

Assumption Catholic Church

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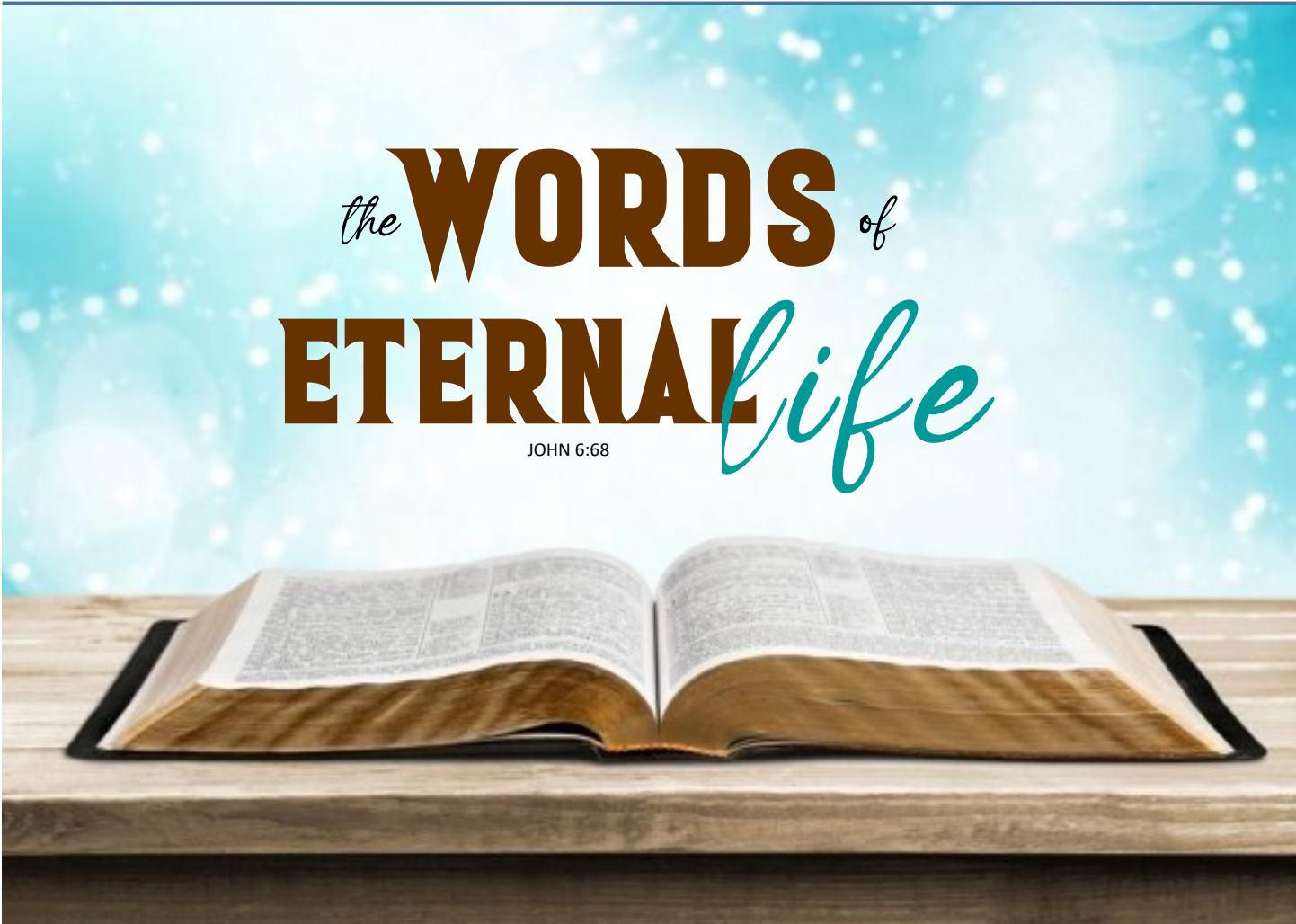
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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 22, 2021



the **WORDS** *of*
ETERNAL *life*

JOHN 6:68

May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ to the World!

Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

Confessions:

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection – Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus' discourse on "eating his flesh and drinking his blood" (John 6:51-59) which pointed to the Last Supper, caused offence to many of his followers. Jesus claimed to be the bread of heaven, the very life of God given to us as spiritual food to sustain us on our journey to our promised homeland with the Father in heaven. Jesus did not leave any middle ground for his hearers. They must either accept his word as divine or reject it as the claim of an imposter. Jesus pressed the issue with his beloved disciples because he wanted to test their faith and loyalty to him as the Holy One sent from the Father in heaven. Jesus assures his disciples that it is his heavenly Father who gives the invitation and the grace to believe and follow even in the "hard sayings."

How does God help us grow in faith and trust in his word, even the "hard sayings" which are difficult to understand? Faith is a gift which God freely gives to those who listen to his word and who put their trust in him. Faith is a personal response to God's revelation of himself. Faith is neither blind nor ignorant. It is based on the truth and reliability of God's word. True faith seeks understanding. Saint Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) said, "I believe in order to understand, and I understand the better to believe." The Lord Jesus offers all of his followers his life-giving word and Spirit to help us grow in our knowledge and understanding of God. Do we believe, as Peter did, that Jesus has the words of everlasting life and the power to change and transform our lives? Ask the Lord Jesus to increase our faith that we may grow in knowing, loving, and serving him as our Lord and Redeemer, Teacher and Healer, Master and Savior.

