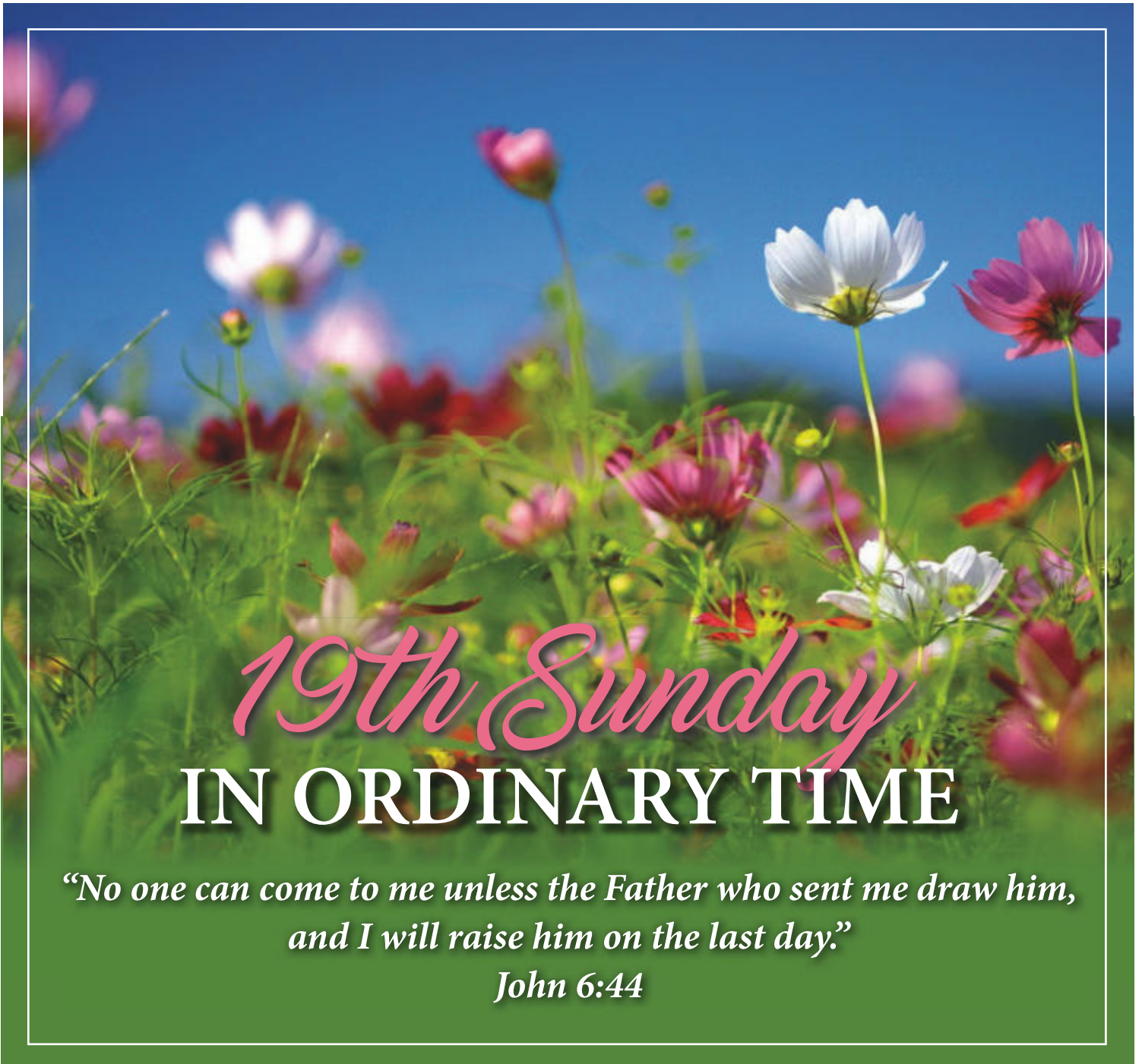




*At St. Charles, all are invited to
meet Christ, know Christ,
love Christ and serve Christ.*

August 8, 2021

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



19th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

*“No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him,
and I will raise him on the last day.”*

John 6:44



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SATURDAY MASS OF ANTICIPATION: 5:00pm

