MASSES FOR AUGUST 10 - 16

Monday, 10	8:30 am (SF)	**Daniel Sweeney, Jr.** ***(Kathy Reeves)***
		2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday, 11	8:30 am (SJ)	**Betty Rogers** ***(Dave & Mary Jo Kuhn)***
		Ez 2:8-3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday, 12	8:30 am (SF)	**For the People**
		Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-6; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday, 13	8:30 am (SJ)	**Margaret Wenner** ***(Sally Wenner)***
		Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday, 14	8:30 am (SF)	**Theresa Popp** ***(Carol Rogers)*** *Memorial St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr*
		Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday, 15	5:00 pm (SF)	**Marion Wilson** ***(Sally Romey)***
Sunday, 16	9:00 am (SJ)	**Bob Reeves** ***(Wife Kathy & Family)***
	11:00 am (SF)	**John Koehnlein** ***(Tom & Judy Koehnlein)***
		Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY: Comfort Bears - 9:00 am (SJH)
FRIDAY: St. Anne's Society - 9:15 am (SJH)
SATURDAY: Confessions - 10:30am (SJ)
Sandwich & Ice Cream Social - 6pm (SFH)

As of 08/4/2026: Trinity West: **Julius Chetock; Richard Motto ;** Trinity East; Weirton: **;** Pittsburgh: **Mary Ann Shuma.** Please remember to pray for all our sick, shut-ins, and those in nursing homes. ***If a family member is admitted into a hospital, please be sure to contact the parish office so Father may go and visit them.***



On **August 2nd,** we celebrated the baptism of **Maddox Franke Roche,** son of Josh & Sarah Roche. May our Risen Lord watch over him and his parents and this community help Maddox grow in faith and love of Jesus.



St. Francis Bell Tower: You may recall that earlier this summer the downspouts on the bell tower at St. Francis were damaged during a sever storm. Work to replace the down spouts is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 10th. Our insurance will cover the majority of the cost. I tell you this just in case you notice the equipment and workers buzzing around the tower.



O.C.I.A.: The **Order of Christian Initiation for Adults** (formerly RCIA): If you or someone you know is interested joining the Catholic Faith, please contact the rectory office. I anticipate beginning the program in the Fall.



The CWC would like to honor our Blessed Mother's Feast Day, her Glorious Assumption, with a sandwich & ice cream social. It will be held on **Sat., Aug. 15, 6:00pm in St. Francis Church Hall.** We will have sandwiches, chips, drinks, & ice cream! It is **free of charge** but **PLEASE SIGN UP** at the church entrances by Sunday August 9. It will be a great time to enjoy fellowship with your church community.



Comfort Bear Ladies: Don't forget Comfort Bears tomorrow, **Monday, August 10th, at 9am at St. Joseph Church Hall!** Interested in becoming a part of this worthy project? New members are always welcome! Call Janet (544-6097) with any questions. No sewing experience is needed!



CHURCH SUPPORT: St. Francis: Adult: $3,025.00; Loose: $25.00; Candles: $26.00; Poor: $547.00. St. Joseph: Adult: $1,274.00; Loose: $50.00; Candles: $17.00; Poor: $230.00. May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! ***Weekly Mass Attendance for August 2nd****:* ***5:00pm****: 91;* ***9:00am:*** *71;* ***11:00am:*** *105.*

MASSES: For **Sr. Martha Leonard** by Linda Burkey, Jan Thorpe, Kent & Tina McGrath, & Andy & Rosemary Renforth; for **Dolores & Edward Oszust, Dan & Janice Bernosky, & Michael Chukwuebuka Linus** by Mr. 7 Mrs. & Mrs. Chris Manbeck.

MEMORIALS: None

MINISTERS FOR AUGUST 15 and 16

Altar Servers:

5pm: Jake Dobbs; **9am:** Wyatt Winters & Olivia Perdue; **11am:** Aidan Myslinsky & Giovani Guerrero

Lectors:

5pm: Zachariah Zdinak; **9am:** Paul Giannamore; **11am:** Jesus Leija

GROW AND GO
GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

As I prepared to become a teacher, a professor reminded me that the most effective way to command the attention of a room full of boisterous students is to lower my voice. Matching their volume only adds to the chaos. But approaching with a low, calm voice demands attention due to the contrast in volume. Prior to the scene in which Elijah encounters God on Mount Horeb, he was fleeing for his life. He was distraught. Likewise, in the Gospel the Apostles were in distress as they were tossed about on the sea. Chaos, anxiety, and distress are unfortunately all too common experiences. But God breaks through our worries and brings peace. God speaks to Elijah in a whisper. Christ walks calmly toward the disciples in the rocking boat. God doesn't match the chaos and the volume of our broken world. When Christ says, "Peace be with you," it is a genuine extension of peace to our weary souls from the Prince of Peace. The challenge for us comes in finding the quiet to experience the peace that Christ offers.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Doing the work of God does not mean that we always have to get louder. Proclaiming the Good News may mean that our words grow softer while the gentleness and peace from the Spirit become more visible. I find it interesting that as the crowds are dispersing and the Apostles are getting into a boat, Jesus finds a spot of solitude to pray. All too often in my own ministry, I see the tasks that need to be completed and disregard my own need for solitude. But it is in this quiet that we hear the voice of God that gives life to ministry and that guides us in the path of holiness. God will not add chaos to the world – peace is in his nature and he cannot act contrary to his nature. And so in the midst of our busyness and brokenness, God lowers his voice and calls us to attention.

LISTEN

Particularly with the expansive nature of technology, it can be difficult to block out the world in order to silence our minds and hearts. But we know from Christ's example of prayer and from Elijah's experience on Mount Horeb that God speaks to us in the quiet. Spend some time this week in quiet solitude to make yourself available to encounter God and hear his voice.

BULLETIN BOARD



Do you have any religious articles that you would like to donate? **In September, St. Mary Recycle Mission Group** will be in the area to collect Crucifix, Statues of any size, Rosaries (damaged are ok), Holy Medals, Holy Cards, Prayer Books or Bibles (***Please, no story type/ regular books or pamphlets/ magazines/DVD/ or VHS tapes***), or Framed Pictures. **Please bring your donated items to Church and place them in the back and place them in the boxes indicated with signs.**