

August 22, 2021 – Twenty-first Ordinary – Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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Unless noted, all daily Masses are at St. John Nepomucene in Pisek

THIS WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS

08/21 – Saturday – Lankin – **MASS – 5:00pm** – † Rev. Vincent Tuchscherer
08/22 – Sunday – Bechyne – **MASS – 8:30am** – † Hattie Strand – Frank A Shirek Family
08/22 – Sunday – Pisek – **ADORATION – 6:30am / MASS – 10:30am** – pro populo (for the people)

MASS INTENTIONS – (August 23 – August 29)

08/23 – Monday – **NO DAILY MASS** – Father Lefor's Intention
08/24 – Tuesday – **5:00pm** – † Melvin & † May Gallaway – Francis & Bonnie Jelinek
08/25 – Wednesday – **8:00am** – (L) Jane Sobolik – Laurie Zidon
08/26 – Thursday – **6:00am** – (L) Denise DeNomme – Damian & Janet Dvorak
08/27 – Friday – **ADORATION – 7:00am / MASS – 8:00am** – † Kenneth Greicar – Barbara Greicar
08/28 – Saturday – Lankin – **MASS – 5:00pm** – † Debbie Novak – Family
08/29 – Sunday – Bechyne – **MASS – 8:30am** – † Bruno Novak – Albin & Pam Jallo
08/29 – Sunday – Pisek – **ADORATION – 6:30am / MASS – 10:30am** – pro populo (for the people)

Reconciliation – ½ hour before daily Mass; 1 hour before 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday; ½ hour before 10:30 am Sunday Mass; by appointment.

Adoration – 7:00am – Pisek – Friday
 6:30 - 7:30am – Pisek – Sunday – Even Months
 7:00 - 8:00am – Lankin – Sunday – Odd Months

Morning Prayer – Weekdays at 7:00 am – Pisek
Evening Prayer – Weekdays at 5:00 pm – Pisek

Baptism – Please call 2 to 3 weeks prior to date requested for baptism.

Wedding – Contact pastor 6 months to 1 year in advance of anticipated date.

New to Parish – Please register at the parish office or call parish secretary, Sue (284-6060).

ST. JOHN'S STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Total Budgeted 2021 Sunday Collection	\$55,645.00
Budget to Date	35,310.00
Actual Sunday Collection to Date	33,655.10
Excess/(Shortfall)	(1,654.90)
Weekly Budget	\$1,070.00
Past week (Total 58 Households Registered)	
8 Households Gave past Week	325.00
Online	300.00
Loose Plate	50.50
Total	675.50
Past Week's +Excess/(Shortfall)	(394.50)

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for the members of our Tri-parishes who are sick or hurt:

Jeanie Houska, Clint Sticha, Elaine Lovcik, Denise DeNomme, Nick Denault, Darren Asperheim, Bennie Hodny, Marion Capouch, Cleo Novak, Polly Dusek, Paul Greicar

If you would like a name added to the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office. After 4 weeks names will be removed unless resubmitted. Thank you.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST

The Church: Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

ST. JOSEPH – LITURGY HELPERS

August 28, 2021 – 5:00 pm	
Reader	Wanita Cost
Usher	Eunice Pecka
Clean	Eunice Pecka & Judy Bosh

S.S. PETER & PAUL – LITURGY HELPERS

August 29, 2021 – 8:30 am	
Reader	Tara
Servers	Lexi
Usher	Joe Karas & Albin Jallo
Clean	Judy Balek & Pam Jallo

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE – LITURGY HELPERS

August 29, 2021 – 10:30am	
Reader	Julie Zikmund
Usher	Matt & Shanna

WEEKLY BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY, EVENTS & SAINT of the DAY CALENDAR

08/22/21	08/23/21	08/24/21	08/25/21	08/26/21	08/27/21	08/28/21
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Twenty-first Ordinary</i>	<i>St. Rose of Lima</i>	<i>St. Bartholomew</i>	<i>St. Louis of France; St. Joseph Calasanz</i>	*Fr. Lefor hosts RPR - 9-11am	<i>St. Monica</i>	<i>St. Augustine</i>
<i>Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Harrison Miller	*KC Meeting 7pm - St. Mary's, Park River Rosaleigh Miller	All Parents Faith Formation Meeting 6:30pm Jim Pokrzywinski		*Men's Group - Breakfast - 5:30am; Adoration 7am; Mass 8am *Catechist Retreat at Lake Metigoshe - 9am - 4pm Graham Bylin	*Catechist Retreat at Valley City - 9am - 4pm

DR. SCOTT HAHN'S REFLECTION ON TODAY'S LITURGY

This Sunday's Mass readings conclude a four-week meditation on the Eucharist.

The Twelve Apostles in today's Gospel are asked to make a choice—either to believe and accept the New Covenant He offers in His Body and Blood or return to their former ways of life.

Their choice is prefigured by the decision Joshua asks the Twelve Tribes to make in today's First Reading.

