

21st Sunday Ordinary Time

Sunday– August 23, 2015 21th Sunday Ordinary Time

9:30 – High Mass in memory of ALL PARISHIONERS

-Following Mass: **Catechism for Children and Fellowship Hour** at the Parish Hall with refreshments provided, everyone invited

Wednesday– August 26, 2015 Solemnity Our Lady of Czestochowa

Saturday– August 29, 2015 Solemnity Beheading of St John the Baptist

Sunday– August 30, 2015 22th Sunday Ordinary Time

11:30 – High Mass

-Following Mass: **Catechism for Children and Fellowship Hour** at the Parish Hall with refreshments provided, everyone invited

Sunday– September 6, 2015 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time

-Following Mass: **Catechism for Children and Fellowship Hour** at the Parish Hall with refreshments provided. All is welcome.

Bible Readings for 21th Sunday Ordinary Time year B

1st reading from the Book of Joshua 24:1-2, 15-17, 18

Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, summoning their elders, their leaders, their judges, and their officers. When they stood in ranks before God, Joshua addressed all the people: "If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." But the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD for the service of other gods. For it was the LORD, our God, who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, out of a state of slavery. He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey and among the peoples through whom we passed. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

Responsorial Psalm 34

R. . Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

The LORD has eyes for the just, and ears for their cry. The LORD

confronts the evildoers, to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

2nd reading: Letter to the Ephesians 5: 25 -32

Brothers and sisters: Live in love, as Christ loved us. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. *For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.* This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church.

Alleluia verse from St John 6:63

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life;

You have the words of everlasting life.

Holy Gospel according to St John 6: 60-69

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" **Simon Peter answered Jesus, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."**

PARISH PICNIC We are planning a our picnic on September 20th, we are looking for volunteers to help us prepare it. Please join us for this yearly family celebration!

ATTEND HOLY MASS ON SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS PARTICIPATE IN LIFE OF YOUR CHURCH AND WORSHIP DAILY

Liturgy is "the participation of the People of God in 'the work of God'"; it is the "exercise of the priestly office of Jesus" in which God is

worshiped and adored and people are made holy. God begins the work of sanctifying people in time and space and brings that work to completion. Those who respond to God in worship and in service are given the privilege of becoming co-workers in the divine plan. Please come and join us as Community of faith for Sunday Holy Mass weekly! Feel always welcomed and at home in our Church! For those with gluten allergy Gluten free Communion is available

Our Church is a home for all believers, from all ethnic and national backgrounds. We are one family of Jesus Christ, come and join us!

PRAYER CIRCLE AND HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Let us remember in our personal prayers about our sick and older parishioners and friends. If you would like to have special intentions mentioned during Mass or you would like Holy Mass celebrated for your intention, please let Father know.

CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN Catechism Classes for children are scheduled after Holy Mass on Sunday please bring your children and notify Fr Andrew.

PARISH DONATIONS We would like to share heartfelt Thanks to all who donate and help at the Parish. May God bless you for your much needed help!

PARISH CALENDAR

August - meeting at the cemetery to clean out, begin fall maintenance and to get ready for the picnic.

Clean out dates will be Sept. 12, 2015 and Sept 19, 2015, working together on this will make it faster and easier for all there. Let's pull together.

20 September – Parish Picnic / Harvest Festival / Dozynki/ with blessing of harvest wreath

4 October - Pulaski Day Parade

Park and cemetery clean up dates will be Sept 12, 2015 and Sept. 19, 2015.

New financial totals will be posted next week. Thank you.

Privacy fence for park area will be costing \$2,800.00. Father would like to have it to entice people to have their picnics there again.

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