

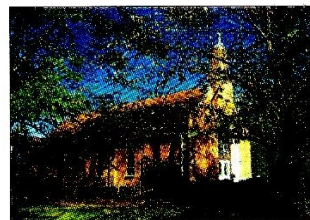


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Worship Times

Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00p

Sunday Mass, 11:15a, En español, 1:30p

Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult Bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p

Sunday Mass, 9:00a

Holy Days 7:00p

Communion Service Consult bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation By appointment

Welcome, New Parishioners

We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.

Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony

For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.

Anointing of the Sick

For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 29, 2021



*Celebrating
70 years as an SSJ*

Sisters Anne Jose Campbell

Patrícia Cashman

Mary Corbett

Clare Di Gregorio

Mary Theresa Duffy

Catherine Dolorine Fitzpatrick

Marie Albert Hetzel

Ann C. Hilla

Jean L. Holtz

Marie Fatima Kretschman

Ellen McCarthy

Patrícia McClure

Leonissa O'Brien

Peg O'Connor

Grace D. Píno

Prayer request _____

Afghanistan Haiti South Sudan
Those caught up in the *wild fires* and *storms...*
and the *first responders...*
...refugees and immigrants...
Healthcare workers and COVID patients



REGISTRATIONS FOR
FAMILY FAITH FORMATION
ARE DUE NOW.



Masks restrictions continue to change.

At St. S, out of concern for one another,
we wear masks to insure the highest level
of protection for everyone.

Some among us have pre-existing conditions,
while others, our elders, may be more vulnerable.

It's best to refrain from handshakes
and hugs to protect yourself
and the rest of the folks at St. S.

Thank you!



Morning, Church!

You make difficult choices all the time, especially in the last 17 months. One of the dilemmas you face is the choice between your values and the law.

Why not the encompassing “both/and”?

In Deuteronomy, God gives The Law to guide for the Hebrews. They were struggling with the notion and reality of a monotheistic God, they often reverted back to worshiping their comforting false gods, e.g., the Golden Calf. As their relationship with God grew, they would learn a new kind of spiritu-

ality, faith and conscience formation. God desired they grow into their Covenant relationship and give witness to the nations of who God is and how God acts.

One ways they came to know God is through Law. God’s Law helped them re-form their hearts in a basic, moral standard of behavior (The Torah). Abiding by The Law, insured the common good and kept them safe, For us, operating a car means wearing a seat belts, and obeying speed limits. During the pandemic new mandates were given to serve as an initial countermeasures against COVID. Those mandates are now supported with a vaccine.

The Church created laws, customs, and rituals to help us deepen our relationship with God and one another. Over the years, the organic nature of our customs and rituals have evolved. Their underlying values did not changed. Recently, Pope Francis published a document with new laws on when the Tridentine rite Mass could be used. The value? To end the growing internal rupturing having two different liturgies causes. Pope Francis’ underlying value is the same value spoken of by Jesus at the Last Supper, “...*that all may be one.*”

The Church, like the world, is subject to change. Difficulties arise when you rigidly cling to your comforts and habits and resist the call to change practice and change your heart.

Today’s gospel shows the tension between the law and values. For a good Jews, washing hands before eating is not done just for hygienic reason. It’s a *religious ritual*. It became codified into the 613 laws that the Jewish people were bound to observe. If you broke one of the 613, you’d be condemned by the Pharisees, the strict observers of The Law.

In the text, Jesus is not deriding the cited religious practice. No, he faulted his accusers for rigidly clinging to archaic practices. The Pharisees had gotten into the habit of replacing God’s Command with their rules. Jesus would not have any of this and defended his followers, *whose hearts he knew*.

Your call to holiness entails difficult and continuous change, supported by grace and prayer.
Your external practices change and give visibility to what you value and what you believe.

God’s blessings,

spanis

*While there is a remnant, however small, who cares intensively
for the quality of the community life, there is hope.*

~ William Sloane Coffin

9/5 Coming Prepared: www.usccb.org

Isaiah 35: 4-7a

James 2: 1-5

Ps 146: 7-10

Mark 7: 31-37

PROCLAIMERS of the WORD

Date	Reading I	Reading II
8/22	Mary H	Kathy J
8/29	Jason McC	Ronnie K

☞ Reflecting and Acting on the Word _____

What's your preferred religious practice?

What religious value does it reflect?

AUGUST

29 22nd Sun OT

31 Communion Service, 12:15p

SEPTEMBER

05 23rd Sun OT
Cecilia Martinez **Celebration of 1st Communion**



06 SSJ Christian Growth Group, 10:30a

07 Communion Service, 12:15p

12 24th Sun OT

13 RCIA Inquiry FLC, 6:30p

14 Communion Service, 12:15p
Ministerial Assoc. Racism group, 3p

18 Men's Breakfast Cracker Barrel, 8:30a

19 25th Sun OT

20 Give Blood, Rescue Center, 1:30p-6:00p
RCIA Inquiry FLC, 6:30p



GIVE

21 Communion Service, 12:15p

26 26th Sun OT

27 RCIA Inquiry, 6:30p

28 Communion Service, 12:15p

Tri-C Christian Ministries

Any of the following items:

Any kind of pasta & sauce; peanut butter & jelly
Small laundry detergent

☞ AUGUST

29 +Petra Aguirre, mother of Victor Bustos

☞ SEPTEMBER

05 +Meg Bresse

12 Sisters of St. Joseph living & deceased

19 +Cheryl "Cooky" Lois Farrar
r/b Karen Gochnauer

Birthdays

30 Nancy Espino

04 Rosa Islas
Claire St. Cyr
06 Carlos Trejo
10 Sonia DeJesus
13 Abril Hernandez



13 Erika Ramirez
15 Peggy Reikowsky
25 Theresa Martin
28 Britney Crispin
29 Minnie Espino



Anniversaries

31 Judy & Ron Berryman

11 Ceil & Richie Jones 16 Claire & James St. Cyr
30 Raquel & Pedro Barrientos

Altar Flowers are in honor of

Judy & Ron Berryman's

58th Wedding Anniversary

If you wish to donate Altar flowers
for an Anniversary, Birthday, in memory
of a deceased loved one or
a special intention, please **SIGN UP**
on the **CALENDAR** on the
bulletin board and contact **Donna,**
(336) 835-5235.



Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Sundays, after Mass

...to our Greeters and Ushers who joyfully welcome all who
come to our doors and take our offering to God's Altar in our
names...to our Ladies' Guild who donated pizzas to the Hugh
Chatham Memorial Hospital Staff whose dedication is pure,
visible grace...