



June 26, 2022
13th Week 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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Office Hours

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, June 25 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Debra Harkins by Dan Harkins

Sunday, June 26 — 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Mary Louise Assenat by Shirley & Tony

10:30 AM † Angeline Forlini by Children

Monday, June 27

8:00 AM † Elizabeth "Roni" Faust by Joan, Kristy & Kaylene

Tuesday, June 28

No Mass

Wednesday, June 29

No Mass

Thursday, June 30

8:00 AM † Maria & Saverio Gigliotti by Tom & Marinell Gigliotti

Friday, July 1

No Mass

Saturday, July 2 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Deceased Members of Caruso/ Aiello Family by Sande & Mark Luterman & Family

Sunday, July 3 — 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Deceased Members of the Doty & Paytas Families by Charles & Dorothy Urbanowicz

10:30 AM † Andrea Martin by Candice Rebovich

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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 — July 2 & 3

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	D. Harkins	J. Elias	M. Guiliford B. Smith
8:30 a.m.	F. Petrosky	L. DeFelices	T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	J. Sacco	E. Yatchyshyn	S. Yatchyshyn

Money Counters

Monday, June 27—Team #1—B. Geis

How do we respond to God's call?

How often have you heard the saying that God's way is not our way? Sometimes it is difficult for us to try and "fit" our standards of living into what God may be asking us to do, it just doesn't work, and something has to give. Today we see how God's call can be a hard pill to swallow. Traditionally we used to think that God's call only involved religious and ordained ministries of the church. If we really listen to the scriptures for this week it is clear that God's call extends to everybody in all walks of life.



The first reading as well as the gospel highlights being called by God. It is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to look at our own baptismal commitments to share in the priesthood of Christ in service to the Church and one another. In the first reading we hear how the prophet Elisha is called by God to become a prophet. Elijah who is one of the most fascinating figures of the Old Testament, approaches Elisha and throws his cloak over him as a symbol of being called. Being cloaked with a mantle, symbolized commission by the Spirit to do an important work for God.

Apparently prophets were known by this piece of dress, which they wore while preaching the word of God. Elisha however was in no hurry to respond to God's call. It is apparent that the work Elisha was doing meant more to him than any prophetic call. He did know that there was a choice to make and he didn't have much time to make it. However realizing the urgency in Elijah he immediately destroyed his very livelihood by burning his plough and slaughtering the oxen. He then fed his family which was the beginning of his ministry in providing for others. He serves as a good model to everyone who is dedicated to serving God.

In the gospel we find Jesus extending an invitation to many people to come and be his followers. Rather than being met with enthusiasm, Jesus finds that his followers had many excuses why they couldn't respond to his call. Other priorities, mostly family obligations caused many people to reject the call Jesus was offering. However in spite of these rejections, Jesus continues to move forward not looking back bemoaning the people who wouldn't respond. He is intent on fulfilling the mission God had given him.

If we take the time to read between the lines it is almost scary how human behavior hasn't changed much in the last couple thousand years. Answering God's call to ministry is not an easy thing to foster in our churches. Every week our churches are full of people who are willing to give one hour a week to worship, but we have to be careful to keep things under one hour. Then it is back to routine without much involvement in works of social justice and service to others. Luke's gospel illustrates the excuses any of us can offer when Jesus calls. It is true that people have work and family commitments and it is not always easy to get involved in church activities. The task remains, however. We all must be single minded in pursuit of our mission. We have all been called by name to be the presence of Jesus to the poor, the lonely, the brokenhearted, the sick and suffering. How many excuses will it take before we get it? Jesus calls us all to come and follow after him.

Readings for the week of June 26, 2022

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23/Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/Gal 6:14-18/

Ministry Schedule Callout

We'll be working on the new schedule, which will run from **July 16 to Sept. 11**. If there are any changes to your schedule please let Tara know by **Monday, June 27**; call the office, or email tmanderino@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Stewardship

Peter's Pence Collection

The Peter's Pence Collection is this weekend, **June 25 and 26**. This fund provides emergency relief assistance to those throughout the world who suffer from war, oppression, and natural disasters and gives us the opportunity to extend a sign of peace to the Body of Christ around the world. The Support of the Holy See Collection is used to meet the Diocese's obligation

Weekly Collection June 19

Votive Candles:	210
Utility & Energy:	155
Accent:	90
St. Anthony:	143
Children & Adult Collection:	5,216
Online Collection:	1,260
Total Collection:	\$6,476

arising from Canon 1271 to contribute to the support of the operational expenses of the Holy See. Every Diocese is assessed for this obligation. We share in the concern of the successor of Peter for the many different needs of the universal Church and for the relief of those most in need around the globe.