SUNDAY MASS TIMES: 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am & 6:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday - Friday: 8:30am & Saturday: 8:30am

TUESDAY TRADITIONAL MASS

Monthly on the fourth Tuesday at 5:30 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mondays: 5:00-7:00pm with closing prayer (includes music)

Tuesdays: 6:30-8:00pm with 7:30pm Rosary and closing prayer

Fridays: 9:00am-3:00pm with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm followed by Benediction

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Saturdays: 3:30pm - 4:30pm & Thursdays: 5:00pm - 6:00pm or by appointment (schedule by calling the Parish Office).

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By appointment with Fr. Ken or Fr. Nick (schedule by calling the Parish Office).

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- PLANNING A WEDDING
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NEED HOME COMMUNION:
For information call 262-367-0800 (Parish Office)

Mass Intentions for the Week of August 8th



Sunday, August 8

7:00 am † Edward & Terry Kraemer

9:00 am † John Dassow

11:00 am Living and Deceased Members of St. Charles

6:00 pm † Jerome Mahlik & Special Intention

Monday, August 9

8:30 am Special Intention

Tuesday, August 10

8:30 am Special Intention

Wednesday, August 11

8:30 am † Lance Kerwin

Thursday, August 12

8:30 am † Dawn Kollross-Bobot

Friday, August 13

8:30 am † Ken Mautz

Saturday, August 14

8:30 am † Barbara Cramlet

5:00 pm † Caroline Kamrath

Sunday, August 15 ~ Solemnity of the Assumption

7:00 am † Norbert & Joseph Seipel

9:00 am † Jennifer Boeder

11:00 am Deceased Members of the Daniel Fitzgerald & Joseph Connolly Sr. Families

6:00 pm Living and Deceased Members of St. Charles



Wedding Banns

3rd Bann ~ Bernadette Gundrum & Jacob Schons

1st Bann ~ Rachel Prince & Alex Verboncouer

Bulletin Due Dates!

If you have an event you would like to publicize in the **Sept. 5th bulletin** please submit your information **by Wednesday, Aug. 25th** and the **Sept. 12th bulletin** on **Tuesday, Aug. 31st**. These earlier deadlines are due to the first day of school at St. Charles and Labor Day. Also, all articles must be submitted by 8:00 am on the due date. Thank you!

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*The lens
we look through
will determine
what we see.*

**THIS WEEKEND'S GOSPEL MEDITATION
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things, and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

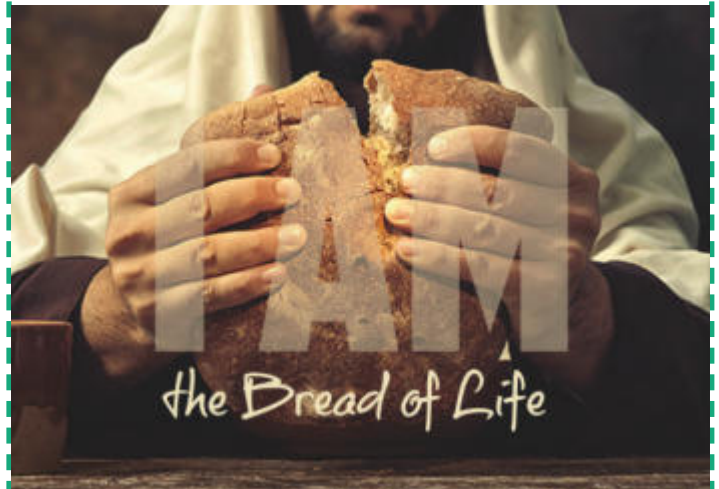
But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God's generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have? ©LPi



15 minutes each day spent in God's presence – reading, reflecting, responding and resting with his Word – adds up to 90 hours in one year. That is time well spent and a testimony to how a little at a time turns into something remarkable!

Reflection questions for Sunday, August 15th



- We hear in Proverbs how we are called to participate in divine wisdom. Who do you see as a wisdom figure in your life?
- Paul sees one pathway to wisdom is to avoid evil, ignorance, drunkenness and be filled rather with gratitude. For what in your life should you be grateful?
- How do you understand Jesus' assertion: "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you?"

