismal Preparation Class will be held **Saturday, September 12th at 9:00 a.m.** in the Family Center Meeting Room.

LIGHTS CAMERA ACTION

Last week had our first run with the new video system for our livestream. Overall it was well received--there still are some things related to its operation that have to be learned--installation had just completed the Friday prior. It offers a much better picture and with the audio connected to our sound system, it greatly improves clarity. There is no way this could have been accomplished (particularly in this time) without the generosity of a parishioner. As we gain a bit of experience in operating it offers extra possibilities that can be of benefit to the parish family. Presently it offers those hesitant to venture out a way of staying connected with our weekly St. Joseph Eucharistic celebration...and that of itself is a tremendous gift in these days.

An "Informed" Decision

Most will remember the "old days" when an adult who wanted to be baptized or received into the Church would undergo several meetings with Father then "become" Catholic. The Church wants those who consider joining it to be as informed as possible about what "they are getting themselves into." The best way to get a good and broad overview of the Church and its teachings is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.). **It begins on September 13th**, meets weekly (except holidays) and concludes at Easter when the candidates receive all of their Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation). If you have been thinking about joining the Church or know someone who has always said that they are eventually going to become a Catholic, now is the time to encourage them to take the next step. For more information contact Deacon Dennis Kutach at (361)741-2657 or at deacon@stjatholicchurch.com.

Online Auction



August 21st – August 28th

Register for the Online Auction

"The St. Joseph Catholic Church Virtual Picnic Auction is about to get underway! The auction will run from **8 a.m. Friday, August 21st to 8 p.m. Friday, August 28th**. To view auction items and register, go to the church website and click on the auction link in the home page. You will then receive a confirmation email with a link to click. Once registered, you can view and bid on auction items once the auction begins. All winning bidders will then pay for their items directly at the Pastoral Center. Please contact the pastoral center or email Michael Malik at mmalik@stj catholic school.com if you have any questions. Thank you for your generous support of our parish."

Generous Donors+Generous Prizes: Lucky Winners!

As in years past our raffle has always been generously supplied by parishioners so that the prizes are extraordinary. This year in particular the raffle can greatly aid the effort for success in light of the pandemic limitations. Extra tickets are in the church entrances as well as available through the parish office. Sell those tickets!

Dispensation

Bishop Cahill has extended the dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation so that those who are most vulnerable/weak--or simply concerned due to the Pandemic in general--may continue to do so absent the concern about not properly honoring or keeping the Sabbath Day. The parish continues to livestream the 9 A.M. Mass each Sunday for those who would like to maintain a connection with their "familiar" spiritual surroundings. If feeling unwell, or unsure, do not put yourself or others in jeopardy – err on staying home and watching the livestream.

Reminder: Precautions

We are still very much in need of maintaining social distancing – particularly at church when we find our place and in coming forward in the single line for Holy Communion. Masks are not absolutely required but certainly they are advisable to protect the one wearing it as well as everyone else. Our ushers are wearing masks and gloves to assist in maintaining safety standards. Wash your hands, wear a mask – anything that will help protect is a good practice each of us should utilize.

Faith Formation

CCD Program 2020-2021

With the necessary restrictions and distancing required, we will only have actual weekly, in-person attendance CCD, for those students preparing for First Communion (2nd grade students and any in higher levels who haven't yet received **First Communion**) and **Confirmation** (11th grade students as well as any 12th grade students who didn't receive the Sacrament this last year). Again...to be clear...the **only** students who will attend classes in person (place and time still to be set) are Sacramental Preparation Students.

Both the First Communion and Confirmation Classes will be held in the **Parish Family Center**. First Communion will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. according to the calendar. Confirmation Class will meet on Sunday mornings from 10-11 a.m. (an updated calendar will be posted to reflect the Sunday schedule).

At this time, we need these students who will be preparing for the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation to register for Faith Formation classes. This will help us find adequate teaching space to ensure social-distancing practices and other CDC guidelines are met. Registration forms can be found in the back of the church OR online at www.stj catholic church.com, under the Faith Formation tab. You will also find a TENTATIVE schedule, subject to change, as more decisions are made.

Homeschooling Faith Formation options for the other grade levels are still being considered. As soon as the information is complete, it will be made available to parents of those school levels.

75th Anniversary of Atomic Bomb

This week we marked the solemn 75th anniversary of the use of nuclear weapons on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan. Nuclear weapons still pose a threat to our world. We are called to pray for peace and take action in solidarity with our brothers and sisters globally. The Catholic Church in Japan observes "Ten Days of Prayer for Peace" each year at this time. Let us pray, in the words of Pope Francis, "for the triumph of a culture of life, reconciliation and fraternity"