

# Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 22, 2021

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**  
2010 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
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**Rectory Office Hours:**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays  
11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.  
**Parish Office:** 814-942-0371  
or call the Cathedral Office at 944-4603.

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**  
Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator  
  
**Parish Secretary**  
Paula Hall  
  
**Director of Music Ministry**  
Cathy McFee

**Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:**  
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.

**Our Lady of Fatima Church is open**  
Sunday through Saturday: 7:30 AM - 5PM  
for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.

**Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be**  
**held at Our Lady of Fatima.**

**Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be**  
**held at the Cathedral. 944-4603**

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**  
Parishioners wishing to receive the sacrament of healing may call the Cathedral Parish Office to make arrangements. 814-944-4603

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**Cathedral Church Office:** 814-944-4603  
**One Cathedral Square**  
**Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop**  
**Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator**  
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Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO  
Music Ministry Office - 944-2044  
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**Reconciliation @ Cathedral:** 7:00 PM Wednesday  
12:30 PM Saturday

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**Sacramental Formation @ Cathedral:** First Reconciliation  
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**Sacramental Formation @ the Cathedral:** Baptismal Prep  
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**Hospital Visitation:** Call the Cathedral: 944-4603

**Cathedral Eucharist:**  
Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) Weekdays: 6:45 AM  
8:00 AM 8:00 AM 12:00 Noon  
10:00 AM 12:00 Noon  
12:00 Noon 5:30 PM Saturday : 8:00 AM  
5:00 PM 12:00 Noon

**THE FATIMA TOWERS**

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

This Sunday, August 22, Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catherine "Kate" Starr (Diana Fanale)

Next Sunday, August 29, Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vincent Farabaugh, Sr. (Jeanie and Family)

### Cathedral Mass Intentions

#### **August 22, Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM +Madeline Vogel, Birth. (Vogel Family)

10:00 AM +Dick Cowan (Wife)

Noon PM +Patricia Koeck (M/M Tom Vinglas)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

#### **August 23, Monday, St. Rose of Lima, Virgin**

6:45 AM Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life  
(Anonymous)

12:00 PM +Deceased Members of the Yanchik Family (Marie & Sharon)

#### **August 24, Tuesday, St. Bartholomew, Apostle**

6:45 AM +To End Abortions (Chris McNelis)

12:00 PM Ruth Alice Novak, Health Intention (George & Dot Smith)

#### **August 25, Wednesday, St. Louis**

6:45 AM +Jeanie Farabaugh (Mike & Sherry Byrne)

12:00 PM +John Duffy (Walter & Connie Tomassetti)

#### **August 26, Thursday, Weekday**

6:45 AM +Don Ware (Mary Conrad)

12:00 PM +Betsy Cote (Jim & Steph Kilkoyne)

#### **August 27, Friday, St. Monica**

6:45 AM +Richard Anthony (Kathy Baronner)

12:00 PM +Alice Winkler (Marge Moschella)

#### **August 28, Saturday, St. Augustine, Bp. & Dr.**

8:00 AM +David A. Baronner (John Cuzzolina)

Noon PM In Thanksgiving (Anonymous)

#### **Vigil: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM +Marti Stefanon (Husband)

#### **August 29, Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM +Jim Davidson (Linda Settle)

10:00 AM +Tony Alianiello (Family)

12:00 PM + Mary Ann Eger (M/M Sonny Carosilli)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For The People

### SANCTUARY CANDLE

For the month of August, the Sanctuary Candle is lit in memory of Tucker Keagy from his parents, Chris and Kelly. The donation is \$30.00. Thank you.

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Master, to whom  
shall we go?

**You have  
the words of  
eternal life.**

John 6:68

### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Joshua challenges the Israelites to serve either the Lord or other gods. They choose the Lord (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

**Psalm** — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

**Second Reading** — Paul reflects on how husbands and wives should reverence and love each other (Ephesians 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]).

**Gospel** — Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life (John 6:60-69).

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### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;  
Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday:** Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;  
Jn 1:45-51

**Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17;  
Mt 24:42-51

**Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12;  
Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

**Sunday:** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18,  
21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



**Say the  
Rosary  
every day  
to obtain  
peace for  
the world.**

### Thank You

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated.

The contributions for Sun-

day, August 15,  
were \$1,872.

