



Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life

August 26, 2018 • Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

“This saying is hard; who can accept it?” Those who had been following Jesus found the teaching about eating his flesh and drinking his blood, words that we heard in last Sunday’s Gospel, puzzling and unbelievable. There are Catholics who innocently believe that our Eucharist is only symbolic of the Body and Blood of Christ. Yet Jesus did not command us to eat this *symbol* of his body and blood. He said, “This *is* my body” and “This *is* my blood.”

“Does this shock you?” In fact, it did seem to shock many of his followers, the disciples no less than anyone else. Referring to another future action which would be hard to believe, Jesus says, “What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?” Nothing more is said about the Ascension at this time, but he is teaching them gradually how to accept something that seems unbelievable.

DO NOT LEAVE

Jesus teaches that “no one can come to me unless it is granted [them] by my Father.” Jesus explains these difficult

beliefs by telling them that “the spirit . . . gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life.” It is in the Spirit that we truly live, and if we believe only in the flesh, we will never understand or be able to believe what seems impossible. That takes faith, and faith is a gift from God.

Because they cannot grasp this, many leave him, and so Jesus asks the Twelve, “Do you also want to leave?” But the faith of the closest followers is strong enough to hold on to what is impossible to understand literally. Peter answers for the Twelve, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

The Apostles have come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, “the Holy One of God.” Can we accept the gift of faith enough to believe?

Today’s Readings: Jos: 24:1–2a, 15–17, 18b; Ps 34:2–3, 16–17, 18–19, 20–21; Eph 5:21–32 [2a, 25–32]; Jn 6:60–69

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MASS SCHEDULE:
Weekends: Saturday - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday - 8:00 a.m./10:00 a.m.
Weekdays: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.
Holy Day Mass Schedule:
8:00 am, 7:00 p.m.

St. Francis Xavier Parish

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Rev. That Son Ngoc Nguyen



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):

Sat. 3:30 p.m., or any other time upon request.

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By appointment. Contact the Parish House at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.

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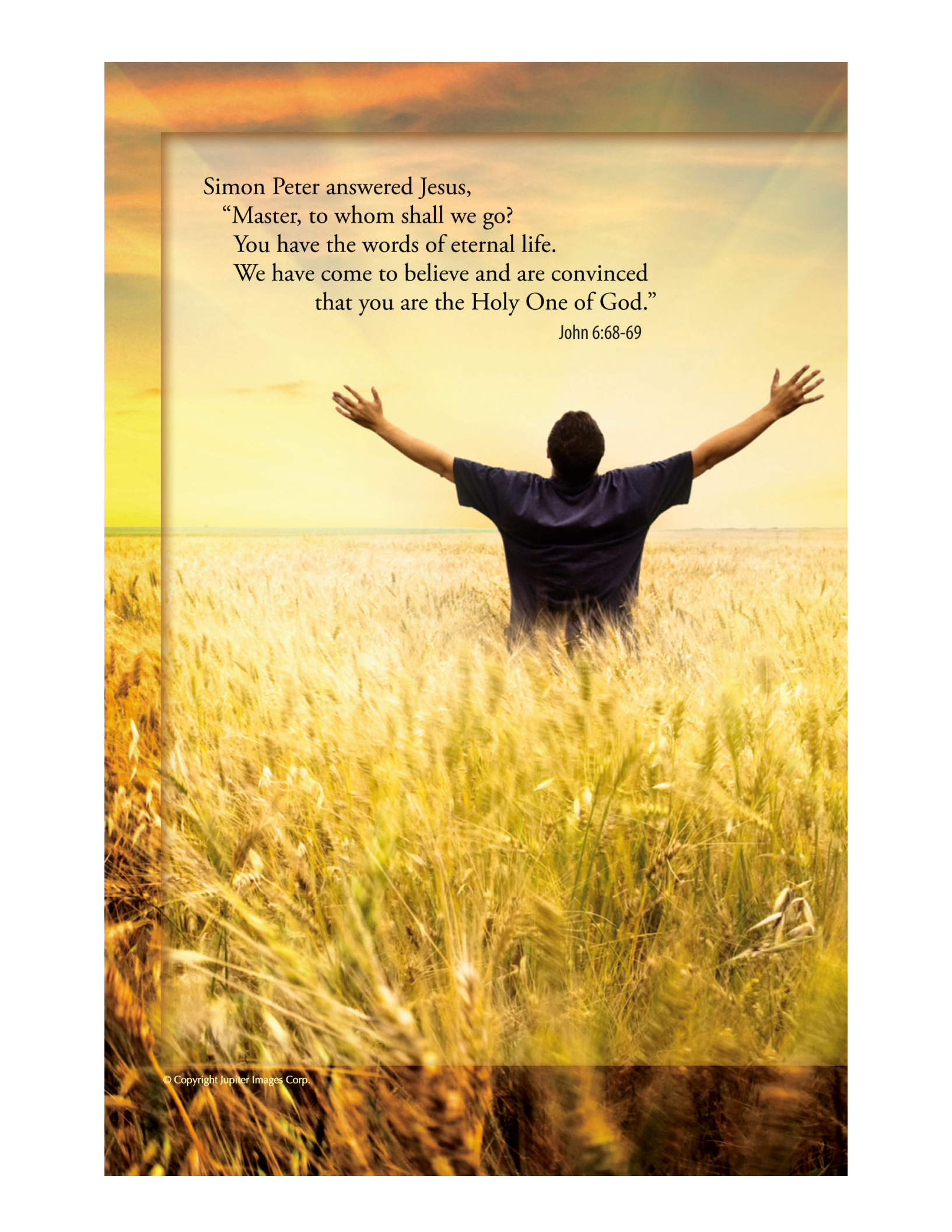
By appointment. The Diocese requires instructions beforehand for the parents. Contact the parish office.