Joshua gathers them at Shechem—where God first appeared to their father Abraham promising to make his descendants a great nation in a new land (see Genesis 12:1–9). And he issues a blunt challenge: either renew their covenant with God or serve the alien gods of the surrounding nations.

We too are being asked today to decide whom we will serve. For four weeks we have been presented in the liturgy with the mystery of the Eucharist—a daily miracle far greater than those performed by God in bringing the Israelites out of the land of Egypt.

He has promised us a new homeland and eternal life, offering us bread from heaven to strengthen us on our journey. He has told us that unless we eat His Flesh and drink His Blood we will have no life in us.

It is a hard saying, as many murmur in today's Gospel. Yet He has given us the words of eternal life.

We must believe, as Peter says today, that He is the Holy One of God, who handed Himself over for us, who gave His flesh for the life of the world.

As we hear in today's Epistle, Jesus did this that we might be sanctified, made holy, through the water and word of Baptism by which we enter into His new covenant. Through the Eucharist, He nourishes and cherishes us, making us His own flesh and blood, as husband and wife become one flesh.

Let us renew our covenant today, approaching the altar with confidence that, as we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord will redeem the lives of His servants.

St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology ~ Sunday Bible Reflections with Dr. Scott Hahn ~ www.salvationhistory.com

OTHER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TITHING & DONATIONS

Please remember to send in your weekly tithing to St. John's for all three parishes by using your regular weekly envelopes. Thank you!

Mail to:

St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church
PO Box 27
Pisek, ND 58273

Upcoming Finance Council Meetings

08/31/21 – Pisek – 7:00pm
09/01/21 – Bechyne – 7:00pm
09/02/21 – Lankin – 7:00pm

St. Joseph - Annual Church Cleaning Thursday, August 26 - 4:30 pm Altar Society Meeting to follow

If you can't make it that day and want to help, there will be a list at the church of jobs to do. Please sign your name to let the rest know what's been done.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." ~ JOSHUA 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a disciple in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

The Feast of St. Monica (mother of St. Augustine) is August 27. Let us all pray for those family members that have turned away from the Church.

Dear Saint Monica,
once the sorrowing mother of a wayward son,
be pleased to present our petition
to the Lord God of heaven and earth.

(Mention your intention here...).

Look down upon our anxieties and needs,
and intercede for us,
as you did so fervently for Augustine, your firstborn.

We have full confidence
that your prayers will gain favorable hearing in heaven.
Mother of a sinner-turned saint;
obtain for us patience, perseverance,
and total trust in God's perfect timing.
In His appointed hour,
in His merciful way,
may He respond to your prayer and ours,
which we offer through you. Amen.

IMPORTANT CHANGE

All Parents Faith Formation Meeting
Originally scheduled for 08/24/21 rescheduled to:
08/25/21 – Pisek – 6:30pm

Message from Bishop Folda

Prompted by the massive earthquake and tropical storm that hit Haiti, yesterday Archbishop Gomez, President of the USCCB, sent a letter to all bishops asking them to consider taking up a voluntary special collection to support the Church and humanitarian needs arising from this and any future disasters. Collected funds will be used where they are most needed. **Collections will run through September 19.**

Catechist Retreat

**Friday, August 27, Maryvale, Valley City, or
Saturday, August 28, Lake Metigoshe Ministries, Bottineau**

Come away for a day of retreat at Maryvale, Valley City or Lake Metigoshe Ministries, Bottineau, where Fr. Andrew Jasinski will direct a retreat with a series of talks reflecting on words, "Go to Joseph". These retreats are primarily for those involved in catechesis, however, all are welcome.

The day will begin at 9:00am and end at 4:00pm. Deadline to register for these retreats is Thursday, August 19. Please register on-line at www.fargodiocese.org/catechistretreat. Any questions please contact mary.hanbury@fargodiocese.org. 701-356-7909.

Divorced, Widowed, Or Separated? Coping with Life Alone

A 10-week support program helping to understand the grieving process and the stages of grief: denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance. This program is being sponsored in Grand Forks by Beginning Experience of Eastern North Dakota. The sessions will begin on Sunday, September 19 with registration at 2:00 PM at St. Michael Pastoral Center, 418 N 6 St. (across the street from the church). Each session will last from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM. Cost is \$45.00. For more information or to pre-register, text Monsignor Daniel Pilon at 701-361-2051 or email: daniel.pilon@fargodiocese.org

Area Fall Dinners

Old Fashioned Sunday Chicken & Meatball Dinner, Sunday Sept 26 from 11:30am-2:30pm at St. Mary's Church in Grand Forks. Carryout dinners will be available. Children 4 & under free; age 5-10 \$6.00; age 11 and older, \$12.00. All are welcome!

Mass online or on TV

Sunday Mass – Cathedral of St. Mary – Fargo
YouTube Channel – Live at 10:00am

EWTN

Midco Channel 74
Polar Channel 121
DirecTV Channel 370
Dish Network Channel 261

Sunday Mass – Local Stations

10:30am – WDAY Channel 6
10:30am – WDAZ Channel 8