

Getting to Know the Readings

An Uncompromised Choice

Sooner or later you have to decide. Faced with a difficult decision, you have to decide what to do.

Our choices reveal what we really prize. Before making a choice, then, it helps to review our values. Which choice gives the strongest affirmation to the principles we hold dear? If we take a different choice, we doom ourselves to living with compromised values. We are not who we thought we were. We hold other things precious.

When Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, he told the people they had to make a choice. God brought them up out of the land of Egypt, performed miracles before their very eyes, and protected them along their entire journey. This God wanted to be their only God. They should no longer serve other gods. They had to decide.

Joshua said, "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

The people answered the same.

Before you make a difficult choice, think about how God has brought you to this day. God brought you and your family to safety, performed miracles before your very eyes, and protected you thus far. Remember, then make your choice.

"As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

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"Your Christianity is not for you. Christianity is not a self-help program, something designed just to make us feel better ourselves. Your Christianity is for the world."

~ Bishop Robert Barron

2024 National Eucharistic Congress



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August 25, 2024
Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time



Weekend Worship Sunday 9:00 am

Parish Life Coordinator
Elizabeth Davis
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Secretary
Connie Fitch
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We welcome new members. To enroll, call the Parish Office or contact Connie Fitch.

Coordinator of Religious Education
Jena Robertson
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Sacramental Minister
Fr. Darvin Winters

Fr. Darvin is available to hear confessions on Saturdays from 4—4:20 pm at Sacred Heart or before Sunday Mass by appointment.

The sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony are arranged by calling the Parish Office to schedule preparation.

Ministries

| Date | August 25 | September 1 |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Lector | Carol Cummins | Steve Norris |
| Server | Bronson Thralls | Dallas Thralls |
| Gift Bearers | Payne Family | Ramsey Family |
| Ushers | Matt Breneman Tom McKinney | Tom McKinney Scott Thralls |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Pam Norris MaryLu Thralls | Carol Cummins Lana Thralls |
| Counters | Tom McKinney Sarah Wyrick | Tom McKinney Sarah Wyrick |
| Cleaners | Bob & Patty Kane | |
| Coffee & Donuts | | Karen Harris & Family |



What: Taizé Prayer
 When: 9/10/24
 Where: SMWC - Immaculate Conception Church
 When: 7 - 8 pm

Each Taizé service includes prayer, simple music, a time for silence and inspirational readings. Join us in person or via livestream on the second Tuesday of the month.

Mass Intentions

August 25 For Doug & Randy Marrs
 September 1 Tony Perrelle Sr.
 by Jim & Flo Callahan



It's not too late to spread warmth and comfort! Your kindness can still make a big impact. Contribute with a simple click: <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/2024virtualsockunderweardrive/>

Online giving not your thing? Drop off items at Bethany House, 1402 Locust Street. All adult and child sizes of new socks and underwear are welcome. However, we are most in need of:

| Item | Gender | Size |
|-----------|--------|----------------|
| Socks | Girls | Small, Large |
| | Boys | Small, Toddler |
| | Women | Any |
| Underwear | Men | Small, Medium |
| | Boys | 2T—4T, 4, 6 |
| | Girls | 2T—4T, 4, 6 |

Finance Report

| | August 18 | Budgeted |
|---------------------|-----------|----------|
| Sunday Collection | \$ 2471 | \$ 2,308 |
| Galvin Hall | \$ 10 | \$ 115 |
| Religious Education | \$ 60 | |
| Assumption | \$ 441 | |



Religious Education Class Registration begins ASAP. Classes will begin on September. 8. Tuition is \$30 per child, with a \$60 cap per family. Families can register by seeing Jena after mass or via email to jenaleerobertson@gmail.com or phone (812) 243—5070.

Classes will not take place on coffee and donut Sundays this year; however, Youth Liturgy will take place on those dates.

Please Pray For Our Loved Ones

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| David Auterson | Roy Lucas |
| Regina Crowell | Joe Mangia |
| Ray Edwards | Clara Maywell |
| Jane Frazier | Tony Perrelle Jr. |
| John Heck | Dorene Rude |
| Barbara Hoffman | Dick Stultz |
| Jonnie Hooper | Jeanette Stultz |
| Sr. Jane Iannaccone | Ray Veit |
| Terry Jatczak | Joe Vest |
| John Kirkham | Lou Ann Wake |

Thanks

Sue and John Heck wanted to let their parish family know how much they appreciate their help on Sundays. It means a lot to them.



Join us next Sunday, September 1st for Coffee & Donuts.