

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RUMMAGE SALE RESULTS

Our Rummage Sale netted a profit of \$ 3,726. We are so grateful to all of the people who worked so hard before, during, and after the sale. Your hardwork, dedication and long hours to the church are greatly appreciated. This endeavor was so successful because so many of you participated in one way or another. Working together is one of the great blessings of being part of a parish that truly believes we are all brothers and sisters in Christ. GOOD JOB!

| OUR RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS | |
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| AUGUST 19 & 20 | |
| Saturday, August 19 — 4pm Mass | |
| Number of Sunday offering envelopes received -- | 81 |
| Offering from envelopes | \$ 2,008 |
| Loose Offering | \$ 145 |
| Total Offering | \$ 2,153 |
| Sunday, August 20 — 9am Mass | |
| Number of Sunday offering envelopes received -- | 106 |
| Offering from envelopes | \$ 2,330 |
| Loose Offering | \$ 117 |
| Total Offering | \$ 2,447 |
| Sunday, August 20 — 11am Mass | |
| Number of Sunday offering envelopes received -- | 13 |
| Offering from envelopes | \$ 129 |
| Loose Offering | \$ 348 |
| Total Offering | \$ 477 |
| Offerings received via U.S. Mail | \$ 775 |
| Total Offering from all three Masses | \$ 5,077 |
| Grand Total Sunday Offering | \$ 5,852 |
| Amount Needed Each Weekend | \$ 8,500 |
| (Deficit) | \$ (2,648) |
| Additional | \$ 510 |

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Today's Gospel picks up the thread of the "Bread of Life" discourses in the Gospel of John. Jesus, after performing the miracle of the multiplication of loaves and crossing back over the lake to Capernaum (by walking on the water!), is teaching the people in the synagogue there. Using the example of the manna in the desert, he opens for them the mystery of the gift of his body and blood. Startled, as one can imagine, by the starkness of this teaching, many, even among his disciples, begin to drift away, finding the teaching "hard." It is a moment of decision for everyone.

Like Joshua in the desert of Sinai, Jesus asks his people to choose whom they will serve, the One God or something else. Like Joshua, Peter speaks on behalf of his "household" and sides with the Lord. Peter's declaration of faith, "you are the Holy One of God," is preceded by a simple rhetorical question: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68, 69).



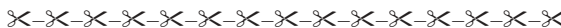
Do You Want to Become a Catholic?

R.C.I.A -- Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults -- is a process for those adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith in order to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. This process is for all men and women who are not baptized, or baptized in another Christian church but in need of further instruction and initiation, or those baptized in the Catholic church but needing more instruction to complete the Sacraments of Initiation. Persons never baptized are referred to as Catechumens, while those previously baptized are called candidates.

SEVEN REASONS TO JOIN RCIA

(Why seven? Seven is a Holy number in the Old Testament)

1. You're marrying a Catholic.
(Sharing and Practicing your faith together is a great foundation to marriage.)
2. You're already married to a Catholic and your children are being raised Catholic.
(It's natural to want to share in the same sacramental experiences of your loved ones.)
3. Your children are being raised Catholic and you just want to learn more about the tradition without actually becoming Catholic.
(Please join us but you might be surprised what happens!)
4. You've lived in a "Catholic World" all your life.
(This program is for people of all ages. Every year someone joins us whom everyone in the Parish assumed was already Catholic.)
5. You don't know much about Catholicism but you have a friend or neighbor who has inspired you to learn more.
(Actions speak louder than words.)
6. You've suffered through a personal loss and are seeking to improve your faith life.
(“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”)
7. You don't know why, you just feel something calling you to the church.
(It's the Holy Spirit . . . Listen to it.)



RCIA APPLICANT

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____

**Return to the Parish Office
or drop in the Sunday collection basket.**