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# 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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AUGUST 25, 2024



## THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

**First Reading** – [Joshua 24:1-2A, 15-17, 18B](#)

Joshua challenges Israel to choose its allegiance at Shechem; the people reaffirm their commitment to the Lord, recalling his deliverance and protection throughout their history.

**Second Reading** – [Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2A, 25-32](#)

Christ's love guides marital roles: Wives respecting husbands as the church respects Christ, and husbands loving wives as Christ loves the church, symbolizing unity and sanctity.

**Gospel** – [John 6:60-69](#)

Jesus addresses the difficulty of his teachings and acknowledges disbelief among his followers. After many leave, Peter reaffirms their faith, recognizing Jesus as the Holy One of God.

**Focus: Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.**

It can be challenging to be people of faith. Accepting and understanding the magnitude of the Lord's love for us, including the mystery of Jesus handing himself over for us, may be difficult at times. But faith is a gift, so although we may struggle, we can trust God to grant us the grace we need to commit to serving him and following his Son.

**Liturgy of the Word:**

In the first reading, Joshua calls upon Israel to commit to serve God above all other gods. In the second reading, Paul uses marital imagery to teach about Christ's love for his Church. In the Gospel, some disciples find Jesus' teaching about the bread of life too difficult to accept. Peter trusts Jesus and commits to continue following him.

## MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: **The Dorner Family, Tricia Locatelli and Jan Berlin**

10 a.m.: **Michael Joseph Faso, Domingo Rodriguez and Carolyn McNeill**

## CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest sympathies to Mark and Kate Carson upon the recent death of his brother, Ken Carson. Please keep them in your prayers.



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## PARENT'S PRAYER WHEN CHILDREN ARE LEAVING HOME



Gracious God, you blessed me  
with the gift of my child  
and entrusted me with his care.  
Surround her with good people  
and watch over her each day.  
And let him know that I will always  
be near whenever he needs me.  
Heal any hurts we may harbor  
with each other and forgive our failings  
as we learn to be in a new kind  
of relationship with each other.  
And when the sight of her empty room  
pierces my heart with sadness,  
may I find comfort in knowing  
that my child is your child too,  
filled with your grace  
and sheltered by your love.  
Amen.



*Diana Macalintal*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection  
**August 11-18: \$ 6,037.19**

Envelopes: \$ 2,106.00 – Online: \$ 3,931.19

**THANK YOU!**

## IF PAUL SAW THE CHURCH IN AMERICA TODAY

WE'D BE GETTING A LETTER



*“Do not be  
conformed to this world,  
but be transformed  
by the renewing of minds.”*

— St. Paul

### TIME TO STOCK THE SHELVES

Next Sunday, the first Sunday of the month, is also known as **Food Pantry Sunday**, and the shelves are showing how busy we've been!



By the end of the week, we will have served at least 125

people spread among 35 families, including many single seniors.

Our affiliation with the Food Bank allows us to provide many no- or low-cost items including meat, but your donations of nonperishable items are also relied upon – and quickly distributed. Monetary donations are also welcome and can even be made on WeShare.

### IT'S PARISH PICNIC TIME!

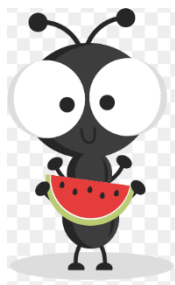
Right about now folks start to get antsy to get together. Last year, however, scheduling conflicts precluded a favorite way to do so:

#### **The Parish Picnic.**

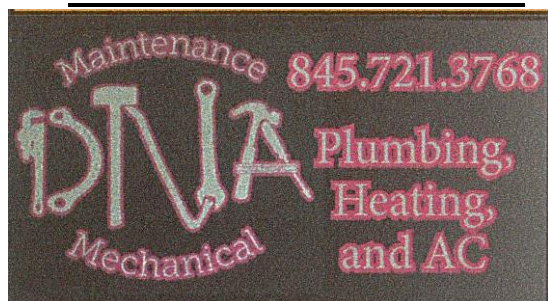
Not so this year!

Our dedicated kitchen team will once again be grillin' the chicken, flippin' the burgers and servin' up those tasty sides beginning at 1 p.m. Sunday, **September 15**, at the Town of Crawford Park on Lybolt Road.

Tickets are \$15, and \$35 for an **immediate** family. They'll go on sale after the Masses beginning this weekend, August 24-25, and will also be available through the office.



### SPONSOR OF THE WEEK



THIS YEAR I WANT  
TO BE MORE LIKE  
JESUS:

- Hang out with sinners.
- Upset religious people.
- Tell stories that make people think.
- Choose unpopular friends.
- Be kind, loving and merciful.
- Take naps on boats.

### SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION

The fall Scripture Discussion will focus on the letters of St. Paul to the Philippians and Colossians, which he wrote from prison, and use the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible. What makes this study guide so compelling is the historical, cultural and theological insights that help bridge the biblical world to our own.

The group will meet from 10-11:15 a.m. Mondays via Zoom beginning on **September 16** and will probably continue through November.

Former members and new members are welcome. Contact Gail Van Tassel at 845-457-3432 or [gailvantassel@yahoo.com](mailto:gailvantassel@yahoo.com) to join the group and to get the book for \$14.

### LAST WEEKEND'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m. – 65  
10 a.m. – 127