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Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. for Grades 1-12.

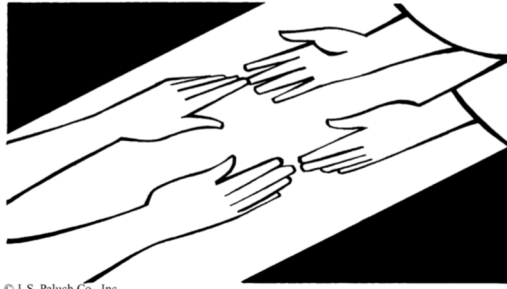
REGISTRATION AND CHURCH SUPPORT:

Parishioners should be properly registered at the Parish Office

A person is seen from behind, standing in a vast field of tall, golden-brown grass. Their arms are raised high in the air, palms facing forward. The background is a bright, hazy sky with warm, golden light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is one of awe, praise, or spiritual freedom.

Simon Peter answered Jesus,
“Master, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
We have come to believe and are convinced
that you are the Holy One of God.”

John 6:68-69



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As for me and my household, we will
serve the LORD.
— *Joshua 24:15b*

Mass Intentions For The Week



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WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:

9/1 4:00 p.m. D, Evans / M. Klug
9/2 8:00 a.m. L. Whitelatch/ S. Kent
9/2 10:00 a.m. P. Whitwam/ S. Vargo

Altar Servers:

9/1 4:00 p.m. Volunteer
9/2 8:00 a.m. Kent Family
9/2 10:00 a.m. Targosky, Miller

Gift Bearers:

9/1 4:00 p.m. Kay Bosworth & Daunel Gump
9/2 8:00 a.m. John & Ruth Ann Harrigan
9/2 10:00 a.m. Georgia Petit

Sacristy Cleaners: Week of August 27, 2018

Ruth Ann Harrigan & Lori Laberdee

Greeters:

9/1 4:00 p.m. Dave Evans 7 Terri Porter
9/2 8:00 a.m. Phil 7 Loretta Remke
9/2 10:00 a.m. Butch & Linda Miller

Bingo August 31, 2018

Raffle - Rick Targosky
Kitchen - Daunel Gump/ Pam Ryan

AUG. 25
4:00 P.M.

SATURDAY
Joseph A. Patrello†
(Cathy & Roger Frame)

AUG. 26
8:00 A.M.

SUNDAY
Lupe Hewitt†
(Chris Lavenski)

10:00 A.M.

Robert & Bernadine Miller†
(Miller Family)

AUG. 27
8:00 A.M.

MONDAY
Rae Baker†
(Kathryn Helfer)

AUG. 28
8:00 A.M.

TUESDAY
Carol Fabrizio†
(Phil Skvarka)

AUG. 29
8:00 A.M.

