

**21ST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

AUGUST 23, 2020



Mass Intentions this Week:

Tue	25	6:00 p.m.	+Mary Cournoyer (SL)
Wed	26	8:45 a.m.	+Linda Rajkowski By Phyllis Gebert
Thu	27	7:00 a.m.	+Anne Tork (SL)
Fri	28	7:00 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	+Patty Zimmerman (SL) ++E & L Aschenbrenner By Phyllis Gebert
Sat	29	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	+Tony Joosten By Jeff Joosten Family For the Parish (SL)
Sun	30	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	+Joe & Eleanor Knapik By Terry & Rick Moscinski 45 th Wedding Anniversary Tom & Carla Wirl (SL)

FR. JANUSZ: 715-456-1450

Call Father or the parish office if you have an emergency or an anointing that is needed. He is available for confession before every Mass.

August 29-30

Lectors: 4:00 Barb Ziebell
8:30 Becky Engstrand

Ushers: 4:00 Chris Milkey & Chris Dachel
8:30 Rick Moscinski & Bill Hamm

**DIRECTIVES FOR PUBLIC MASSES
AT ST. PHILIP**

- + The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains dispensed.
- + Signs are posted on the pews to promote social distancing.
- + Missals can be picked up on your way in to church and returned after Mass.
- + Place your offertory money in the basket as you enter church.
- + Communion will be distributed to the right side of church followed by the left. Please observe 6 foot distancing.
- + Frequently touched surfaces in church will be sanitized after every Mass.
- + Congregational singing is discouraged to help prevent spread of virus.
- + Masks are required.



GUN RAFFLE...Because of Covid, we are not going to have a Sportsmans Banquet this year. Instead, we will raffle off the four guns and optics that remained from our first gun raffle...**Remington Mod 7, Savage 220, DPM Oracle, TC Impact, a Vortex 3 x 12 Scope, and 3 Binoculars 10 x 50.** Tickets will be sold after weekend Masses at St. Philip and St. Lawrence for \$10 a ticket. Drawing will be held on Sunday, December 20 at 9:30 a.m. after the 8:30 Mass at St. Philip's.

WE STILL HAVE NOT REACHED our \$20,000 goal for the "Picnic Fund." If you've helped with our annual picnic in the past (buying raffle tickets, baking pies, working a shift) and have not yet made a donation, won't you please consider helping us with this effort? Thank you so much to the 142 families who have donated so far. We look forward to working together in 2021!



**PLEASE TAKE TIME TO READ THE BULLETIN
INSERT "VOTING AS A CHRISTIAN."**



Even the smallest person can change the course of the future. God sends each child into the world with a purpose, and for that reason no baby should be aborted. The right to life is the first among human rights.



CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS to Jack Crowley Fuller, son of Curt Jr. & Alexis who was baptized last weekend. Welcome to the St. Philip Family.



THE DIOCESE OF LACROSE, WITH THE BISHOP, has urged us to begin in-person CCD classes this fall following proper sanitation protocol and physical distancing.

All teachers and students are required to wear a mask. We are limiting adults in the building, although we still need a 3 / 4 grade teacher and a parent to sit in on Confirmation classes. We are blessed to have a building that is dedicated to religious education. This makes it possible to hold in-person CCD classes and continue building this community of faith in our children. Thank you to the catechists who are willing to sacrifice much to make this work! **Registration information will be coming soon...**

DO YOU HAVE A 3-6 YEAR OLD CHILD OR GRANDCHILD? St. Philip is now offering Catechesis of the Good Shepherd this fall, which is a Montessori-based Catholic faith formation program where children can grow in their relationship with God through a deep engagement in Scripture and liturgy. Our work as adults is to provide a place for the child and a specially prepared room where children can come to know Jesus, the Good Shepherd. It is prepared with materials that children work with as a way of meditating upon the essentials of our faith found in Scripture and in liturgy. Examples of materials found in the **Atrium** include small clay figures of Jesus and the disciples used to meditate on the Last Supper; detailed interactive maps of the Land of Israel and the City of Jerusalem to help situate Jesus as a real person in time; Jerusalem Mustard seeds and beautiful pearls to help ponder the Parables of the Kingdom of God; and a small Baptismal font and Paschal candle used to explore the significance of Baptism. **Class times** will depend upon the number of children enrolled. Please contact Samantha re.saintphilip@gmail.com or 715-416-1710. Due to COVID 19 we will be limited on the number of children in the Atrium.

