



August 21, 2022

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM OUR PASTOR

Thankfully we do not have weeks like this very often. There were four funerals at the parish this past week and a burial. That is a lot of loss. There is much to mourn. We are the Body of Christ, part of the family of God so I ask you to pray for those who have died. Perhaps you didn't know them or know them well. Nonetheless we are all connected through Jesus Christ. I encourage you whenever you pass a cemetery to pray for the dead. Consider also praying for family and friends that remain, who feel that loss so keenly.

That also raises the question of "are we ready?" Often we think we have time or can plan on our death happening many years from now. But we don't know the day or the hour according to our Lord. It is not just "what have I done?" but "what am I doing to prepare to spend eternity with Jesus?". We are to have an ongoing relationship with Him. To say that once I said "I love you" to someone or Jesus does not sum up a passionate living relationship.

All that is going on this past week also brought to mind all the volunteers that have given of their time and efforts that allow us to gather in prayer to celebrate a funeral. Altar servers, musicians and cantors come to mind as I think of a Funeral Mass. Following a funeral Mass we may have a funeral luncheon so the work of the PCCW members who set up for the meal, serve the food and clean things up so that families can take the leftovers home. There are those also who prepare the food (salads, desserts, etc) that are dropped off. The Knights of Columbus are there to clean the tables and take care of the dishes after the funeral luncheon. Behind the scenes are those who clean the church and make sure things are in order. Then there are those involved at the cemetery who keep it so well ordered and beautiful. They also have looked ahead for the needs of families and have put together a columbarium that offers niches for the interment of a person's ashes. If you have not seen it, I suggest a drive through the cemetery to take a look. For all of these people and the work they have done to serve those who are grieving, I offer a huge "thank you!" I am grateful for all who respond when a funeral call comes in.

A more positive note, we had a wonderful healing Mass on August 15th. After a two year break, we did not know how many would respond to the invitation to be anointed or receive a blessing for the caregiving that they offer. The turnout was great. I am happy so many were able to receive God's grace through the sacraments. Again thank you to the PCCW and other volunteers who made the day so wonderful.

On a happier note, may the following bring a smile to your face.

- You know about the fungus and algae who took a lichen to each other? Well, I've got some bad news: their marriage is on the rocks.
- Knock, knock! Who's there? Howard. Howard who? Howard I know?
- Why did the Martian throw beef on the asteroid? He wanted it to be meaty-or.
- What do you call a music teacher with problems? A very trebled person.
- Why are fish the smartest animals? They spend all their time in schools.
- How do you know timber framers like to dance? They raise the roof.
- The other day I sent my girlfriend a huge pile of snow. I rang her up and said, "Did you get my drift?"

Father John

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays ~ 5 PM
Sundays ~ 8 AM & 10 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 5:30 PM
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 AM
First Saturdays 8:00 AM

DAILY ROSARY

Before 8 AM Mass at 7:25 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays ~ 4 PM—4:45 PM
& Following 1st Saturday 8 AM Mass

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

First Fridays following 8 AM Mass
Benediction at 4:00 PM
All other Fridays beginning at 3:00 PM
Benediction at 4:00 PM

Mass Intentions for the week of August 21, 2022

Sat.	Aug. 20	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>John Sustar</i>
Sun.	Aug. 21	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Don Strack</i>
		10:00 AM	For <i>our Parishioners</i>
Tue.	Aug. 23	5:30 PM	For the repose of the souls of <i>Joe & Odessa Buttner</i>
Wed.	Aug. 24	8:00 AM	For <i>all Deceased Members</i> <i>of the Howard G. Rose Family</i>
Thu.	Aug. 25	8:00 AM	For the <i>Living & Deceased</i> <i>Members of the John & Margaret Schommer Family</i>
Fri.	Aug. 26	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Bernice Buttner</i>
Sat.	Aug. 27	5:00 PM	For <i>our Parishioners</i>
Sun.	Aug. 28	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>LaVerne Schaller</i>
		10:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Mary Buttner</i>

