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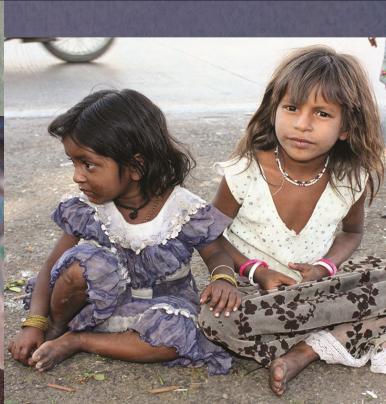
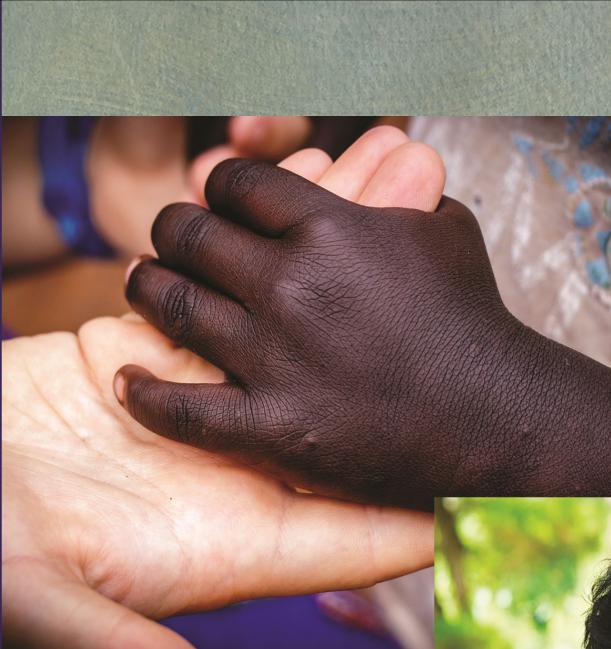
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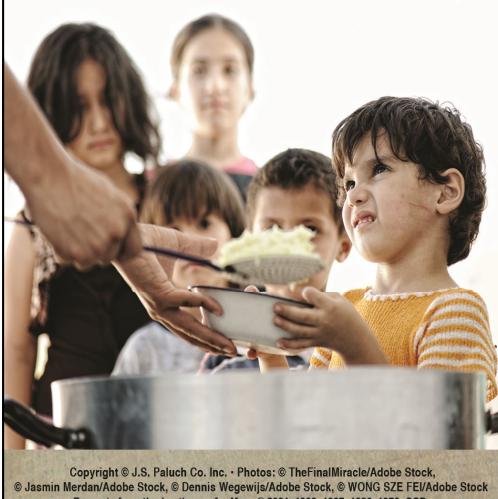
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**TWENTY-SECOND  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

**August 29, 2021**



Religion that is pure and  
undefiled before God  
and the Father is this:  
**to care for orphans  
and widows in  
their affliction.**

James 1:27

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## **Mass Schedule**

Monday.....8:30 am  
Tuesday.....8:30 am  
Wednesday.....6:30 pm  
Thursday.....8:30 am  
Friday.....8:30 am  
Saturday.....4:30 pm  
Sunday...8:30/10:30 am

## **Confession**

Saturday.....3:30 pm  
Also, by appointment

## **Baptism**

Parents of infants to be baptized, call parish office to request a meeting with Fr. Tom.



## **Parish Office**

### **Hours:**

Monday through  
Thursday  
8:30 am—4:00 pm  
(Closed 12-1, Lunch)  
618-377-6519  
618-377-9550 (fax)

### **Email:**

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## Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **Mass Intentions**

<b>Sat., Aug. 28</b>	<b>St. Augustine</b>
4:30 pm	Daniel Merli, Sr.
<b>Sun., Aug. 29</b>	<b>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:30 am	Virginia Metzger
10:30 am	For the Parishioners
<b>Mon., Aug. 30</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:30 am	Don Beste
<b>Tues., Aug. 31</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:30 am	Virginia Forehand
<b>Wed., Sept. 1</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
6:30 pm	Kenneth & Loretta Weber
<b>Thur., Sept. 2</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:30 am	Helen Friedel
<b>Fri., Sept. 3</b>	<b>St. Gregory the Great</b>
8:30 am	Bob Berghoff
<b>Sat., Sept. 4</b>	<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>
4:30 pm	Louis Rexing
<b>Sun., Sept. 5</b>	<b>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:30 am	For the Parishioners
10:30 am	John Hagan