Readings for Sunday,

August 29, 2021

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

James 1:17-18,21b-22,27

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23



Saint of the Week ... St. Augustine of Hippo

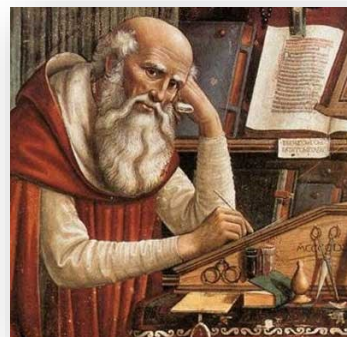
St. Augustine is the patron of brewers because of his conversion from a former life of loose living, which included parties, entertainment, and worldly ambitions. His turnaround and conversion has been an inspiration to many who struggle with a particular vice or habit they long to break.

This famous son of St. Monica was born in Africa and spent many years of his life in wicked living and false beliefs. His sins of impurity and 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.

Full of sorrow for how he had been living his life, Augustine 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. From then on, Augustine began a new life.

He was baptized at age 33, became a priest at 36, and a bishop at 41. He was a famous Catholic writer, founder of religious orders, and one of the greatest saints that ever lived. 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.



Feast Day: August 28

Important Message for all Parishioners

Upcoming Diocesan-Wide Survey

Bishop Brennan is inviting your input on an upcoming diocesan-wide survey regarding a broad range of topics relating to the way we live and experience our faith across the entire diocese.

As our shepherd, the Bishop desires to listen to God's people. This survey will assist him in developing a deeper understanding of the hearts, minds, and needs of the faithful. ALL are highly encouraged to participate!

Parishioners will have the option of completing the survey via an emailed link, digital platforms (social media and websites), or manually via a paper survey. Completing the survey should take 7-10 minutes. Survey distribution will begin the first weekend in September, and will run for two full weeks.

More details will be shared soon; don't miss this unique opportunity to help shape the future of the Catholic Church here in West Virginia!



Parish Council

Our Parish Council met last week and elected new officers for the 2021-2022 year. The Chair is Lauren Ellifritz, Vice Chair is Mike Fleming, and Secretary is Pam Williams. Additional council members are Paul Bogdan, Janet Corley, Jean Harber, Charlie Junkins, Nancy Starcher and Tina Stephen.

We extend our thanks to outgoing members Kenny Brant, Denny Dolechek and Jane Placka for their service to our parish, which included an additional year due to the pandemic and not being able to hold an election in 2020.

The council's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 6, 2021.

Taste and See
the **Goodness** of the **Lord**

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, August 21	4:00 p.m.	Souls of George & Jennie Ebner	Assumption Parish
Sunday, August 22	8:30 a.m.	Soul of James Fairall	Nancy Starcher
Monday, August 23	No Mass		
Tuesday, August 24	No Mass		
Wednesday, August 25	6:00 p.m.	Fr. Thomas Sebastian's Intentions	Assumption Parish
Thursday, August 26	12 noon	Teachers & Students of Our Parish	Assumption Parish
Friday, August 27	9:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Alt, Cobb & Kuh families	Dean Alt
Saturday, August 28	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Jordan Placka	Doug & Jane Placka
		Deceased Members of the Harber family	The Harber Family
Sunday, August 29	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Tom & Thelma O'Connor	Assumption Parish

To schedule a Mass intention, please contact the Parish Office.

Holy Water is Back!



Two new touchless Holy Water fonts are now located in the back of the church. These dispensers will allow us to safely return to blessing ourselves with this Holy Water that defends us against evil and reminds us of our Baptism.

Thank you to Denny Dolechek for installing the fonts!



May all our students and educators feel God's presence throughout this new school year!

K of C Spaghetti Dinner

The Knights of Columbus will host a spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, September 1. Serving times are 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Hall. Cost is \$9 for adults and \$5 for children. Contact any Knight to purchase tickets.



Assumption Parish



Thank you to all those who have already contributed! Remember, since we are past the 50% mark, all dollars now received come back to our parish!

www.csa.dwcministries.org/donate

Collections & Attendance August 14-15, 2021

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,184
Loose Donations	\$840
Total.....	\$3,024

Attendance

Saturday 8/7	59
Sunday 8/8	76
Total.....	135

thank you!

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, August 28

Lector: Celia Cole
Servers: James & Tess Maybury
EM: Kathy Finnell
Cantor: Julie Alt
Greeters: Kelli & Kerri Wittman

Sunday, August 29

Lector: Alan Taylor
Servers: Beverley Iser, Sommer & Micah Alt
EM: Rosie Landis
Cantor: Haleigh Welch
Greeters: Doug & Jane Placka

Saturday, September 4

Lector: Kenny Brant
Servers: Knights of Columbus members
EM: Alan Taylor
Cantor: Anita Tetreault
Greeters: Dena Turner & Mary Shannon

Sunday, September 5

Lector: Mike Landis
Servers: Beverley Iser and Jane Placka
EM: Tina Stephen
Cantor: Nancy Starcher
Greeters: Mike & Rosie Landis