Readings for the Week of August 8th

- Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/ Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51
- Monday:** Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/ Mt 17:22-27
- Tuesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
- Wednesday:** Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20
- Thursday:** Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mt 18:21—19:1
- Friday:** Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/ Mt 19:3-12
- Saturday:** Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/ Mt 19:13-15
- Next Sunday:** Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/ Lk 1:39-56



READ. REFLECT. RESPOND. REST.

Cut out and keep in your Bible for reference!



**MEET AND WELCOME
MARY JO ROMPORTL**

I am happy to join the team at St. Charles after spending 23+ years in the front office at St. Teresa of Calcutta! I will be in the office on Tuesday, Thursday, and some Fridays, keeping up the parish calendar and coordinating Baptisms. I grew up in Hudson, living next door to the Catholic Church, rectory, school, and convent. I attended Marian College in Fond du Lac and was an elementary school teacher for several years. My husband Tom and I moved to this area, and our three sons Brian, Daniel and Scott graduated from Arrowhead. We have three lovely daughter-in-laws and a precious granddaughter.

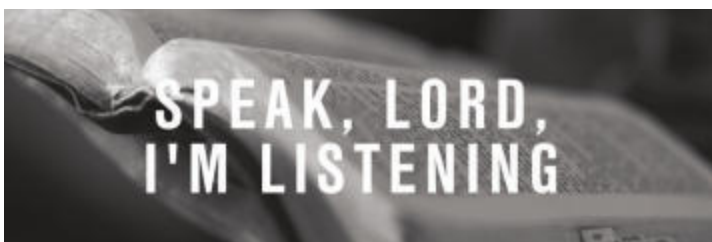
I was asked to join the staff at St. Teresa in North Lake and Monches back in 1997 and enjoyed my time there very much. After retiring last year, I missed connecting with people and the church office environment, and was very pleased to be able to help out at St. Charles when Debra retired in May.

I look forward to working with you during this exciting time of watching the new church become a reality! Stop in the office anytime – I would love to meet you!



**SCOTT HAHN & THE ST. PAUL CENTER
COMING TO ST. CHARLES**

Don't miss Scott Hahn and the St. Paul Center at St. Charles Parish on **Saturday, September 18, 2021**. Starting with Mass at 8 am followed by a talk/presentation by Scott Hahn, who is an American Catholic theologian and author. Go deeper into the riches of our Catholic faith and scripture from the heart of the Church with one of today's most respected scholars. For information and registration, visit <https://stpaulcenter.com/milwaukee>.



ST. CHARLES PRAYER NETWORK

One of the most powerful ways that we can support one another is through prayer. The best part about prayer is that other people can pray for your needs! Every Weekend at all the Masses at St. Charles during the prayers of intercession, we pray for all the prayers received.

If something is weighing heavy on your heart during this unprecedented time, let us pray for you. You may submit your prayer request in a couple of ways.

- Visit our St. Charles website at www.stcharleshartland.org and look for the online Prayer Request Form button to submit your prayer request.

- You may email your request to Pat Blavat at prayernetwork@stcharleshartland.org and she will include your prayer request on the prayer sheet she emails to the Prayer Network every Monday.

If you want to receive a copy of the Prayer Network Sheet, please send Pat Blavat an email (listed above) requesting to be added to the list. The email list is confidential, so your email address will not be seen or shared with anyone.

If you have an emergency prayer request, please email Mary Hauke at emergencyprayers@stcharleshartland.org; she will send out a separate email with the emergency prayer request.

SHARE YOUR LOVE OF THE EUCHARIST



Are you looking for a way to share your love of the Eucharist with those who are not able to come to Mass? Then consider being a Communion minister who visits Heritage Lake Country Senior Living. Three people are needed to complete the team, so it is only a one-time per month commitment on a Tuesday at 10:00 am. First-time ministers are paired with a mentor, training is provided. Heritage is close by at Hwys. 83 and 16. Parishioner Mary Walker leads this team at Heritage, so if you would like to help or know more, please call her at 262-370-5006.