### **Prayer Requests**

**The sick:** Conor Vogel, Keita Salantai, Mary Wagner, Charlie Mattingly, Noah Rogers, Becky Gray, Marguerite Hufker, Dan McRae, Mary Overton, Don Laird, Maxine Calhoon, Gloria Matthews, Dianne Morin, Vi Perkhiser, Bev Randolph, John Richter, Jennifer Price, Robert and Pauline Lange, Elli Wiemers, Christine Scheffel, Toni Stanford, Tim Phillips, Kennedy Stalcup, William Henderson, Helen Nagy, Peggy & Ralph Ruhmann, Kathy Menke, Mike Byers, JoAnn Laird. **For prayer requests in the bulletin, call the parish office, 377-6519. For prayer requests to be added to the email prayer chain, send requests to Marie at [rejoy128@gmail.com](mailto:rejoy128@gmail.com)**



### **Rest In Peace**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Gene Underhill**, husband of Julianne Underhill. May God grant him eternal rest.



### **Annual KC**

### **Tootsie Roll Drive**

The Knights of Columbus will be having their Tootsie Roll Drive (ID Drive) for people with Intellectual Disabilities on Sept. 17 & 18—if you would be interested in “helping us collect money” for these Groups (standing on a street crossing), please call Leo Mushill, 618-616-9058. Last year we collected for Special Olympics, Madison County ARC, Cardinal Glennon Development Center and Special Education at School District #8 (Bethalto)



### **Dear Parishioners, Do You Know Your Faith?**

**(All answers begin with 'S')**

1. What is a school for men studying to become priest called?
2. What is another name for the Old and New Testament?
3. What is the name of the principal chapel in the Vatican?
4. What is the deadly sin that begins with S?
5. What is it called when the soul is free from original and mortal sin?

**Father Tom**

### **PSR Registration/Teachers Needed**

Registration will start soon. This year we are in need of teachers for these grades: 3, 6, 7, 8. To volunteer/more information, call Linda Heinz, 593-1245.

### **RCIA**

In celebrating this month of Our Lady's final journey to God in her glorious Assumption, let us ask her motherly intercession to draw souls to the Sacred Heart of her Son. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a journey too – of conversion to – and what He intends for us. RCIA is the process by which persons who were never baptized, or were baptized in another Christian tradition, become members of the Church, a people on pilgrimage to our Heavenly Father. Classes begin: September 8, 2021. If you know someone who might be interested **please contact:** Church office @ 377-6519; **Tim Zacha**, 567-4468, [Tzac54@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Tzac54@sbcglobal.net) or contact **Jay McCurdy**, 217-827-1406, [jay@allied.construction.com](mailto:jay@allied.construction.com)

### **OLQP Adult Choir Returns**

Adult Choir will begin singing September 11th. Due to the space in the sanctuary, we are limited to 9 singers. Practices will begin 45 minutes before the scheduled Mass. If you are interested, it will be on a first come/ first serve basis. Call Craig Stark, 618-954-8263.

### **Sunday Offerings**

Week 8	Aug. 21-22, 2021	Total to Date
<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$345.00</b>	<b>\$2,975.00</b>
<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$9,616.00</b>	<b>\$70,244.25</b>
<b>On Line Giving</b>	<b>\$2,893.00</b>	<b>\$22,264.00</b>
<b>Young People</b>	<b>\$7.62</b>	<b>\$27.62</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,861.62</b>	<b>\$95,510.87</b>
<b>Operating Budget</b>	<b>\$14,477.83</b>	<b>\$115,822.64</b>
<b>Tithe to Diocese</b>	<b>\$1,384.62</b>	<b>\$11,076.96</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(\$3,000.83)</b>	<b>(\$31,388.73)</b>
<b>Total Envelopes received: 146 of 763</b>		
<b>Building Maintenance Fund Donations: \$150.00</b>		
<b>Other Charitable Donations: \$525.00</b>		

**August 29, 2021**

## Liturgical Ministries

### 4:30 pm Saturday, September 4

**Lector** Dale Osborne  
**E. Ministers** Rich & Sue Hayes  
**Ushers** Jim & Jackie Page  
**Rosary** Brad & Teri Fulk  
**Music** Cathy Gulash  
 Craig/Kris/Becky

### 8:30 am Sunday, September 5

**Lector** Brenda Tebbe  
**E. Ministers** Carol Beste, Jay McCurdy  
**Ushers** Paul & Cindy Stutz  
**Rosary** Steve Norris  
**Music** Andy Kerkemeyer  
 Craig/ Brenda

### 10:30 am Sunday, September 5

**Lector** Teri Fulk  
**E. Ministers** Kateri Dance, Lee Friedel  
**Ushers** Don & Terri Militello  
**Music** Chris Schmidt & Kathy Murphy  
 Praise Team

## Server Ministry To Begin

**The weekend of Sat., Sept 4-Sun., Sept. 5,** we will be starting the server ministry at Masses. **We need children to participate!** If you have been confirmed and would like to serve at Mass, please call the church office!

