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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Take care to guard against
all greed, for though one may be
rich, one's life does not
consist of possessions."

Luke 12:15



ALL ARE WELCOME!

St. Joseph is a place of refreshment, peace and love, a place of ministry and renewal. We welcome you to be part of our faith community where the Word of God is proclaimed, friendship is offered and the Sacraments are celebrated.

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Fr. Michael Williams
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Deacon Jerry Fust
Deacon Eric Elstro

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Marriage Preparation • Fr. Michael Williams
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Religious Education • Jen Nelson
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Regular Mass Schedule (See page 2 for locations during the church renovation)

Saturday • 5:00 pm

Sunday • 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 PM
(Holy Days • Consult the bulletin.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation (in the Day Chapel)

Tuesday • 6:30 pm

Saturday • 4:00 pm

Prayer Tree

Parish Office: (989)-224-8994

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Mondays at Noon for the following weekend. Send to stjosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com



THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES

Monday • August 1

Saint Alphonsus Liguori

Jeremiah 28:1-17 / Matthew 14:13-21

No Mass

Tuesday • August 2

Saint Eusebius of Vercelli and Saint Peter Julian Eymard

Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 / Matthew 14:22-36

7:00 p.m. Mass (in the Day Chapel)

Mass Intention: **†Bernard Jorae** By: Jim and Jackie Vasilenko

Wednesday • August 3

Jeremiah 31:1-7 / Matthew 15:21-28

12:05 p.m. Mass (in the Day Chapel)

Mass Intention: **†Jerome Smith** By: Eileen Schneider

Thursday • August 4

Saint John Vianney

Jeremiah 31:31-34 / Matthew 16:13-23

8:30 a.m. Mass (in the Day Chapel)

Mass Intention: **†Noreen DeFord** By: Lisa and Charlie Wieber

First Friday • August 5

The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7 / Matthew 16:24-28

8:30 a.m. Mass (in the Day Chapel)

Mass Intention: **†Don Randolph** By: Kathy Randolph

First Saturday • August 6

Transfiguration of The Lord

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 / 2 Peter 1:16-19 / Luke 9:28b-36

8:30 a.m. Mass (in the Day Chapel)

Mass intention: **For an end to abortion**

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (in the Wilson Center Auditorium)

Mass Intention: **People of The Parish**

Sunday • August 7

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 18:6-9 / Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 / Luke 12:32-48

8:00 a.m. Mass (in the Wilson Center Auditorium)

Mass Intention: **†Glenn Pline, 5yr Ann.** By: Bruce and Irene Pline

10:00 a.m. Mass (in the Wilson Center Auditorium)

Mass Intention: **†Justin Fox** By: Family

12:00 p.m. Mass (in the Wilson Center Auditorium)

Mass Intention: **Eva Zielinski** By Jack and Julie Williams

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass (in the Day Chapel)

First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration in the Day Chapel from Friday, August 5, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass through Saturday, August 6, prior to the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All are welcome!

We are in need of a second adorer at the following times: August 5: 10 am, 2 pm, and 4 pm
August 6: 1am & 5 am

Please text or call Rebecca (989-292-2072) if you will attend at one of these hours. It is not necessary to have an assigned hour; however, it does help to make Exposition possible.

Are you or someone you know celebrating a significant wedding anniversary*: 10, 20, 30, 40, or 50+ years of marriage? If so, please contact the parish office to let us know. The Diocese is grateful for your witness and would like to particularly honor you on this momentous occasion.



*If you celebrated a milestone anniversary during 2020 or 2021, let us know also, as the Diocese did not celebrate anniversaries those years due to COVID.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

WILL BURN FROM JULY 31TH - AUG. 6TH

In Memory of

Frederick Fernholz

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for our parishioners and their families, especially:

Adam
Beverly
Sawyer Ballinger
Daniel Blair
Bob
Joan Bozung

Carol Burgdorf
Joseph Caudy
Rhonda Chamberlain
Jacob Epling
Friend
Marcia Goerge
Alan Gove
Korine
Mary
Matthew
Myah

Noah
Danielle P.
Patricia
Jenny Pytlowanyj
Jerry Schafer
Donna Smith
Jason Thelen
Jeff Wadell
Brad Walker
Renate Ward
Millie Wassa

Fr. Don Wieber
Please pray for our parishioners in the service, especially:
Bryce Bongard
William Hess
Jake Hoskins
Jacob Longoria
Eric Martin
Jessica Mitchell

Colby Munger
Adam Novak
Alex Rojas
David Seperic
Noel Smith II
Joshua Szpont
Jordan Van Amburg
Jacob Wells

To add or remove a name from the

bulletin prayer list, please call: 989-224-8994 or email Stjosephchurchstjohns@gmail.com

***Please note: only immediate family members may add names to the bulletin prayer lists.**



WE ARE ALL EVANGELIZERS

(and whatever else is on
Deacon Eric's mind)

"Hellooo NEWMAN, Hellooo JERRY"

"Hello NEWMAN" is a greeting John Henry Newman may have received from Catholic colleagues if he had left the Anglican Church while in 1990s New York City. But because it was 150 years earlier in Birmingham, England that he actually converted to Catholicism, he was more likely to have garnered a "Cheerio" as a greeting. Already a great Anglican scholar when he converted, Newman made tremendous contributions to Catholicism as well. (NOTE: Title and opening line reference two characters in the 1990 TV comedy *Seinfeld*)

When I first wrote the words above in 2014 during my diaconate formation, John Henry Newman was a Blessed. Pope Francis canonized Newman in 2019, and the reason his name pops up in today's column is not due to his feast day (Oct. 9th), but because an interesting quote of his worth

pondering recently came across my desk, "Virtue is its own reward, and brings with it the truest and highest pleasure; but if we cultivate it only for pleasure's sake, we are selfish, not religious, and will never gain the pleasure because we can never have the virtue."