If you go to the hospital ... Federal laws prohibit hospitals and nursing homes from routinely informing us when you are admitted, so **please call the Parish Office to schedule a priest or communion visit (262-367-0800.)**



SAVE-THE-DATE
FALL SPIRIT WEAR SALE!
 Aug. 27th - Sept. 6th

This year's Fall Spirit Wear Sale is running from Friday, Aug. 27th through Monday, Sept. 6th. Due to the ever-changing COVID protocols, Try-On Weekend will not occur at St. Charles this fall.

Orders can be placed (starting Aug. 27th) via the parish or school website through Mid-City Sports. This is a fundraiser, and Mid-City Sports will generously donate a portion of each sale back to St. Charles Parish and School. See future bulletins or our website for more information.




JOIN OUR SCHOOL MINISTRY

Would you or someone you know like to work at St. Charles? Please check out our current job postings at <https://www.archmil.org/Jobs.htm> or please call the School Office at 262-367-2040!

Part time 3K Teacher
 Monday-Friday (8am-1pm)

Part-time (60%) Elementary Music Teacher
 Possible job share opportunity for full time



Celebrating the Seminary FIDELITY
The 19th Annual Seminary Dinner

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2021

Saint Francis De Sales Seminary is delighted to announce that the 19th Annual Seminary Dinner will once again return to the Wisconsin Center this fall. Join two wonderful event chairs this year - our very own past and present St. Charles family members Fr. Patrick Burns and Julie Malucha! It is a joyful evening that gives the Church (you!) the opportunity to meet and support the remarkable group of 70 men who have chosen a life of fidelity to Christ as His priests. We are blessed to have several parishioners and teaching parish seminarians at St. Charles - Deacon Mathew Kirk, Michael Courchaine, Robert Ross and David Sweeney. The evening starts at 5:45pm with a cocktail reception followed by dinner at 7pm. Cost is \$150/person or \$1,500/table of ten. To register or make a donation go to <https://www.sfs.edu/AnnualDinner>.



ATTENTION ALL 8TH GRADERS!

Do you play volleyball? Are you a parish member going into 8th Grade this Fall?

Our select teams play in the highly-competitive Metro Volleyball Conference and Parkview Parochial League divisions and historically receive invites to play in the exclusive Archdiocesan-wide Elizabeth Seton Volleyball Championship Tournament.


- Our 8th grade select teams offer an experienced Club Level Coaching Staff.
- All teams have weeknight practices. Boys play on Friday nights, Girls on Saturdays/Sundays.
- We have multiple players participating in both Crusader Volleyball and Junior Warhawks YVL
- Season runs August 16 through November 7.
- Girls Tryouts: August 9, 7pm to 9pm at St Charles
- Boys Tryouts: August 10, 7p to 9pm at St Charles

Contact John Grogan @ (414) 704-6998 or crusadervb@gmail.com to register, for questions, or to make accommodations for those who are unable to participate in tryouts but still want to play.



CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

Have you registered for the Sacrament of Confirmation for the 2021-22 school year? Incoming juniors in high school are invited to sign up for the Confirmation process and to learn more about our ministry at our website: lakecountrylifeteen.com.



USE SCRIP FOR SCHOOL SHOPPING!

Remember to use Scrip for your school shopping needs. When you buy products with Scrip gift cards, you support our parish and school! You can order gift cards through their website (www.shopwithscrip.com) and have them sent to St. Charles' Parish Office to pick up. You are also able to fill out the paper order form at the Parish Office to receive your order. Thank you for supporting St. Charles!

STEWARDSHIP (TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE)



JOIN US ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
FROM 10 AM TO 2 PM AT OUR CURBSIDE EVENT!

Support our parish community through our annual
Grand Raffle and Curbside 2.0!

NEW THIS YEAR:

- Fire Truck Ball Drop – Come and watch at 12:30 p.m.!
- Music and Kid Activities
- Endter's Sports Bar & Grill Chili (original or vegetarian)
- Crusader Coffee
- Fr. Nick's "Six-pack" Root Beer
- Butter Braid Pastries and Cookie Dough
- Walk-up Check-in and Day-of Offerings to Purchase

WELCOME BACK:

- Annual Grand Raffle – Win \$10,000!
- Pierret Family Tradition – Bucket O' Booyah
- Smokin' Steve Houle's BBQ Pulled Pork Pail
- Fr. Ken's "Groundbreaking" Wine

Place your food orders NOW!

