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**SUNDAY
AUGUST 14
2022**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

M—TH: 9 am–12 pm & 1–3 pm

Friday—Closed

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4 pm

Sunday: 8 am and 11 am

Weekday Masses

Monday: NO MASS

Tuesday: 9:00 am

Wednesday: NO MASS

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 9:00 am

Saturday 9:30 am –
Confession

PARISH STAFF

Pastor

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20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to his disciples: “I have come to set the earth on fire,
and how I wish it were already blazing!” - Lk 12:49

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 14, 2022

- Sunday:** Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
- Monday:** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
- Tuesday:** Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday:** Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday:** Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14
- Friday:** Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday:** Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12
- Next Sunday:** Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

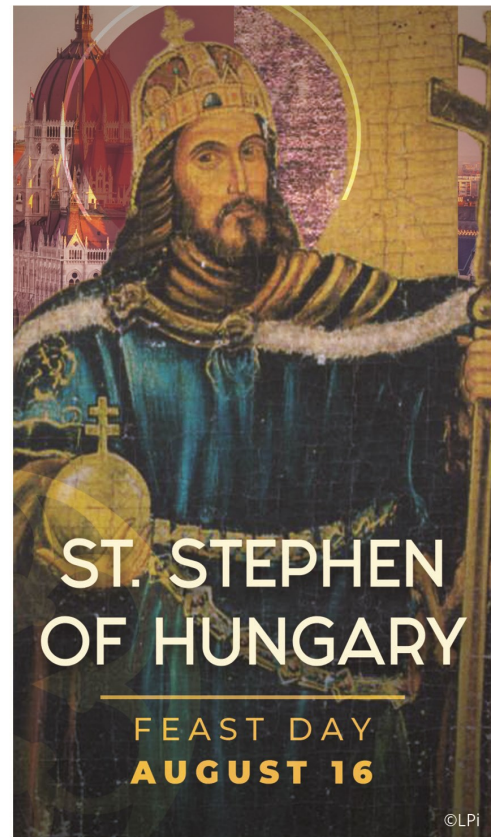
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 14, 2022

- Sunday:** 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
- Monday:** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Tuesday:** St. Stephen of Hungary
- Friday:** St. John Eudes, Priest
- Saturday:** St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Pius X, Pope

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

There is a "great cloud of witnesses" found in the official saints of the church and in ordinary people we meet every day. They are faith-filled inspirations who, by their example, help us to persevere in our faith. Living in a sea of conflict, change, challenge, and confusion, it is easy to grow tired and get weary. With so many things in competition for our attention, it is challenging to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and the Kingdom of God. We have to keep running the race and continue proclaiming the Good News. This message is not always welcome. It can cause division, challenge accepted mindsets, ruffle peoples' feathers, and cause some folks to become defensive. God's ways are not always our ways. Even though often rejected by the world, the message of God in Jesus Christ must continue to be preached. We can rely on the examples of faith before us and around us and not lose heart. As Jesus endured the voices of opposition, so too can we.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Born a pagan in the 10th century Saint Stephen was baptized as a boy when his father converted to Christianity. Saint Stephen married Gisela, daughter of Duke Henry II of Bavaria who would become Saint Henry II. He succeeded his father as leader and began to transform the nation into a Christian kingdom.

Pope Sylvester II proclaimed him the first king of Hungary in 1001, sending him a crown and gold processional cross. The crown, made in the Byzantine style, has become a symbol of Hungarian nationhood.

King Stephen's reign was a relatively peaceful and prosperous time. He outlawed paganism, mandated church building, and tithing for support of the parish, and commanded all to marry except clergy and religious. He founded a Benedictine monastery, and Hungary became an important place along the route to the Holy Land for many pilgrims.

Unfortunately, Stephen's son and heir died in a hunting accident, causing much conflict over the succession when the saint died. Eventually the kingdom was won back for Christendom and father and son were canonized in 1083 by Pope St. Gregory VII. Saint Stephen I is now patron saint of Hungary.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die. (Jer 38:10)

PSALM

Lord, come to my aid! (Ps 40)

SECOND READING

Let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus. (Heb 12:1-2)

GOSPEL

"Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." (Lk 12:51)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

An inward transformation occurs in a person who decides to follow Jesus Christ. Things change. They see the world differently, understand their journey more deeply and profoundly, have their sights fixed on eternity and union with God and hold themselves to higher standards and virtues. It requires a conscious choice to be a Christian, and this choice must be renewed at least daily. While the basic premise of Jesus' message may appear heartwarming and straightforward: love of God, neighbor, and self, the implications of doing so are challenging. The true disciple is called to live radically, and often finds themselves at odds with the world or even with those in their own homes.

