



**August 13, 2023**



Today's readings

**19th Sunday  
in Ordinary  
Time**

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekday Mass

Monday & Thursday:  
8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday,  
and Friday:  
No Mass

### Weekend Mass

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday:  
8:30 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.

### Confession:

Saturday: 11:30 a.m.  
Or by appointment

### All Sacraments:

Please call the office



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## OUR LOCATION

### Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

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 [www.eolparish.com](http://www.eolparish.com)

### Office Hours

Mon.–Thurs.: 8:30 am, - 3:00 p.m. Fri.: 8:30 a.m.– 12 Noon

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## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, August 12 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Gus & Irene Kuzynski by Bob & Debbie

### Sunday, August 13 — 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Mickey Harris by Ted Harhai

10:30 AM † Stephen Major, Sr. by Jay & Marcia Rocereta

### Monday, August 14

8:00 AM † Minno & Mascetelli Families by Family & Children

**6:30 PM** † John & Marion Povrezenich by Rich & Trina Panzo

### Tuesday, August 15 — Solemnity of the Assumption

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

### Wednesday, August 16

No Mass

### Thursday, August 17

8:00 AM † Micki & Ron Campana by Dobie & Alice Pastella

### Friday, August 18

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

### Saturday, August 19 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Romeo Bucci by Terry & Anna Maria Dzimiera

### Sunday, August 20 — 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Clarita Billick by The Billick Family

10:30 AM † Gene Yatchyshyn by Ted Harhai

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#### OFFICE HOURS

**Monday–Thursday:** 8:30 a.m. –12; 1 p.m.– 3 p.m.

**Friday:** 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

#### Ministry Schedule — August 19 & 20

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	R. Kozar	L. Henry	L. Assenat
8:30 a.m.	K. Miller	A. Pastella	T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	M. Sacco	K. Byron	M. Guiliford

#### Money Counters

**Monday, August 14**—Team #6 — M. Smith

#### Ministry Schedule — August 14

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
6:30 p.m.	K. Miller	J. Dudas	L. Assenat

## Calming the Stormy Waters of Life

Of all the emotions we deal with in life, fear is the one that is mentioned most frequently in the scriptures. As people, we are all afraid of something, it is the most basic of all human emotions. Fear paralyzes us in more ways than we can even imagine, and most of our fears are taught; some are instinctive. Do you ever just sit down and think about what you are afraid of in life? Facing new challenges can induce fear, as it so often does in the scriptures.



The readings in our liturgy today invite all of us to come into Christ's presence even when the storms rage and it's hardest to believe. So, how do we deal with all of these fears that plague our lives? We are told throughout the scriptures that only by trusting in God's loving presence can we overcome even our deepest fears. It becomes our task in life to tune into God's voice. Like Elijah, often we find God where we least expect. God always speaks to our hearts, and in this confusing world that we live in sometimes like Elijah, we need to go into a quiet cave just to hear that voice. This must be the first step we take in trying to learn more about God's presence in life.

Once we hear God speaking to us, we need to learn how to trust in what God might be saying. It is so hard to trust when we don't know what is going to happen. We all would love to see life turn out the way we want it to but that is not the case. People don't always react how we would like them to, they don't always behave how we wish they would. How many times have we heard people lament over the fact that their children don't go to church anymore? We all need to trust that in some point in their lives God will speak to their heart and they will be back. But rather than trust in God taking care of things, we feel that it is our responsibility or that in some way we have failed.

In the gospel this week we can clearly see that the disciples did not trust in who Jesus was. They allowed their own fear to overcome their need to trust. The scenario that Matthew gives us this week is so much like life. We often feel like the disciples trapped in a boat full of fear not knowing what to do. It is the fear that makes us feel powerless. Only when we realize that when we trust in God's love and care, all will be well. Sometimes God will speak to us in the storms of our lives, other times in silence as Elijah discovered. Whenever and however God chooses to speak to us, it is that gentle voice that will make us ready to meet any raging storm.

#### Weekly Collection August 6

Votive Candles:	81
Utility & Energy:	234
Accent:	31
Assumption:	55
Children & Adult Collection:	3,420
Online Collection:	1,463
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$5,284</b>
Catholic University:	20
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$5,304</b>

## Ministry Callout



The next schedule will run from September 16 through November 5. Please call the office or email Tara —[tmanderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:tmanderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org) with any changes to your schedule by **Friday, September 1**. If anyone is interested in joining any of the ministries, know that we would love to have you. If you have any questions or concerns, please see me or call the office.

**Inspiration of the Week** Christ is always coming to us in ways that we do not expect. Ways that shock us. Ways that frighten us. Ways that seem impossible. Are we ready to accept him however he comes, amidst whatever fear and doubt we are battling with in our hearts?