Online Giving

With summer in full swing and everyone on the move, make sure your contribution is counted; consider giving online. You can do it one time, or however long you wish. It can be stopped at any time. Online giving can be found on the website as well as on the app.

Movie Event



Picture it... You watching select Golden Girls episodes at our Golden Girls Movie Event on **Friday, July 8** at 7:00 p.m. Dress as your favorite Golden Girl — or show guest — and gather to watch select episodes, answer trivia questions, and just have a fun evening. Dressing as one of your favorite Golden Girls characters is optional.

Movie Time

Join us as we watch **National Treasure** on **Friday, July 1** at **7:00 p.m.** (It was pre-empted last time!) A secret map on the back of the Declaration of Independence? The story line is a fun adventure for all ages and perfect for the Fourth of July.

Sausage Sale

HOMEMADE SAUSAGE SALE

The **Epiphany of Our Lord** will hold a sausage sale on July 27 & 28. All orders must be in by **Saturday, July 16**. Put in your order now to make sure you get it! The **sausage will be sold at \$5.00 /lb. Minimum order is 2 lb. per item. All orders MUST be made on the order form.**

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____ lbs.
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LOOSE

____ lbs. **Sweet Sausage**
____ lbs. **Hot Sausage**
____ lbs. **Hot Hot Sausage**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Orders may be placed by filling out the order form above, placing it in an envelope marked "Sausage Order" and depositing it in the collection basket. To call in your order, or for info, contact Kenny at 724-929-3464. Please make checks payable to **Epiphany of Our Lord Church.**

Faith

Young Adult Catholic: Creating the Immersive Experience

Bishop Larry J. Kulick invites you to participate in Young Adult Catholic: Creating the Immersive Experience on **Thursday, July 14** at **6:30 p.m. at Christ Our Shepherd Center**. This feedback session, for young adult parishioners ages 21-45, will provide input for Bishop Kulick who is looking for ways to better engage young adult Catholics. The event will begin with Evening Prayer in St. Joseph Chapel followed by an interactive feedback session with Bishop Kulick. A catered reception, hosted by Bishop Kulick, will follow. The event requires an RSVP and attendance is limited. Visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/YoungAdult to reserve your seat!



R.C.I. A.



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults consists of four distinct periods. Each period is marked by a formal Rite, or public celebration by the assembly.

The First Period is known as Inquiry. During this period, those who have an interest in learning more about the Catholic Church are invited to just "come and see." During this time which is very informal, there is no commitment to the Church; it is a time for getting to know one another, for sharing food and stories, and for beginning to ask the big questions: what role, if any has God played in my life: Why do I think that God might be calling me at this time to explore the Catholic Faith? Why do I think it might be this particular faith community?

During this time, inquirers and Team members hopefully become comfortable in each other's company and while there is not so much of an emphasis on formal learning, we do touch on some general topics of common interest and curiosity such as Scripture, Who is God? Who is Jesus? And we attempt to answer any burning questions participants may bring to the table. In addition, we try to make the inquirers feel more at home when they attend weekly liturgies.

At the end of this period, which may range from several weeks to a year or more, those who feel they are ready to do so are formally welcomed into the RCIA by celebrating the Rite of Welcoming in church. It is a time when the parish community gets to reassure the inquirers that, although they need not make a commitment to us at this point, we, the Church, make a commitment to them — to nurture and support them through our prayers and example. Now, they are officially recognized by the community as those who are beginning the Journey of Faith towards the Easter Vigil.

Around the Diocese

Help Wanted

The Partner Parishes of St John the Baptist and St Joseph in **Scottdale** are looking for a **part time secretary**. Computer skills are necessary. You can contact Chris Whoric or Diane Figg for more details at the Parish Office (724)887-6321.

Donations of baby clothing, diapers

Catholic Charities is requesting donations of diapers (sizes 4-6) and new clothing in boys' sizes newborn, 3 months and 9-12 months and girls' sizes 12 months, 18 months and 24 months. To donate, call 724-837-1840 to schedule a drop-off time at 711 E. Pittsburgh St., Greensburg.