

# ST. ANTHONY – SUPERIOR

August 30, 2020

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, August 30, 2020**

9:00 a.m. Mass—+Ralph and Dorothy Jones by Ken and Katie Jones

**Sunday, September 6, 2020**

9:00 a.m. Mass—+Anna Mae Routh by Darryl and Karen Helenius

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**Next Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.**

Celebrant—Fr. Andrew

Sacristan—Delores

Reader—Delores

Conductors—Bruce and Dennis



## RECENTLY DECEASED

Mary Drobot (4/14/20)

Bruce Routh (3/14/20)

Char Laureys (2/17/20)

Bonnie Checkalski (1/21/20)

Mary Jo Tyler (12/16/19)

Carl Anderson (12/6/19)

Leonard Smith (11/27/19)

Barb VanBuskirk (11/24/19)

## CATHEDRAL SCHOOL ASSESSMENT

2020 – 2021 School Assessment

**\$21,442.85**

Monthly Payment: \$1,786.90

**Balance Due: \$17,839.05**



## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2020 – 2021 CSA

**\$18,437.00**

**\$18,437.00 Remaining Balance**



**Parish  
Census**

## REMEMBER TO REGISTER

Please make sure that you fill out our parish census form either by going to <https://superiorcatholics.org> click on **Our Parishes** then **Become a Member & Parish Census** or by filling out and mailing in the form that you received in our most recent mailing. If you didn't receive a form please call the parish office at **715-398-3261**.

## MASS ATTENDANCE

8/23/20 50

8/16/20 59

8/9/20 38

8/2/20 46

7/26/20 40

7/19/20 50

7/12/20 32

7/05/20 52

## SUNDAY ENVELOPES

**August 23, 2020**

Envelopes—\$750.00

Loose—\$20.00

Cathedral School—\$50.00

Online Giving—\$249.05

**Total—\$1,069.05**

*All Online Giving is distributed to individual giving funds. Thank you to all who continue to support our parish in person, online or by mail.*

**Donate Online**

## ONLINE GIVING

If you would like to sign up for Online Giving, go to our website <https://superiorcatholics.org> scroll down, click "Giving" and then click St. Anthony – Superior, then fill out the form for our parish.

## PRAYER LIST

Fr. Dean Buttrick, Fr. Lee Flaherty, Fr. Ron Olson, Liz Anderson, Barb Hapy, Mark Jones, Colleen Aird, Doug Severson, Jennifer Ross, Lorraine Maki, Bob Marnich, Mary K. Jones, Lorraine Archambeault, Tracie Kotter, Sue Polaski, Shirley Brandt, Pat Berg, Lois Langfitt, Josh Jones, Zander Sislo, Kim Hart, Ken Jones, Jill Rolandson, Betty Rolandson, Fr. Ron Levra, Greyson Tomczak.

*If you would like to be included in our prayer list or no longer wish to be on our prayer list, please contact the parish office.*

## St. Anthony – Superior Office Hours

**Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday**

**8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**If possible, please conduct all parish business through mail, phone calls or email. Thank you!**

## WEEKLY MEDITATION

Some of the toughest questions I routinely encounter as a priest occur during sickness or untimely death. In the midst of great suffering and pain, a loved one comes up to me and asks, "Father, why did this have to happen? **Why do they have to suffer?** Why doesn't God take the pain away?"

In the anguish of the moment no answer is adequate; the pain hurts too much, and seeing another suffering is often too hard to describe with words. Our hearts feel more than we can say, and the emotions overflow the limits of our soul.

We encounter suffering in many ways: at the graves of loved ones; in hospital and nursing home rooms; at the bedsides and wheel chairs of homebound; through news stories of tragedy; and in quiet moments all alone. Many of us are familiar with the grief and pain of suffering, and we are quick to recognize its presence in those around us.

In the Old Testament and Gospel readings today we encounter suffering. Both Jeremiah and Jesus raise two crucial points:

1. The pain is real.
2. The suffering is part of their witness.

First, **neither Jeremiah nor Jesus deny that suffering is part of their lives.** They do not hide from it, repress it, pretend it is not there, or run away out of fear. Their suffering is real; they acknowledge the truth of what they must face and confront it.

Second, the pain they face is part of their ministry. Simply put, **they suffer because they have remained faithful to God.** Jeremiah burns with the fire of a prophet; to remain silent would destroy him and deny God's word. Jesus knows that only through his death and resurrection can he fulfill his Father's will; to run away would deny God's plan for salvation history.

From the example of Jeremiah and Jesus we discover that our suffering is part of a much larger picture. We know that suffering is an element of life, mixed with the joy and beauty we encounter daily. We know that it will come in difficult and sometimes unexpected ways.

Yet **God is present in our suffering.** Just as Jeremiah and Jesus knew that God was present with them, so too we can see that the Lord is near, giving us strength and hope. Thus suffering may be a way that we draw closer to God, mindful of our need.