WEDNESDAY
Paul Baum†
(Family)

AUG. 30
8:00 A.M.

THURSDAY
For our parents
(Phong & thuy Nguyen)

AUG. 31
8:00 A.M.

FRIDAY
Frank & Jenny Novel†
(Robert & Theresa (Novel) Baker)

SEPT. 1
4:00 P.M.

SATURDAY
**Living and deceased members of
the Saporito and Martelli families**
(Loretta Saporito family)

SEPT. 2
8:00 A.M.

SUNDAY
Jenny Novel†
(Joanne & Harold Ray)

10:00 A.M.

For the people

COLLECTION: August 12, 2018

Envelopes - \$2,652.00

Loose Offering - \$ 554.00

Building Repairs - \$743.00

Assumption - \$15.00

Xavier Hall - \$ 30.17

Memorial Offerings- \$ 250.00

Attendance - 297



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students a safe and productive start
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**OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL
NOVENA EVERY TUESDAY BEFORE MASS**

**DON'T FORGET TO ARRIVE AT MASS
30 MINUTES EARLY
FOR THE NEXT INSTALLMENT OF
THE MASS**

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS,
FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS:**

Prayer Request: Helen Cuchta, Patricia Gardener, Kenny Blake, Chris Colby Richard Timko, Maggie Yeater, Calvin Crow, Carl Richmond; **Homebound:** Semon & Phyllis Prado, Al Furline, Doris Murphy, Bob Tetrick; **Nursing Home:** Gary Dobbs, Patricia Schmidt, Helen Remke, Gladys Holmes, Thelma Gitlin, Barbara Meyer, Elizabeth Potts, Marilyn Neidhardt.

**CCD CLASSES will begin on Sunday,
September 16th from 8:50 to 9:50**

All Students attending public school, grades 1 through 12 should attend CCD.

All student must register by August 30th, 2017. Registration forms can be found in the vestibule or in the Church Office. A \$20.00 book fee is due at the time of registration. Students who have been confirmed are still required to attend CCD classes. For more information call the church office 304-845-1593.

The Sanctuary Candle

beside the tabernacle burns this week
In honor of

Robert & Bernadine Miller

Requested by *Miller/ Porter Families*

**Mass for the Conversion of Lost Souls on the
Memorial of St. Monica.**

This fourth-century saint was a Christian, but her husband was a pagan. Monica's virtues and prayers, however, converted him, and he was baptized a year before his death. When her son, Augustine, went astray in faith and morals, Monica's tears and prayers for her son were incessant. She followed him where he went to teach, and there continued to storm heaven with prayers for her son. Finally, she had the joy of witnessing Augustine being baptized.

In addition to being one of the patron saints of mothers, Monica is most often invoked for the conversion of children who have left the Church. The Cathedral will celebrate this Mass on her feast day to pray in a special way for all those who have wandered from the faith. During the Mass, everyone will have an opportunity to write down the names of their loved ones and entrust them to the powerful intercession of Saint Monica.

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling

Monday, August 27

6:00 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Aug 18 - St. Joseph Church 165th Anniversary
Aug 29 - Novena to St. Jude at St. Jude Parish
Aug 30 - Please register for CCD
Sept 9 - Grandparents Day
Sept 16 - CCD classes begin
Sept 20 - Bus trip to Sugar creek
Sept 23 - RCIA begins
Oct 6 - Blessing of the animals

Men's Retreat

The Laymen's retreat League would like to invite all Catholic Men of the area to a Day of Reflection with Rev. John Beckley, S.M. on Saturday, September 29th, 2018, beginning at 8am with a continental breakfast (registrataion at 8:30 am) and ending with Mass (around 5pm). This Day of Reflection will be held at Saint Vincent de Paul's Marist Center in Wheeling. Cost is \$30, which includes breakfast and lunch. For more info, call Don Klamut at 304-280-4626 or visit the website at: www.laymensretreatleague.org/

Did You Know?

The St. Vincent DePaul Society makes it possible for us to help families and individuals who are having a hard time making ends meet with food vouchers. The St. Francis Xavier office is looking for an individual to help with the screening process for those who need aid. Call us at 304-845 1593

SUGAR CREEK BUS TRIP

Reservations and payment for the bus trip are due September 5th. Make checks payable to St. Francis Xavier Church. For more information, call Mary Taskalines at 304-845-7326

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