Holding ourselves to higher standards comes with a price. We have to leave other things behind. It is difficult to be people of faith, hope, and love in a world often fixated with its own fulfillment and self-absorption. Justice, temperance, prudence, and fortitude require sacrifice if they are to be lived with integrity. God's ways are not ours. This becomes crystal clear to those who have enough courage to stand against the tide. Putting love into action requires that we challenge accepted modes of doing business and fight complacency. This is what makes the saints stand out as witnesses. They are simply sinners, just like us, who persevere.

People do not want to be told that they're sailing their ships in the wrong direction. Clinging to their insistence and need to be correct, they can become defensive when challenged. This can happen even with those closest to us. As much as the Gospel calls us to unity, it also can easily create division. When we love seriously, we encounter more than feelings of warmth and acceptance. "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like (St. Augustine)." Love also has the courage and honesty to tell people what they may not want to hear but need to, and model, without wavering, a life of humble, loving, and faithful service. Don't lose heart! There are many examples of faith before us and around us. If Jesus endured the voices of opposition, so too can we. There is no need to apologize for speaking the truth.



"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three."

- Lk 12:50-52

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CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

Documentation for working with children: Working alongside the Bishop, the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth reinforces the ongoing implementation of policies and procedures that protect children. All clergy, employees, and volunteers in the Diocese of Erie who work with children must undergo criminal record checks. The diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth screening guidelines and abuse prevention training programs emphasize the importance of knowing the employees and volunteers who have access to children in our schools and parishes. Parents should remain vigilant in insisting that those with access to their children have gone through an application process and obtained the required clearances and trainings before being granted access to their children. Visit www.erieecd.org/childprotection/ to see what documentation and training is required for those who work with children and youth in our parishes/schools/agencies.

A Family Perspective

Today Jesus warns us his Word will create conflict between parents and children. In a permissive society which advocates individualism and consumerism, parents must continue to teach and live the gospel values of respect, service to others, forgiveness, generosity and compassion. A Christian family is a countercultural family.

Parenting Pointers

"What's so sacred about dinner? It happens every day. We face one another. We eat. We talk. It doesn't matter that some of the talk is trivial or full of complaints. We share our day, warts and all. It doesn't matter if the food is plain or even unappetizing. We have food. It doesn't even matter if we come to the table angry with one another or if we get angry as a result of being together. We have to deal with the people who push our buttons – and then push beyond it. We might even find the grace to forgive." (*Raising Kids Who Will Make a Difference* by Susan Vogt)



MON 8/15	NO MASS
TUES 8/16 9AM	+Albert Puntureri [Thomas Cirello & Family]
WED 8/17	NO MASS
THU 8/18 9AM	+Daniel Buzzeo [Olympia Buzzeo]
FRI 8/19 9AM	+Walter Trkula [Wife]
SAT 8/20 9AM	+Victoria Dignadice [Ada & Wally Novero]
SAT 8/20 4PM	+Mass for the People
SUN 8/21 8AM	+Dr. Kirk Works [Mike & Barb Walton]
SUN 8/21 11AM	+Steven Chavara [Chavara Family]



SAT 8/20 4:00PM LECTOR J. Spatara	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. A. Costar / S. Gociano T. Spatara / P. Thornburg	ALTAR SERVER Volunteer Needed
SUN 8/21 8AM LECTOR J. Pursel	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. B. Beaulieu / G. Beaulieu R. Mentrek / S. Puhl	ALTAR SERVER Volunteer Needed
SUN 8/21 11AM LECTOR K. Wagner	EUCCHARISTIC MIN. B. McVey / B. Moder A. Orndorff / O. Yoursh	ALTAR SERVER Volunteer Needed

***ATTN VOLUNTEERS!** Please check-in with Fr. Allen prior to Mass



Next Sunday's "Pantry Shower" item is **LARGE GARBAGE BAGS**. The upcoming item will be paper towels.

Thank you for your care and concern for God's needy.