ST. PETER'S IN STEVENS POINT will have a **Chicken Dinner To Go, Pick Up or Drive Up, on Sunday, August 23 from 10-1 or until sold out. Cost is \$12 per meal. Dessert is available for \$1. Chicken Noodle soup is \$8.00 a quart.**

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Jim Siegler, Rita Janz, Dale TerMaat, Janice Haupt, Patrick Hoffmann, Mary Lou Glaza, Irene Jakusz, Jim Wiskerchen



CHURCH SUPPORT-AUGUST 16

Adult Envelopes	-	\$2082.00
Offertory	-	\$ 190.00
Picnic Donations	-	\$ 350.00
Basement Repairs	-	\$ 500.00

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR DONATIONS DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME.

GROTTO

Gift Shop	-	\$ 657.63
Cave	-	\$ 387.50
Donations	-	\$ 96.00
Museum	-	\$ 122.00

THE NATIONAL CATHOLICI SOCIETY OF FORESTERS, COURT 998, is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2020 Catholic School Grant Program:

Preschool: Grace Feltz

Grade School: Emmercyn, Ethan & Logan Breu, Jackson & Kiley Carroll, Miles Ferkey, Charles, Peter & Stella Kuhn, Amelia & Stella LaCasse, Claire & Miles Lightbourn, Delanie & Madilyn Schuh, Christian Statz, Catherine Steinle

High School: Grace Schuh, Cade Statz, Mally Steinle

Religious Education (CCD): Madeline, Dylan & Dawson Jeske, Axel Larsen

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS AND THANK YOU TO NCSF FOR THEIR GENEROSITY. For more information on how to become part of Court 998, call Kathy Hamus - 435-3797.

SCHOOL BEGINS AUGUST 26 FOR ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL!!

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ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

Voting as a Christian



As Christians, we do not leave our faith behind when we enter the voting booth. We understand that politics, like every other part of life, must be illuminated by God's light or we will stumble in the dark and lose our way. A generation ago, a large majority of Americans shared this view. Call it the Classical Christian worldview. It was the common foundation for our social and political life; we assumed it like the ground beneath our feet. Today, however, that foundation is under attack from another worldview, one that rejects God, or at least ignores him, as it makes the self supreme. Let's call it the Radical Selfist worldview.

The Classical Christian Worldview

The Classical Christian worldview holds that we have received our lives as a gift from a God who loves us, and that we are accountable to him. It believes in moral laws that God has written on our hearts and clarified through his revelation – from the Ten Commandments given through Moses, to the Sermon on the Mount proclaimed by his only Son, Jesus Christ. This is his blueprint for us, his design for our happiness and fulfillment.

This blueprint reveals to us certain foundational moral principles.

Among them, we see:

- That every human life, of every race and nation, born and unborn, is sacred and has equal rights and dignity;
- That we are created male or female according to God's plan;
- That sexual relations are meant for marriage between one man and one woman;
- That the free exercise of religion is a sacred right.

Though we are imperfect human beings, we work to build our lives on foundational principles such as these, as we raise our families and shape our social and civic communities.

The Radical Selfist Worldview

The Radical Selfist worldview opposes everything we have just described, rejecting the idea of a God-given blueprint. Everything is up to personal 'choice.' We can choose our own gender, our preferred exercise of sexuality, our definition of marriage, and even whether a child in the womb shall live or die. Radical Selfism preaches tolerance until it gains power, at which point it seeks to silence and to punish those who disagree with it. Unfortunately, this worldview has been promoted and amplified by many in Hollywood, the mass media and even public education.

Political Consequences

The current political landscape essentially forces us to choose between these two worldviews. This choice has weighty consequences at every level of government, from the White House and Congress to state and local officials. Since Supreme Court and other federal judges are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, presidential

and senatorial elections are particularly critical; all the more so because Radical Selfism has relied on the courts to produce outcomes unattainable by popular vote, such as legalized abortion and same-sex marriage.

The most telling indicator of Radical Selfism is advocacy of abortion, by which man wrests from God the very power over life and death. By far the most grave human rights violation of our time, abortion has already cost the lives of more than 60 million unborn babies in the U.S. since the *Roe v. Wade* decision in 1973. Moreover, where we find abortion advocacy, we invariably find it clustered with other positions characteristic of the Radical Selfist worldview.

What is a Christian voter to do?

While we cannot expect perfection from any political candidate, it is vital that Christians support those most closely aligned with the Classical Christian worldview and oppose those aligned with the Radical Selfist worldview. For Radical Selfism, with its worship of 'choice' in place of God, inevitably produces bitter fruits: moral and civil breakdown, destruction, and death. It is simply impossible to achieve lasting harmony and peace without adhering to the foundational principles of God's plan. Therefore, let us intensify our prayers and our efforts to elect candidates who stand up for the God-given principles and rights on which our nation was founded. Our future, and that of our children and our grandchildren, is at stake.

Chris Ruff – Director of the Office for Ministries & Social Concerns



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