

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2020

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings: Isaiah 22:19-23; Psalms 138:1-3, 6, 8; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

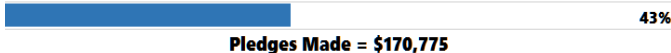
“Upon this rock I will build my church”

MASS SCHEDULE				
Sat	Aug	22	6:00PM	Fr. Bill Evans + By Alan & Tina Cone
Sun	Aug	23	7:45AM	For The People
Sun	Aug	23	9:00AM	Fr. Bill Evans + By Alan & Tina Cone
Tue	Aug	25	9:00AM ~ Latin ~	Jim Faber By Amy Faber
Thur	Aug	27	9:00AM	Available
Fri	Aug	28	12:00PM (noon)	Available
Sat	Aug	29	6:00PM	Deceased Members of the Gignac & Hanses Families + By Keith & Grace Gignac
Sun	Aug	30	7:45AM	For The People
Sun	Aug	30	9:00AM	Erin Faber By Jim & Amy Faber

ST. JUDE - OFFERTORY - AUG. 15 & 16

Offertory: \$3969.00 Attendance: 174

Capital Campaign Progress (pledge goal \$400,000)



Pledges Made = \$170,775

The Ladies of St. Jude

The Ladies of St. Jude meet from March-November on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall at 10:00am. They support the Parish in their spiritual growth & outreach programs, assist with funerals, care for the sick and organize social and fellowship programs. For more information, please contact Cathy Vergo, Maggie Nosbusch or Church Office.

Prayer Blanket Ministry

The Prayer Blanket Ministry's - Summer Schedule (June - Oct.) meets on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month. They gather at 10:00am for a meeting in the upstairs classroom. You don't have to know how to sew, crochet or knit. If you need a prayer blanket, please contact the Church Office at 828-743-5717.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Jim Barton, Patricia Blasi, Lane Bolmer, Marian Michel Boyd, Karen Cameron, Dr. Jay & Jana Carpenter & The Carpenter Family, Tom Carrasquillo, Fr. Hugh Chikawe, Daniel Coffey, Dottie Collier, Terese Crawford, Margaret Daniel, Christopher Day, Gloria Delgardio, Katherine DeLage, Pat Delaney, Linda Denny, Dan Doran, Mike Ezzell, Tom Faleskie, Raymond A. Failor, Sandra Fischel, Tom Fischel, Linda Foxworth, Gretchen Giesey, Mikey Goodwin, Jerry Gordon, Laura Gregory, Walt Green, Bill Hatch, Donald Haug, Matthew Hite, Amy Hoyle, Jo Hoyle, Katie Hoyle, Daniel Jacobs, Dakota Johnson, Derrick Johnson, Treba Johnson, Donna Kaup, Bill & Jane Keadle, Suzanne Keenan, Joe Knauff, George Lee, Randy Luffman, Marinka, Camerron Martin, Deanna Maust, Conor McCall, Janet McClory-Presley, Betsy McCloskey, Ron Nelson, Lyla Ruby Newton & Coen Michael Newton & The Newton Family, Sheila Rinker, Sherman Runions, Russell Sands, Brendan Scallon, Jr., Allie Schiele, Elaine Schmid, Noel J. Sickles, Bonnie Jean Small, Ava Snyder, Leonardo Suarez, Rosemarie Thompson, Kim Wagland, Cassie Watts, Millie Watts, Meredith Worth.

Military Prayer List

Lt. Col. Fred Dufault (Afghanistan)
Captain Evan Shawler (Air Force Flight Surgeon)

St. Jude Prayer Group

The St. Jude Prayer Group meets on Mondays at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary. We pray the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, spend some silent time in Adoration, and pray for the needs of our Church and world. Please contact Donna Quinlivan or the Church Office for information at 743-5717.

Emaus Prayer Group

Emaus Prayer is a spiritual movement of faith that is called to prayer, obedience and adoration of the Holy Sacrament. They meet at 6:00pm on Thursday evenings in the Sanctuary. For more information contact Yuliana Vargas, Efrain Morales, Alejandro (Alex) Valerio or the Church Office at 743-5717.

Spanish Prayer & Rosary

The Spanish Prayer & Rosary meetings on Friday evenings at 7:00pm are suspended at this time. For more information, please contact Alejandro (Alex) Valerio or the Church Office at 743-5717.

Knights of Columbus

Meets at 7:00pm on the 1st Tuesday of the month. Please contact **Luis Aparicio (Grand Knight)** or the Church Office at 743-5717 for information.

Father's Column

How the Church is Endowed with Authority

Authority has always played a central role in salvation history. Moses had to contend with his claim to authority against the constant refrain: "who made you a ruler over us?" Solomon had to fight for his rightful place as king. This topic is intensified in the New Testament where the authority of Christ is of central concern. The Father sent Christ with authority over nature (in calming the winds), sickness (in healing many), death (raising Lazarus). He also possessed authority in preaching ("He teaches as one having authority"), in expelling demons ("He has authority even over unclean spirits"), and most controversially in forgiving sin ("And now, to convince you that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins...(Mk 2)").

The authority of Christ did not depart with His Ascension; rather, He granted that same authority to His Apostles. In fact, the word "apostle" comes from the Greek *apostolein* meaning to be sent with authority, such as a legate. "All authority on heaven and earth has been granted to me. Go, therefore... (Mt 28)" "As the Father has sent me, so I send you...(Jn 20)" The Apostles were given authority over sickness, demons, death, and even to forgive sins: "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them; whose sins you retain are retained" (Jn 20).

The authority given to the Apostles did not die with their passing, but continued in their successors. The first such example is Matthias who replaced Judas following the latter's suicide (Acts 1). The entire early Church understood a line of authoritative successors as being the will of Christ--an understanding never challenged until the Protestant Reformation 1,500 years later. St. Ignatius of Antioch, a direct successor of the Apostles themselves, even writes: "See that you all follow the [bishop](#), even as [Jesus Christ](#) does the [Father](#)" (Letter to Smyrnaeans, Ch.8).

The Father gave authority to Christ, who, by the Holy Spirit, gave that authority to the Apostles, and through them, to their successors. That same authority continued for 2,000 and continues today in the Catholic and Orthodox Churches.



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Important Covid-19 Safety Measures

- ◆ The obligation to attend Mass is still lifted.
- ◆ Social distance of 6ft is observed at all times.
- ◆ Seating is limited to every other pew to facilitate social distancing.
- ◆ Sanitizing hands is available at the entrances and is encouraged upon entering & leaving.
- ◆ The wearing of masks is highly encouraged. Masks are available at the entrances.
- ◆ Reusable items in the pews have been removed, such as hymnals.
- ◆ Congregational singing is suspended.
- ◆ All physical contact between congregants is suspended such as hand-holding at the Our Father and the Sign of Peace.
- ◆ The priest sanitizes his hand between households during the distribution of Holy Communion.
- ◆ Distribution of the Precious Blood is suspended.
- ◆ All high-contact surfaces are disinfected after Mass.



Faith Formation

Faith Formation Classes will begin **after Labor Day**.
Please register by **August 28th** with **Bonny Dodge**.
For questions & registration
Please contact **Bonny Dodge** at828-342-0039

Church Calendar

Monday, Aug. 24, **St. Jude Prayer Group**, 3:00pm
(Meets in the Sanctuary)

Tues., Aug. 25, **Pastoral Council Mtg.**, 10:00am
(Meets in the Parish Hall)

Thursday, August 27, **Emaus**, 6:00pm
(Meets in the Sanctuary)