It makes a lot of sense, doesn't it? We can't pretend our way to virtue. We might call it the "Ultior Motive Theory of Virtue." We are not really giving if the giving is conditional on what is received in return. This quote makes even more sense when we place each of the Catholic Church's seven virtues into the equation.

For example, let's look at the first cardinal virtue: prudence. The Catechism describes this virtue as the discernment of "the true good in every circumstance." Likewise, St. Thomas Aquinas says prudence is "right reason in action." We cannot have the virtue of prudence in a given situation if it's only for pleasure's sake. That action would be selfish and would contradict the virtue's definition. Plug in the other three cardinal virtues of justice, fortitude, and temperance and the

result would be the same--Newman's statement is verified.

"Virtue as its own reward" is even more clear-cut when one looks at the theological virtues of faith, hope, and love (charity). The Catechism definition of charity is "the theological value by which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbors as ourselves for the love of God." Since love is God-focused, it can't only be for one's own pleasure. If we truly love, we can't help but be prudent as well, for example, because we will always do the "true good in every circumstance." God-focused love can never be selfish.

There has been speculation that St. John Henry Newman could be the next Doctor of the Church of which there are only three dozen. He was described by scholars as one who could hold the attention of his audiences with the sheer depth of his sermons and not because of a flamboyant style. Many of his sermons, listed by topic, can be found online.

Deacon Eric

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Stewardship Parish

Reflection on Life in a Parish

My parish is composed of people like me.

I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

It will be holy, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will be prayerful, if I pray.

It will make generous gifts to many causes if I am a generous giver.

It will bring others into worship, if I invite and bring them.

It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity, and mercy, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all things that I want my parish to be.

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This is the last in a three-part series on the architectural styles of our church. Part one focused on Romanesque architecture that is simple and ordered. Part two highlighted the ornate beauty of Gothic styles.

Renovation Reflection - Architecture 101



Columns have styles of their own. The sanctuary columns are smooth and have no fluting or ridges, with a square feature at the top. This is indicative of the Tuscan order or Composite order. The capitals atop the col-

umns have an ornate leaf design between the column itself and the square abacus that tops the capital. This organic, leafy feature is considered the Corinthian or Foliate style. At the base of the arches along the north and south walls are the same leafy capital (without columns or pilasters). Floral and leafy elements are also present in the gothic stained glass windows.

This same Tuscan design with Corinthian capitals may be applied in some way to the columns separating the main body of the church from the addition.

Our God is a living God, who walks the earth with us. He is also the creator of this nature in which we live. The Corinthian and Foliate styles represent this.

So, there we have it! In our beloved church building that surrounds us during worship, we see reflections of our living (Corinthian) God in His (Romanesque) simplicity and ornate (Gothic) beauty.

Renovation Prayer

St. Joseph, patron of craftsmen, through your intercession may the Holy Spirit guide all who work to renovate our worship space.

May God provide them the grace to safely transform our historic faith home into a lasting, beautiful, and welcoming place of worship.

St. Joseph, patron of families and our parish, be with us as we undertake this journey together. Amen

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

August 6/7

Altar Servers	5:00 PM	Volunteers
	8:00 AM	Volunteers
	10:00 AM	Group 2
	12:00 PM	Volunteers

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Communion	5:00 PM	Group 1
	8:00 AM	Group 1
	10:00 AM	Group 1
	12:00 PM	Group 1

Lectors	5:00 PM	Beth S.
	8:00 AM	Lu Anne C.
	10:00 AM	Stu F.
	12:00 PM	Dawn L.

Ushers	5:00 PM	Dave P. and Group 5C
	8:00 AM	Bruce P. and Group 8A
	10:00 AM	Henry B. and Group 10C
	12:00 PM	Ron D. and Group 12A

Collection Counters

August 1, 2022 • Group 3

Day Chapel Cleaners

August 6 • Judi T. and Thelma M.

STEWARDSHIP

For the weekend of July 24, 2022

Adults (220) Envelopes/Gifts:\$21,483.10
(Including online giving)

Loose Cash:\$379.00

Total:\$21,862.10

Other Gifts Received

Education Trust Fund:\$11.00

Building Fund:\$1195.00

Tuition Scholarship Fund:\$371.00

Our weekly average since July 1, 2022, is \$16,853.12. If we continue to keep this average, we will not meet our budgeted goal.

THE CHILDREN'S COLLECTION

The Children's Collection will be donated to:

ST JOHN'S BABY PANTRY

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**JULY 31, 2022**

St. Mary's Parish, Westphalia, will be offering **Surviving Divorce** sessions which bring hope and healing to anyone who has experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. *Surviving Divorce* will help you work through the emotional upheaval of separation and divorce, gain wisdom and comfort from experts and others who share your experiences. The program will help you to discover a deeper understanding of God's love for you, find answers to your questions, restore your hope, and begin authentic healing.

Surviving Divorce will be held every Monday starting September 12, 2022 to December 12, 2022 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Library at St. Mary, Westphalia. The program fee is \$20 to cover the cost of the Personal Guide. To register please contact Mary's Parish at **989-587-4211** by September 2, 2022.

St. Monica Ladies Auxiliary News

The **August meeting** will be a pot luck supper on Monday, August 8, at the Columbian Hall beginning at 6:30 pm. All ladies of the parish are invited. Our discussion topic will be "Love Your Neighbor" so please bring a friend or neighbor to join us for food, faith, and fellowship. Please contact Mary Beth at (989) 227-0088 for more information.

Save The Date!

The Auxiliary will host a
Women of Hope Day Retreat
on Saturday, October 10, 2022.
More details to follow.

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