Our Lady Of Fatima

# CROSSROADS IN LIFE, THEN AND NOW

Sometimes in life we find ourselves at a crossroads, faced with an existential choice that will alter the course of our life. We are aware, at these moments, just how significant our choice will be and that there will be no going back.

In both the first reading and the Gospel we see such moments calling people to make such choices. Which god will the Israelites follow? Joshua, their leader after Moses, knows that the area around the Promised Land is occupied by other peoples, with other gods. Perhaps remembering how, after Moses had gone up Mount Sinai, the Israelites set up a golden calf to worship, Joshua worries that they may again be susceptible to such attractions. He is asking them for a commitment, and proclaims, "As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

The people who were frenetically following Jesus, crossing the lake twice to pursue him, eating the bread he miraculously provided, are now puzzled by Jesus proclaiming himself as "the bread of life," and they are incredulous. They can go with him no farther, so they gradually drift away. The Twelve, however, stay with Jesus. What else could they do? Who else offers such a profound vision of human life? Peter expresses it well: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Not all of our life's crossroads involve our faith, but some do. Perhaps there is someone in your parish who chose to become Catholic and is now alienated from their family; someone who is unhappy with a new pastor and wondering about looking for a different parish; someone who was especially distressed by the clergy sex abuse and prayed long and hard before deciding that she needed her parish to get through it. There may be many in your parish facing such choices, and they need our support and our prayers. In the meantime, we can hope that someday they will again experience Jesus as the Holy One of God, offering them words of eternal life.

Today's Readings: Jos 24:1–2a, 15–17, 18b; Ps 34:2–3, 16–17, 18–19, 20–21; Eph 5:21–32 [2a, 25–32];  
Jn 6:60–69

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## FEAST OF FAITH

### Come, Spirit!

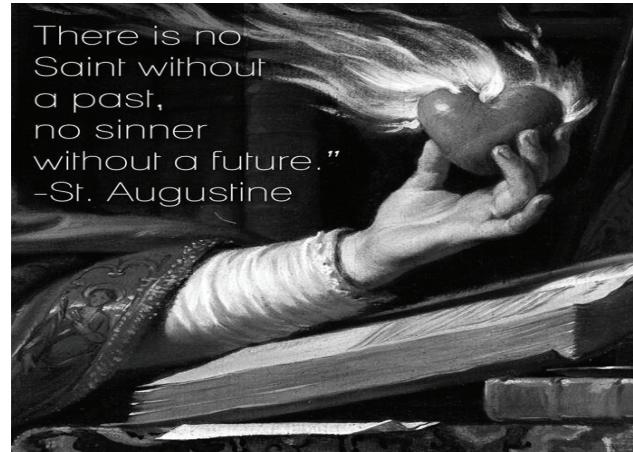
The presider at the Eucharist can choose from among a number of different Eucharistic Prayers, all of which follow a similar pattern. Almost always, they begin with an *epiclesis*, a Greek word that means "invocation upon" or "calling over here." At this moment in the prayer, the priest calls down the Holy Spirit upon the gifts of bread and wine that we have brought to the altar: "Father, we bring you these gifts. We ask you to make them holy by the power of your Spirit, that they may become the body and blood of your Son" (Eucharistic Prayer III). The words of the prayer are accompanied by the ritual gesture of the laying on of hands, the ancient sign of the gift of the Spirit, which is also used in most sacramental celebrations, from the rite of confirmation to the ordination of deacons, priests, and bishops. Liturgists sometimes call this first *epiclesis* the *epiclesis* of consecration. Later in the Eucharistic Prayer, there will be another *epiclesis*, the *epiclesis* of communion, as the priest asks that the Holy Spirit be sent upon us to transform us. "Grant that we, who are nourished by his body and blood, may be filled with his Holy Spirit, and become one body, one spirit in Christ" (Eucharistic Prayer III).

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Our parish will bless backpacks this weekend. Students will receive a Tiny Saints image of Mary, Seat of Wisdom and a laminated Blessing card.



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Sunday, September 12, 2:00 p.m.

Bishop Mark will be the celebrant of the Mass. Please call the parish office to make a reservation. Couples celebrating 1,5,10,15,20,25,30,35,40,45,50,55,60,+ years are invited to attend. Reservation deadline: Today, 8/23/21.

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