## Attention Youth Mystery Trip

**Aug 29th, TODAY, immediately following 10:30 Mass!**  
 Meet in parking lot by gym doors. Day filled with fun and mystery! Only the drivers will know the stops. Trip requires sign up prior to August 29, so we can make sure we have enough adult drivers. Cost is \$30 and covers meals and any entry fees. Call Kateri to register at 618-530-5652. ADULT drivers also needed!!!

## 40 Days for Life -Granite City Abortion facility - Peaceful Prayer to end Abortion

Meeting, Tues., Aug. 31, 6:30 PM, Grace Baptist Church, 2600 Edwards St., Granite City. RSVP to [info@40daysgpc.com](mailto:info@40daysgpc.com). All invited to come and learn about "40 Days for Life" campaign , Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>—Oct. 31st.

## Do You Know Your Faith Answers

1. Seminary
2. Scripture
3. Sistine
4. Sloth
5. State of Grace

## Save the Date

**Public Square Rosary Rally, Sat, Oct 10th** beginning at noon in front of the school by the Mary Statue. Bring your rosary and a chair and join us as we pray together for our families, our parish, our school, our community and our world. For more information contact co-coordinators Andy Kerkemeyer ([andy.kerkemeyer@woolpert.com](mailto:andy.kerkemeyer@woolpert.com)) or Brenda Tebbe (628-407-0233 or [btebbe8356@att.net](mailto:btebbe8356@att.net)).

## A Reflection

The following reflection is courtesy of Don Schwager © 2021. Don's website is located at [Dailyscripture.net](http://Dailyscripture.net)

**Which is more important to God - clean hands or a clean mind and heart?** The Scribes and Pharisees were upset with Jesus because he allowed his disciples to break with their ritual traditions by eating with unclean hands. They sent a delegation all the way from Jerusalem to Galilee to bring their accusation in a face-to-face confrontation with Jesus. Jesus dealt with their accusation by going to the heart of the matter - by looking at God's intention and purpose for the commandments.

**Allow God's word to shape your heart and intentions** Jesus explains that they void God's command because they allow their hearts and minds to be clouded by their own notions of what is true religion. Jesus accuses them specifically of two things. First of hypocrisy. Like actors, who put on a show, they appear to obey God's word in their external practices while they inwardly harbor evil desires and intentions.

**Allow God's word to change your way of thinking** Secondly, he accuses them of abandoning God's word by substituting their own arguments and ingenious interpretations for what God requires. They devised clever arguments based on their own thoughts rather than on God's word. Jesus refers them to the prophecy of Isaiah (29:31) where the prophet accuses the people of his day for honoring God with their lips while their hearts were far away from choosing and doing what God asked of them.

**Uproot wrong thoughts and attitudes before they grow** Where does evil spring from and what's the solution for eliminating it from our lives? Jesus deals with this issue in response to the religious leaders' concern with ritual defilement - making oneself unfit to offer acceptable sacrifice and worship to God. The religious leaders were concerned with avoiding ritual defilement, some no doubt out of fear of God, and others out of fear of pleasing other people. Jesus points his listeners to the source of true defilement - evil desires which come from inside a person's innermost being. Sin does not happen. It first springs from the innermost recesses of our thoughts and intentions, from the secret desires which only the individual soul can conceive.

**Only Jesus can free us from sin and guilt** God in his mercy sent his Son Jesus Christ to free us from our sinful cravings and burden of guilt, and to restore us to wholeness of life and goodness. But to receive his mercy and healing, we must admit our faults and ask for his forgiveness. "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:8-9).

**Let Jesus be the master of your heart and desires** When Cain was jealous of his brother, Abel, God warned him to guard his heart: "Sin is couching at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it" (Genesis 4:7). Do you allow any sinful desires to enter the door of your heart and mind? We do not need to entertain or give in to sinful desires or thoughts, but instead, through the grace of God, we can choose to put them to death rather than allow them to be the master who controls our way of thinking, feeling, and acting.

**The Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness** Only God can change our hearts and make them clean and whole through the power of the Holy Spirit. Like a physician who probes the wound before treating it, God through his Word and Spirit first brings to light our sinful condition that we may recognize sin for what it is and call upon God's mercy and pardon. The Lord is ever ready to change and purify our hearts through his Holy Spirit who dwells within us. His power and grace enables us to choose what is good and to reject what is evil. Do you believe in the power of God's love to change and transform your heart?

**"Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and make my heart like yours - on fire with love and holiness. Strengthen my will that I may always choose to love what is good and to reject what is evil."**



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