Pray for the health of Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Rosemary Lehnen, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Tricia Demmin, Bill Chase, Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Helen Eucolono, Ethel Passer, Sid Mead, Becky Fredrickson, Bob W., Therese, Audrey Gillen, Rita Kueppers, Cindy Mueller, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, Rosemary Wier, RM, Payton, Veronica, Kathryn Doughty, Patricia, JM, Carl Wier, Carole Hayes, Tillie Schumacher, Millie Hovde, Bill Eisch, Marie Boehm, Marsha Hamil, MMB, AAB, EMM, Brenna, Barb Gardner, Patrick Moore, Karen Patton, Therese Severson, Fran Skalak, Tina Moore, Eric, Tony Berns, Jeanne Allen, Randy Czaplewski, Anna Madden, Steve Connor, Sharon Riley, Phil S. and Janel.

Pray for those in the military serving our country: Janie Asberry, Jessica Tremain, Andrei Klika-Sampe, Will Post, Zachary Bader, Bailey Granger, Alex Ericson, Samuel Levandoski and Ethan Jasinski.

Eternal Rest, Grant Unto Them, O Lord. We offer our prayers and condolences to the families and friends of Helen & Dale Morris, Elizabeth Skiff, and Darlene Weiland who passed away recently. May perpetual light shine upon them.

Receive the Holy Spirit and let Him lead you to an encounter with the "Friendly Fire" at St. Theresa's in Union Center on Saturday mornings. Confession/Rosary/Mass at 9 AM. For more information, call Bev at 608-572-1266.

PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: SIGN UP IS NOW AVAILABLE! Here is the QR code to use to sign up! We will also have people available in the gathering area for the next three weekends to help you sign up. We would love to have all of our parish families represented in our new directory! If you need help signing up, please call the rectory office.



**Stewardship Corner ~ August 13th & 14th, 2022
(511 Registered Families)**

	**WKLY BUDGETED GIVING	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$8,653.85	\$ 4,284.00
On-Line Giving		1,785.00
Children's Envelopes	9.61	9.00
Loose Offering	385.00	704.00
Total Weekly Offering:	\$ 9,048.46	\$ 6,782.00

Year-to-date* budget requirement \$ 63,339.22
Year-to-date amount contributed \$ 55,525.88

*Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to current date

** Budgeted Weekly Giving Amount based on pledges made. We anticipate a total budgeted income deficit of \$ 42,539.00 for this fiscal year.

We ask you to join us in praying sincerely for guidance and success in helping to meet the temporal needs of our Church so that we can carry on our spiritual mission.

Weekly Calendar

Tuesday	Aug. 23	3:00 PM	Hour of Mercy in Church
Thursday	Aug. 25	12:00 PM	Rosary Makers—RH
Friday	Aug. 26	8:45 AM	Friday Folders



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Parish Festival Sunday - Sept. 4th

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of August 20th & 21st

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: Kevin Quist

Eucharistic Minister: Rita Hamm

Servers: Owen & Aedyn Lubinski, Carter Field

Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Nancy & John Noga

Greeters: Danelle & Anita Lubinski

Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Bill Powers, Fran Lunenschloss

Gift Bearer: Veronica Sustar

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Mark Becker

Eucharistic Minister: Vicki Boehm

Servers: Jacob Barnes, William & Eli Schanke

Musicians:

Greeters: Barb Cowan, Kevin Stillson, Carol Gross

Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, George Trembl, Jim Bires, Dave Netzer

Gift Bearer: Mary Ann Strack

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Bill Curran

Eucharistic Minister: Julie Whitney

Servers: Brayden & Kellen Housworth, Caroline Marien

Musicians: Liz Housworth

Greeters:

Ushers: Jon Field, Clinton Pouillie, Eli Boppart

Gift Bearers:

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of August 27th & 28th

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Lector: David Hoffman

Eucharistic Minister:

Servers: Nolan Powers, Ryleigh Vinopal, Gracey Kobylski

Musicians:

Greeters: Danelle Lubinski, Anita Lubinski

Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Bill Powers, Fran Lunenschloss,
Tom Schoettler

Gift Bearers:

Sunday, 8:00 AM

Lector: Melissa Schanke

Eucharistic Minister:

Servers: Cody Komiskey

Musicians:

Greeters: Larry & Tina Moore, Bridget Neitzel

Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, George Trembl, Jim Bires, Dave Netzer

Gift Bearers: Paul and Nancy Schaller

Sunday, 10:00 AM

Lector: Paul Curran

Eucharistic Minister:

Servers: Hudson Randall, Cooper Thayer, & Johann Wolf

Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Terri Walling

Greeters: Bill Thill, Jane Powers

Ushers: Jon Field, Clinton Pouillie, Eli Boppart

Gift Bearers: Joe Buttner and Family

SCRIP—We now have **\$50 BP Gift Cards** available in the SCRIP box. Please stop by the rectory office to buy your SCRIP. Thank you to everyone who supports our SCRIP program.

Beacon of Light and Hope Celebration – September 11 ~ After much patience, hard work and commitment from so many, the restoration of our magnificent Cathedral, dedicated to St. Joseph the Workman, is complete. Giving thanks to God, Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, September 11 at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral. Food, fun, music, games, tours, trivia and other events to follow!

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: If you or a loved one are experiencing a crisis—whether that is thoughts of suicide, a mental health concern, a substance use issue, or any other kind of emotional distress, you can dial 988 to connect to a trained counselor for free and confidential support. This service is available 24/7 and anyone can use this service. You can also text 988 or use the chat feature at [988lifeline.org](https://www.988lifeline.org)

FALL FESTIVAL—SEPTEMBER 11

(3 weeks to go!)

We are looking for people to sell Lucky 13 Raffle Tickets at parades this summer. If you are able to sell at one or two parades, please do so. Tickets, clipboards, aprons, etc. are located on the rectory porch.

2022 Summer Parade List

Mauston—Fair Parade— Sunday, August 21st @ 12 noon

Hustler – Hustlerfest Parade - Sat, August 27th @ 11:30 AM

Kendall – Kendall Fest Parade - Sun, September 4th @ 12 PM

Hillsboro – Firemen's Labor Day Parade
Mon, Sept. 5th @ 10:30 AM

RAFFLE TICKETS—If you have not yet taken the opportunity to pick up some raffle tickets, please do so soon. Tickets are available in the gathering area of church and on the rectory porch. We kindly ask that you sell tickets to help support the Fall Festival. We need every family's help to make this event successful.

ON LINE AUCTION SIGN UP—We are having our silent auction on-line again this year. This was so successful last year, we're doing it this way again! The auction will start on Sunday, August 28th at 12 noon and run until Monday, September 12th at 12 noon. We have lots of great items already and are getting more daily! **We will publish a list of items in the bulletin next weekend.**

QUILT RAFFLE ~ Carol Gross has graciously donated one of her beautiful quilts again this year to be raffled off. Tickets are available now by contacting Carol or stopping at the rectory office. They will also be available at weekend Masses. Tickets are \$3 each or 2 for \$5.

Here are some of the other events that we will be having at the Fall Festival: Cake Walk, Country Store, Bottle Lotto, Bingo, Kids' Activities, Sidewalk Café, Beer Tent, Chinese Raffle and more. If you have items to donate, please drop them at the rectory.

We will be needing cakes for the cake walk! If you would like to make and donate a cake, we would love to have it! Cakes can be brought in on Saturday, September 10th between 3—5 PM or Sunday morning on Festival Day between 7—10 AM.

If you are available to work at any event or help set-up or tear-down, please call the rectory. Many hands make light work.

BOTTLE LOTTO ~ We will be having the BOTTLE LOTTO for the kids at the Fall Festival again this year. Please help out by filling a few plastic bottles with small toys, items or treats. You can drop the filled bottles off at the rectory any time between now and the day of the festival.

Prayer Opportunities

Hour of Mercy: Tuesdays from 3 PM to 4 PM—time of prayer, litany and chaplet on behalf of our Church and the world.

Holy Hour: Each Friday we have Holy Hour from 3 PM to 4 PM. On First Fridays, we have Exposition and Adoration following morning Mass until benediction at 4 PM.

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