## Stewardship

### Brown Bag Sunday

This weekend we will collect “Back to School” supplies for our Brown Bag Weekend. Please know that whatever you have brought in will be put to good use by the children throughout our area! I am thankful for your generous response to this.



### Monthly Rosary

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly rosary on Wednesday, **August 16 at 7 p.m.** They will meet in the Knights’ Council Hall on Grand Blvd., Monessen. All parishioners are invited. Light refreshments will follow.

### Parish Festival

Last weekend we celebrated our annual Parish Festival and it was met with many great reviews! I think that this was one of the best festivals we have had, the weather was wonderful and the people that came certainly enjoyed themselves. Even though this is an important fund raiser for our parish, it serves as an opportunity for all of us to just come together for a good time. There were many people from our community and neighboring communities who came and shared our fellowship; this is really what it is all about! There are many people who worked for many weeks to make our festival happen.

I want to thank **Robert Sassak** for once again chairing the festival, with the help of his co-chair **Kathryn Dzurik**, the festival went off without a glitch. **Betty Geis** along with **Kathy Imrescia** and the many people who helped them did an outstanding job with the food; without them the festival would not be the same. **Evelyn Yatchyshyn** and her crew outside did a bang up job with their end of the outside food along with the Fried Dough provided by the **Sacco family**. **Kenny Zimmero** and his band of merry men made the sausage that we used, **Tom Gigliotti** provided the shells, and **Pat and Dan Godla** prepared his delicious corn, and **Susan Polomoscank**, who managed the baked goods that were simply overwhelming, thanks to those who shared their culinary skills.

**Lisa Blatnik** organized and orchestrated all of the games which kept the children busy. **Mary Dzurik and Rita Lucas** dazzled us with the beautiful baskets and decorated booth at the Basket Auction. **Randy Marino** and his crew managed the money, keeping track of what was going out and what was coming in.

**Thank you** to everyone who helped make it happen and to all who came and shared the day. I will publish a detailed report from the festival when we complete it.



All Wheels Parade



Festival pictures can be found on the website: <https://www.eolparish.com/photo-album-3.html>

## Faith

### Feast of the Assumption

August 15<sup>th</sup> is a holy day of Obligation. We will celebrate Mass here at **Epiphany on Monday at 6:30 p.m.** Mass is celebrated at **St. Sebastian’s at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday.**



### Sharing our Time and Our Talents

It is hard to believe but here we are already in the third week of August and it certainly won’t be long before school starts again. It is during this time of the year that we think about sharing who we are for the greater good. As I look at our parish family I am sometimes overwhelmed at the generosity and goodness of our people. There are so many who give so much of their time to help and be a part of our parish activities. There is however one area of our parish life that that we need to enrich, and that is our Liturgy.

**The Liturgy is the very heart of our parish** and it is the very purpose of why we exist. Too many times we allow ourselves to get caught up in issues that really don’t count for much and they take us away from what is important. **The Liturgy is our whole purpose for being and we all should be as active during the liturgy as we possibly can.** I have listed below areas that we can use assistance with during our liturgy. If you think that you might be able to lend a hand, please know that your gifts are most welcome.

**Greeter:** This ministry is simply people at the door greeting people and welcoming them as they come in.

**Usher:** This ministry is open to everyone and it consists of helping people find seating in the church, taking up the collection and getting people to carry the gifts in during the liturgy.

**Lector:** Proclaiming the word of God is a primary function of the Liturgy. Sharing this with the members of our parish family does enrich our celebrations. This is open to all members of our parish. **We are going to start having young people read during the liturgy, so if you are in 7 -12 grade, please know we would love to have you serve as a lector.**

**Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion:** We are all called to bring the presence of Christ to the people in our world. During the Liturgy we have the opportunity to share in this ministry through the distribution of the Holy Eucharist. We also have the opportunity to share the Eucharist with those who are homebound.

**Server:** To serve at the Altar of Jesus is a true honor and privilege. If you are in third grade or older and wish to be a part of this, you are most welcome.

**Washing the Altar Linens:** This ministry is a lot easier than one might think. It consists of doing the purificators (the white cloths used to wipe the chalice during distribution of communion) as well as a few towels. You can pick them up any time during the week and return them at your convenience.

**Music:** The music during our liturgy adds such a touch of elegance. If you are interested in being a **cantor**, member of choir, if you play an instrument, organ or piano, know we can use your gifts.

I ask that you look at the ways that you might be able to help during the liturgy. In a few weeks you will have the opportunity to sign up for one of these ministries.

### Blessing of Backpacks

We are having a blessing of backpacks next Sunday on **Sunday, August 20 at the 10:30 a.m.** Mass. School children, students of all ages, and teachers are encouraged to attend and receive this blessing.