Fr. Andrew

**Question for Children:** Jesus tells us that we each called to follow him. What is hard for you to do to follow Jesus?

**Question for Youth:** In order to follow Jesus, we have to do hard things, to carry our own crosses. What is a cross that you are carrying right now? In what ways can you ask Jesus to help you with your cross?

**Question for Adults:** Jesus gives us the core truth to life and eternal happiness — the cross. Name the cross that you carry. How is it bringing you closer to God?

### Readings for the week of August 30, 2020

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/

Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 [97]/

Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 [17]/

Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 [12]/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [1]/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 [18]/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/

Mt 18:15-20



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 499



The Knights of Columbus Council 499 will hold their monthly meeting at St. Anthony, Superior in the parish hall on Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> with a Rosary at 6:30 p.m. and a business meeting to follow at 7:00. All are invited.

## SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL



**Save the Date - St. Vincent de Paul Day - September 27, 2020**

The City of Superior is declaring September 27<sup>th</sup> - the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Day!

We are celebrating not only our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Conference here in Superior but the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Society in the United States.

We are planning a special commissioning at a Sunday Mass at the Cathedral and a Friends of the Poor Walk for that day. Check out the bulletin and our Facebook page for more information over the upcoming weeks to register for this free event. Join us in solidarity with those in need and in celebration!

## YOUTH GROUP ALERT

How time has flown by and how our activities have been missed! I'd like to direct our Superior Catholic Youth Group members to the NEW Facebook page! Links includes the virtual EFC retreat that was held in June, as well as discussion topics. Please join us! Comment, like, and share our link to regroup our Parishes.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/352853059023076/?ref=bookmarks>

Anyone interested in an upcoming NET Ministries retreat on September 19<sup>th</sup>? The True Grit (Authentic Masculinity) and Dignified (Authentic Femininity) is being held here within our Cluster. Please let Virginia Kovalski know if you'd like to attend at [vrkovy@gmail.com](mailto:vrkovy@gmail.com) or 952-300-1671.

And of course, September means Cheese Balls are coming! Look for additional information in the coming bulletins.

**THANK YOU** to Char and Jim Mrozik for the KitchenAid mixer they donated to the Youth Group cheeseballs!

The 2020-2021 calendar is being planned - please feel free to forward any suggestions to Virginia for events or activities!

### CATHEDRAL SCHOOL NEWS

**Job Postings.** ~ The school is looking for a Long Term Substitute Music Teacher, Part time School Aide and Part time Latchkey Aide. If you are interested please contact Melissa in the main office for more information - 715-392-2976.

**Cathedral Preschool registration** is open for the 2020-2021 school year. Cathedral Preschool offers a 3 year old and a 4 year old program. Cathedral School is also a site for Superior Community Preschool. For more information about any of our preschool programs please contact **Kristen Reverting** at 715-392-2976

### OTHER INFORMATION

During these trying times, it is easy to feel a bit shaken. EWTN is there for you. EWTN can help make sense of things, as well as provide encouragement and hope. A place you can watch Mass every day, get prayers that will comfort you, adore the real presence of the Lord, read inspiring stories, get homeschooling tips, and so much more. Visit the EWTN website at: [ewtn.com](http://ewtn.com)

**We urge you to use our parish cluster resources for your spiritual enrichment:**

- Our website for weekly bulletins and undated information: <https://superiorcatholics.org>
- Use the **myParish** app (instructions to download below)
- Online at **Formed.org** (instructions to download below)
- Facebook pages: Cathedral of Christ the King, Cathedral School, St. Anthony-Superior, Holy Assumption, St. Anthony-Lake Nebagamon and St. William

- Fr. Andrew's daily homilies and presentations: <https://studyprayserve.com/>
- And for those of you who do not use online resources: read your Bible, pray the Rosary, use the devotionals that were mailed to your home, or read any of the books handed out at Christmas and Easter
- During this time Fr. Andrew will be offering Mass every day at 8:30 a.m. from the Cathedral that will be livestreamed on Facebook. It will be shared on all of our parish Facebook pages, and you will be able to view it any time after 9:00 a.m.

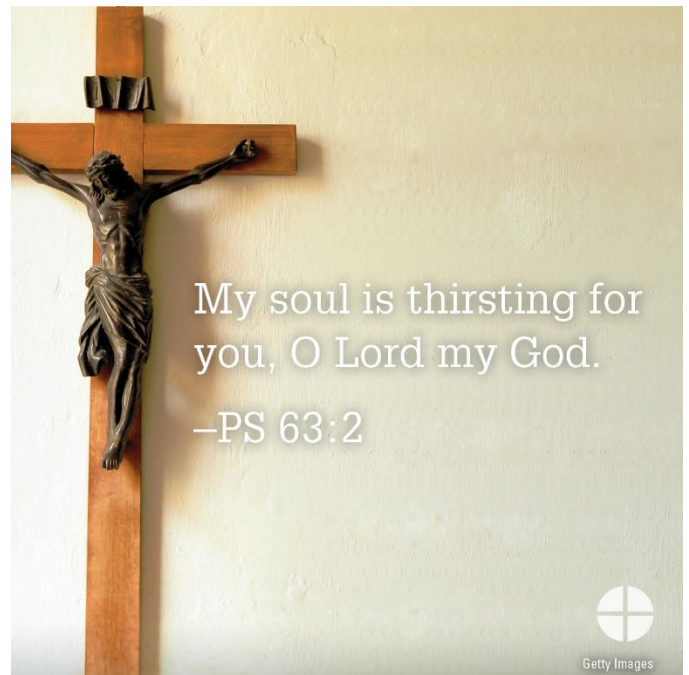
**To access the myParish app on a phone or tablet:**

