

SUNDAY BULLETIN AUGUST 27, 2023
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for August

For World Youth Day—We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS
CONFESSIONS HEARD 30 MINUTES BEFORE EACH
MASS

Monday, August 28—St. Augustine

7:30 AM—Sharon Rupp+ (Traditional Latin Mass)

Tuesday, August 29—The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist

5:00 PM—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:00 PM—O'Halloran family

Wednesday, August 30—Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit

8:15 AM—Don Garrison+

Thursday, August 31—Votive Mass of St. Paul

7:30 AM—Bob Smith+

Friday, September 1—Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart

8:15 AM—Bill Hinkebein+

9:00 AM—5:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, September 2—St. Stephen of Hungary

7:30 AM—Barbara Ockenfels+ (Traditional Latin Mass)

5:00 PM—Wayne Cunningham+ (Sunday Vigil Mass)

Sunday, September 3—Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM—People of the Parish

10:00 AM—Special Intention

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Scripture Readings
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary
Time

Isaiah 22:19-23

Romans 11:33-36

Matthew 16:13-20

DIOCESAN OFFICE OF CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION

THE DIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY-ST. JOSEPH IS COMMITTED TO COMBATING SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE CHURCH. IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF SEXUAL ABUSE, OR IF YOU OBSERVE OR SUSPECT SEXUAL ABUSE:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18) and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911 and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, 816-812-2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of The Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816-392-0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

SUNDAY BULLETIN-AUGUST 27, 2023

THIS WEEK'S SAINTS

August 28: St. Augustine

St. Augustine of Hippo is the patron of brewers because of his conversion from a former life of loose living, which included parties, entertainment, and worldly ambitions. His complete turnaround and conversion has been an inspiration to many who struggle with a particular vice or habit they long to break.

This famous son of St. Monica was born in Africa and spent many years of his life in wicked living and in false beliefs. Though he was one of the most intelligent men who ever lived and though he had been brought up a Christian, his sins of impurity and his pride darkened his mind so much, that he could not see or understand the Divine Truth anymore. Through the prayers of his holy mother and the marvelous preaching of St. Ambrose, Augustine finally became convinced that Christianity was the one true religion. Yet he did not become a Christian then, because he thought he could never live a pure life. One day, however, he heard about two men who had suddenly been converted on reading the life of St. Antony, and he felt terrible ashamed of himself. "What are we doing?" he cried to his friend Alipius. "Unlearned people are taking Heaven by force, while we, with all our knowledge, are so cowardly that we keep rolling around in the mud of our sins!"

Full of bitter sorrow, Augustine flung himself out into the garden and cried out to God, "How long more, O Lord? Why does not this hour put an end to my sins?" Just then he heard a child singing, "Take up and read!" Thinking that God intended him to hear those words, he picked up the book of the Letters of St. Paul, and read the first passage his gaze fell on. It was just what Augustine needed, for in it, St. Paul says to put away all impurity and to live in imitation of Jesus. That did it! From then on, Augustine began a new life.

He was baptized, became a priest, a bishop, a famous Catholic writer, Founder of religious orders, and one of the greatest saints that ever lived. He became very devout and charitable, too. On the wall of his room he had the following sentence written in large letters: "Here we do not speak evil of anyone." St. Augustine overcame strong heresies, practiced great poverty and supported the poor, preached very often and prayed with great fervor right up until his death. "Too late have I loved You!" he once cried to God, but with his holy life he certainly made up for the sins he committed before his conversion.

August 29: Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist

The drunken oath of a king with a shallow sense of honor, a seductive dance and the hateful heart of a queen combined to bring about the martyrdom of John the Baptist. The greatest of prophets suffered the fate of so many Old Testament prophets before him: rejection and martyrdom. The "voice crying in the

desert" did not hesitate to accuse the guilty, did not hesitate to speak the truth. But why? What possesses a man that he would give up his very life?

This great religious reformer was sent by God to prepare the people for the Messiah. His vocation was one of selfless giving. The only power that he claimed was the Spirit of Yahweh. "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11).

Scripture tells us that many people followed John looking to him for hope, perhaps in anticipation of some great messianic power. John never allowed himself the false honor of receiving these people for his own glory. He knew his calling was one of preparation. When the time came, he led his disciples to Jesus: "The next day John was there again with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God.' The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus" (John 1:35-37).