Quantities limited.

**Ball Drop and Sponsorships also done online.
Grand Raffle tickets are available after all Masses.**

\$10,000 Grand Raffle

St. Charles Parish & School's Annual Grand Raffle:
First Prize - \$10,000; Second Prize - \$2,000;
Third Prize - \$1,000

Winners will be contacted after 5:30 pm on September 12!
No need to be present to win.

Raffle tickets will be available 3 ways:

- Purchase at the Parish Office Monday-Friday, 8 am to 4 pm.
- Purchase after all Masses starting Aug. 1st.
- Purchase on the day of the event

Checks payable to St. Charles Parish preferred; cash also accepted. No online payments will be accepted. **Tickets and money must be turned into the Parish Office drop slot.**

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Cream of Mushroom Soup (Not needed: noodles, spaghetti, any dry pasta)

Have you visited the St. Vincent de Paul retail store on Ryan Street in Pewaukee? It is open daily for purchases and also to accept your donations. Do you need extra tableware for your upcoming summer party? Many beautiful and unusual pieces are offered at the SVdP store. Have your children outgrown their jeans over the summer? Gently-used jeans for all can also be found. All income levels are encouraged to patronize the store as every purchase funds employee salaries and the many outreach programs SVdP offers to help those in need. Check the store website for hours of operation and donations.

If you need assistance, please contact SVdP at 262-367-0800. If you need food, the pantry is located at 229 Lawn Street, Hartland. It is open Tuesdays between 10 AM and noon. Evening hours are on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month between 5:30 PM and 7 PM.



**SUPPORT
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& HELP
ST. CHARLES PARISH**

Please save your receipts from Piggly Wiggly in Hartland/Oconomowoc and Sentry in Delafield. St. Charles receives 1% of the receipt totals from these receipts, and only receipts with grocery purchases are valid.

Please use the drop slot located next to the Parish Office to turn them in. Please include the whole receipt; do not cut the top or bottom off. Do not staple, tape, roll or rubber band them together and keep them flat. Receipts expire within six months, so be sure to turn them in as soon as possible. Thank you for your help!



**PARISH SUPPORT
FOR THE WEEKEND OF
JUNE 27TH**

FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1 THRU JUNE 30

2020-2021

Envelopes.....	\$25,317.50
Offertory.....	\$1,646.19
Weekend Total.....	\$26,963.69
E-Giving.....	\$7,227.25
YTD.....	\$2,204,223.51

2019-2020

Envelopes.....	\$11,464.00
Offertory.....	\$298.00
Weekend Total.....	\$11,762.00
E-Giving.....	\$5,064.00
YTD.....	\$1,964,988.69



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A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER
for August

The Canticle of Mary

My soul proclaims the greatness
of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my savior.
For he has looked upon his handmaid's
lowliness;
behold, from now on all ages will
call me blessed.
The mighty one has done great things
for me, and holy is his name.

His mercy is from age to age
to those who fear him.
He has shown might with his arm,
dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart.
He has thrown down the rulers
from their thrones but
lifted up the lowly.
The hungry he has filled with good things;
the rich he has sent away empty.

He has helped Israel his servant,
remembering his mercy,
according to his promise to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his descendants
forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.

Amen.

see Luke 1:46-55
(New American Bible, rev. ed. 2011)



Stewardship: The Path to Better Discipleship in Christ



This article is Part III of a three-part series on Christian stewardship by the Most Reverend Thomas Wenski, Archbishop of Miami, excerpted from his 2019 pastoral letter "Stewardship and the Theology of the Gift." Archbishop Wenski will preside at the opening Mass of the 59th annual conference of the International Catholic Stewardship Council, Sunday, September 12, 2021.

When I was a student at Sacred Heart School in Lake Worth, Florida, where I grew up, the sisters had us write JMJ on all our papers and homework assignments. JMJ stood for Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The sisters wanted us to understand that everything we do should be a prayer — the lifting up of our minds and hearts to God — even homework, and so: JMJ, Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Likewise, stewardship is born of and sustained by prayer.