**Altar flowers this weekend are donated
in Memory of**

Dolores Ranelli

On Behalf of: Notre Dame Staff

**DURING CONSTRUCTION OF OUR
SIDEWALKS AND PARKING LOT,
THERE WILL BE NO ENTRANCE
TO THE OFFICE WITHOUT PRIOR
ARRANGEMENTS.**

**PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE
724-981-5566
TO SCHEDULE MASSES OR IF YOU
HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.**

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:

Notre Dame TUES, THU, FRI 9:00 AM	St. Bartholomew MON, WED, FRI 7:30 AM
SAT 9:00 AM *9:30 AM Confessions	TUES 6:00 pm *6:30 PM Confessions

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

Notre Dame SAT 4:00 PM	St. Bartholomew SAT 5:30 PM
SUN 8:00 & 11:00 AM	SUN 9:30 AM

BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE

Please keep the families of
**Beatrice Bahr,
Fran Fornelli, &
Mary Margaret Jones,**
in your prayers.



"Into your hands
Oh Lord we commend
our brothers and sisters"

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TRAINING For Home Bound Parishioners And Nursing Homes

Deacon Frank Hannah and Kathy Higgins will be conducting training for all Eucharistic Ministers that volunteered to visit the Home Bound and Nursing Home Facilities.

THIS WEEKEND

Notre Dame Church
Saturday, August 13, 5:00-6:15 PM
Sunday, August 14, 9:30-10:30 AM

PARISH DIRECTORY – GROUP PHOTOS

Sunday, August 21st following the 11:00 a.m. Mass

We are planning to take photos of all those involved in various groups next weekend, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. If possible, please plan to join your group for a photo. The list below is what we have thought of – there may be others missed and not on the list. No worries, come and join us and we will make sure to put your group in our New Parish Directory.

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| *Lectors | *Finance Council |
| *Eucharistic Ministers | *Pastoral Council |
| *Altar Servers | *Ushers |
| *Welcoming Committee | *Knights of Columbus |
| *Small Faith Groups | *Revitalization Committee |
| *Musicians | *Prince of Peace Cooks |
| *Book Club | *Eucharistic Ministers to the |
| *Funeral Luncheon Servers | Homebound/Nursing Homes |



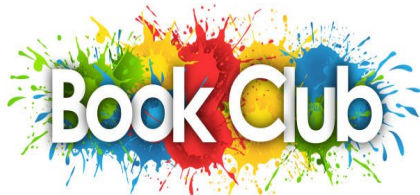
To Purchase Tickets

Send or drop off your \$100 donation along with your Name - Address - Phone

TO:

- St. Joseph Raffle, 79 Case Ave., Sharon, PA 16146
- Or place in the church mailbox at anytime, located outside the church office door.
 - If other arrangements are needed, please call the office at 724-981-3232.

Your ticket will be processed and the ticket stub will promptly be mailed back to you!



The Notre Dame Book Club will be meeting
Thursday, August 18th at 6:30 PM in the
NOTRE DAME MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

Note: change of location for this meeting.

We will be reading *Miracle Creek*,
by Angie Kim.

Please join us!

ST. ROSE AND ST. MARY CEMETERIES

We are all facing the struggles of rising prices as well as shipping delays. We are experiencing the effects of those price increases at our cemeteries as well. Beginning January 1, 2023, there will be increases to the cost of a grave, opening and closing costs, and the price of niches. We are making you aware of these increases now, so that you may purchase those items at the current costs for the next several months. In order to make those purchases, please call the cemetery at 724 346 3711 or complete the form below and mail to St. Joseph Church, 79 Case Ave., Sharon PA 16146.

St. Rose - St. Mary Cemeteries "BEAT THE PRICE INCREASE PROGRAM"

I am interested in:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lots | <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mausoleum | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-paid opening/closing costs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cremation | |

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact #: _____

St. Anthony Church

RUMMAGE SALE

August 31 - September 1, 2, 3



31

2pm-5pm



1

9am-2pm



2

9am-2pm



3

9am-Noon

Rummage Sale located in the Antonium
(1237 Sherman Avenue, Sharon, PA)

Items for sale include furniture, religious items, antiques, collectibles, floral, lamps, linens, light fixtures, home decor, dishes, knick-knacks, pots and pans, small appliances, toys, games, puzzles, baby equipment, books, videos, jewelry, lots of misc., and more!

DAILY SPECIALS & FOOD AVAILABLE

Questions: Mary Hoagland 724-813-3247