It is John the Baptist who has pointed the way to Christ. John's life and death were a giving over of self for God and other people. His simple style of life was one of complete detachment from earthly possessions. His heart was centered on God and the call that he heard from the Spirit of God speaking to his heart. Confident of God's grace, he had the courage to speak words of condemnation, repentance, and salvation.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

September 1 following Mass until 5:00 PM.

In Loving Memory

Wayne Cunningham

November 4, 1944

August 5, 2023

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.



SUNDAY BULLETIN- TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

KNIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES SEPTEMBER 2-3		
Mass Time	Position	Knight(s)
Sat. 5pm	Acolyte	Shay Johnson
Sun. 8am	Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2	Joseph Lentz James Mathew
Sun. 10am	M.C. Thurifer Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2 Cross Bearer Torch Torch	Ivan Dickerson Zane Daley Dominic Sherer Burke Beetsma Elijah Sensenich Rowdy Miller Hudson Marcolla

ST. ANN'S ALTAR SOCIETY will meet on Thursday, September 14, 10:00 am at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Hostesses are Alice VanDyke and Emily Fellhoelter. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

St. Columban Annual Fall Festival will be held on Sunday, September 24. Mark your calendars and plan on spending the afternoon enjoying our awesome entertainment and good food.

ST. COLUMBAN YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF OUR KICK-OFF LOCATION HAS CHANGED TO DANNER PARK AS THE SIMPSON PARK TENNIS COURTS ARE BEING RESURFACED. We will still meet on Sunday, August 27th, from 5:30-7:30pm but at the VFW Shelter House by the Danner tennis courts. All 9th-12 graders welcome! Join us for pickleball, tennis, yard games, and a BBQ. Contact Mary Mathew at 660-591-3468 if you have not already had a chance to RSVP. Our next meeting will be the Adult/Teen Bible Study on Wednesday, Sept. 13th, at the K of C from 7:00-8:30pm.

We have meetings almost every Wednesday at the Knights of Columbus Hall from 7:00-8:30 pm. Our meetings include a game, snacks and a spiritual lesson pertinent to Catholic teens today.

If you would like to learn more about the St. Columban Youth Group you can call Jane Gyhra at 402-852-6875 or Mary Mathew at 660-591-3468 .

LECTOR SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 2-3	
Mass Time	Lector
Sun. 8am	Mary Mathew
Sun. 10am	Brenda Fellhoelter

ADULT/TEEN BIBLE STUDY begins Wednesday, September 13. PLEASE NOTE: Our Wednesday Bible study has moved to the SECOND Wednesday of the month for September-December so that more teens can attend. We will be covering Ephesians, Chapter 4. Meet at the Knights of Columbus Hall 7:00-8:30 pm and bring a treat to share if you wish. Adults and teens together will watch the 18 minute video and will then separate for discussion. Adults, please bring a Bible. Teens, you will be provided with a Bible.

Registration is now OPEN! The 8th annual Quinn Memorial Fun Run and 5K Run/Walk will be held Saturday, September 23rd, 2023. This event is being held in order to fund a scholarship in memory of Bishop Hogan students Abby Quinn Boies and Joshua Quinn to be given to Bishop Hogan alumni to help further their education. All proceeds from this event will go towards the scholarship fund while promoting fitness among youth and offering an event in which families with children of all ages can participate, as well as keeping Josh and Abby's memory alive. On site registration begins at 7:00 a.m. and the race will begin at 8:00. All runners and walkers are welcome! More information can be found on Facebook ([facebook.com/quinnmemorial2023](https://www.facebook.com/quinnmemorial2023)). To take advantage of early bird pricing and secure a race tee, register by September 13th. **Sponsorships are due September 8th.** Registration information, as well as sponsor options can be found at: <https://runsignup.com/Race/MO/Chillicothe/QuinnMemorialFunRun5KRunWalk>

*Sponsor Forms can also be found at the back of the church.

RCIA Classes

Classes for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will start in September. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please email or call Fr. Koster (contact info on the front of the bulletin). A preliminary meeting with him is needed before beginning the classes.



Weekly Offering

August 20
Offertory \$5,007
Parish Prop Maint \$0
Dioc Life & Justice \$90
Birthingright \$0

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