Stewardship calls us to be both committed disciples and coherent missionaries, accountable to the Lord for the gifts he has given us.

The sisters also had us write AMDG — *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam* — for the Greater Glory of God. They also wanted us to give our best effort, because you don't give God much glory unless you give your very best.

Incumbent on each one of us, then, is the need to be better disciples by growing in our personal, living relationship with Christ, and the need to be better missionaries by leading by example our fellow brothers and sisters to a new experience of holiness and abundant life in Christ. The good steward is a missionary disciple who shares God's love, by selflessly contributing his or her time, talent and treasure, and in doing so offers a future of hope to all, especially to those most in need. Stewardship calls us to be both committed disciples and coherent missionaries, accountable to the Lord for the gifts he has given us. As stewards, we

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share what we have experienced in the lived intimacy of our communion with Christ so that others may experience the joy of knowing him.

As Teresa of Avila said, "Christ has no body now but yours." Today, it is through our eyes that Christ looks with compassion on this world; it is with our feet that he walks to do good, with our hands that he blesses the entire world.

The good steward is a missionary disciple who shares God's love, by selflessly contributing his or her time, talent and treasure, and in doing so offers a future of hope to all, especially to those most in need.

If we think of stewardship as being about an annual local fundraiser or a tithing program, we sell it, and ourselves, short. Stewardship would then become a burden rather than helping us to discover the joy of giving, which again in the words of the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council, is the way, the only way, we will realize ourselves fully as human beings and thus respond to our baptismal vocation to holiness by becoming the people God meant us to be.

In the end, to be a Christian is not a burden, it is a gift; and to know Jesus Christ is the best thing that has ever happened to us; and using our time, talent and treasure to share him with others is a joy. Recalling again the words of St. Peter, consider the gifts you have received from God, and prayerfully discern how you as a missionary disciple use your gifts of time, talent and treasure to advance the mission of our Church.

I pray that your experience of stewardship will be, for you, a joy, a grace, a treasure received and shared.

STEWARDSHIP SAINT *for August*



St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)

Edith Stein was born in 1891 to a Jewish family living in Breslau, Germany. From a very young age she was intellectually curious and loved to learn. She rejected her family's Jewish piety and even God because her observation was that people acted as though they did not believe in God. She was a brilliant university student and graduated *summa cum laude* with a doctoral degree in philosophy. She became the assistant to one of the most influential philosophers of the 20th century, Edmund Husserl, who recognized and admired her intellectual gifts.

"St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross says to us all: 'Do not accept anything as the truth if it lacks love. And do not accept anything as love which lacks truth!'"

In 1921 Edith had a conversion experience. At age 30, she began reading the autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila in a friend's library and couldn't put it down. "*This is the truth!*" she exclaimed. She converted to Catholicism and was baptized on New Year's Day, 1922.

Edith soon became well regarded as a Catholic philosopher and author. She left her university appointment as Husserl's assistant and took a position teaching at a Dominican college for women teachers in Speyer, Germany. While there, she studied the philosophy of St. Thomas Aquinas and published the first German translation of his treatise *The Truth*. She also lectured widely to Catholic women's groups throughout Europe.

Edith was passionate about her teaching, writing and lectures, but she yearned for a deeper relationship with God. In 1933 she entered religious formation in the Carmelite community at Cologne, Germany and made her final vows on Easter Sunday 1935, taking the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

As the persecution of Jews in Germany intensified in the late 30s, Sister Teresa Benedicta was taken out of the country. On New Year's Eve 1938, she secretly crossed the border into the Netherlands where she was welcomed by the Carmelite community at Echt. There she would write her final book, *The Science of the Cross*, a study of the spirituality of St. John of the Cross.

The German Army invaded the Netherlands in 1940 and Sister Teresa's situation would again become perilous. She and her sister Rosa, also a Catholic convert, were eventually arrested and transported by cattle train to Auschwitz, where they perished in a gas chamber on August 9, 1942.

In his homily at the time of her canonization in 1998, St. John Paul II said: "St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross says to us all: 'Do not accept anything as the truth if it lacks love. And do not accept anything as love which lacks truth!'"

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