1. Search **myParish** on the Google Play or the App Store
2. Download the app
3. Enter 54880 as the ZIP Code
4. Allow all notifications



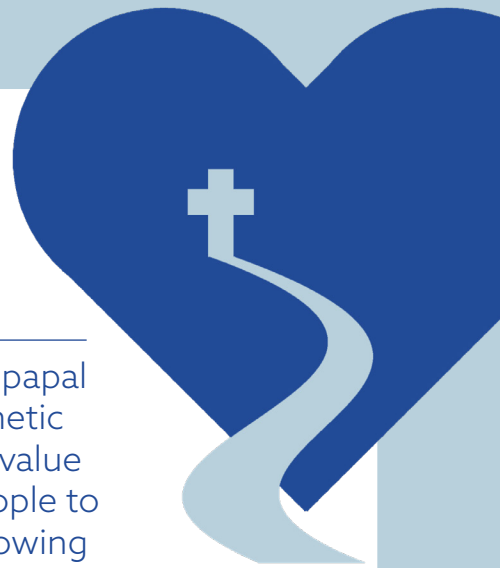
**Directions for signing up for Formed.org**

1. Go to <https://formed.org/>
2. Click Sign Up
3. Click I Belong to a Parish or Organization
4. Enter 54880
5. Click on Cathedral of Christ the King



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# 25 Years of *The Gospel of Life*



This year the Church celebrates the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the papal encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*). This prophetic document was written by Pope John Paul II to reaffirm the value and inviolability of every human life and to appeal to all people to respect, protect, love, and serve every human life. The following is a brief overview of this important document.

The Gospel of Life is at the *heart* of Jesus' saving message to the world. Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with

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every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him. For this reason, direct attacks on human life, such as abortion and euthanasia, are always unacceptable. Yet, sadly we see new and expanding threats to human life emerging on an alarming scale. These new threats to life are often justified, protected, and even promoted by our laws and culture.

Not only must human life not be taken, but it must be protected with loving concern. Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world. God made the human person with the capacity to love and reason and share in a relationship with himself, the Creator. The human person bears an indelible imprint of God and is the pinnacle of all creation. The source of our dignity is not only linked to our creation by God, but to our final end and destiny to spend eternity with the Father. By accepting Christ as our Savior through the ministry of the

Church, despite our sinfulness, we can begin to share in eternal life even now.

Despite the grave threats to human life in the modern world, we, as the People of God, are called to place our faith in Jesus, the "Word of life" (1 Jn 1:1). As Christians, we have received the full truth about human life as proclaimed by the very person of Jesus. In sharing in the lowliest and most vulnerable conditions of human life—even death on a cross—Jesus shows us that life is *always good*. The true meaning of our lives is found in giving and receiving love. It is only through this understanding of a sincere gift of self that human sexuality and procreation reach their true and full significance.

God holds the lives of all people in his gentle and loving care, giving meaning and value to any sufferings that we bear. Even within the

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mystery which surrounds suffering and death, these experiences can become saving events as we unite them with Christ's own sacrifice. By making human life the instrument of our salvation, the Son of God shows us the priceless value of human life.



Although the roots of violence against life are not new—going all the way back to Genesis, when Cain took the life of his brother Abel—our modern world is now suffering under a culture of death. Scientific and technological advances and an increasingly secularized world have led to an eclipse of the value of human life. However, respect for life requires that science and technology should always be at the service of the human person and his integral development. We must reject systems of structuralized sin which value efficiency and productivity over human persons.

Governments and international institutions promote abortion and euthanasia as marks of progress and freedom. But this is a false and perverse understanding in which freedom is equated with absolute individualism. True freedom is inherently relational, recognizing that God has entrusted us to one another. As cultures and societies fail to recognize these objective truths, everything becomes relative, and all principles are called into question—even the fundamental right to life. However,

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the blood of Christ's sacrifice remains our constant hope. Christ's gift of himself on the Cross reveals how precious life truly is and gives us the strength to commit ourselves to building a *culture of life*. Christ's blood, shed for us, promises that in God's plan death will be no more, and life will be victorious.

Society as a whole must respect, defend and



promote the dignity of every human person, at every moment and in every condition of that person's life. Each life is a gift from God and ultimately belongs to him. He has sole authority over life and death. We are therefore called to reverence and love every human person, loving our neighbors as ourselves. It is our responsibility to care for and protect human life, especially the lives of the most vulnerable among us.

Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. *To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself.* Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of Life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society. In every child which is born, and in every person who lives or dies, we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ.