

The Churchman

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We are called together by the Holy Spirit around Word and Sacraments to glorify God the Father, creator of all things, through our Lord Jesus Christ. We trust God to nurture lives of faith and hope, as we serve and give witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the salvation of the world.

Seasonal Open Air Worship 2022 in the Church Gardens



The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 31st

*We welcome our sponsored missionaries from Japan
and recognize our 2022 graduates
with a reception following the liturgy.*

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 11th

*A Day of Remembrance: Patriot Day
and Grandparents Day*

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost October 2nd

*Commencement of St. Francis, October 4th
with Blessing of Animals*

A Prayer...

Come through the doors of our house, Lord.
Let us admit you whether we feel
worthy or unworthy,
holy or sinful,
faithful or wavering.
Come through the doors of our house just the same.

Come to the house of our hearts, Lord,
our searching hearts, our contented hearts,
our caring, giving, loving hearts,
our needy, angry, anxious hearts,
come to the house of our hearts in joy or pain.

Come to the house of our days, Lord,
our happy days, our hurting days,
our bitter days, our bright days,
our struggling, sorrowing, sad days,
come to the house of our days in sun or in rain.

Come to the house of our world, Lord,
our wondrous world, our wounded world,
our teeming world, our tortured world,
our singing, shouting, crying world,
come to the house of our world, and let us be changed.

—by lectionary poet Andrew King



For Our Day...

Following the assassination of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in April, 1968, and before his own assassination in June of the same year, Robert F. Kennedy quoted his favorite poet Aeschylus: "In our sleep, pain which cannot forget falls drop by drop upon the heart, until, in our own despair, against our will, comes wisdom through the awful grace of God." He then added, "Let us dedicate ourselves to what the Greeks wrote so many years ago: to tame the savageness of man and make gentle the life of this world."

Congratulations, Graduates!



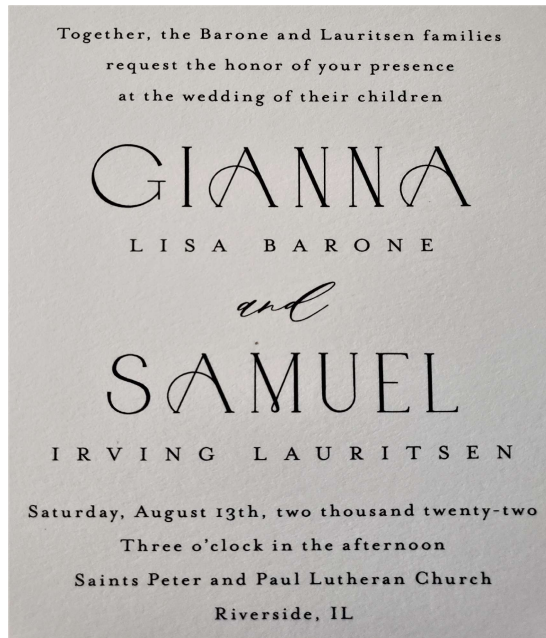
Lord God of our ancestors, we thank you for what you have done and will continue to do with our daughters and sons. Walk with them in life, and keep the evil one from obstructing their path. You see all; you know where the water is deep. Keep them from danger. Order their steps and guide their feet while they run the race of faith.

Benjamin Joseph Myers graduated from Lyons Township High School on May 25th. In the autumn he plans to attend Marquette University, Milwaukee, where he will be majoring in History. Ben is the son of Tom and Lavinia Myers and the grandson of the late Dorothy Myers.

Graduating from Park Junior High School on June 6th was **Sebastian George Myers**, also the son of Tom and Lavinia Myers and the grandson of the late Dorothy Myers. Sebastian will be attending Lyons Township High School in the fall.

Nicole Smith, daughter of Ben and Jennifer Smith, and granddaughter of John and Shirley Kostelny, graduated on May 27th from Kennedy Junior High School in Naperville where she received the Golden Eagle Award, presented to the top twelve students in the class, and the President's Education Award in recognition of outstanding academic excellence. Nicole was also selected to represent the Illinois Soccer Team and compete at the Regional Level for Illinois Youth Soccer (Olympic Development Program). This fall Nicole will attend Naperville Central High School.

Also graduating this spring from Riverside Brookfield High School were **Matt Decosola**, son of Matt and Janice Decosola, and **Emma Kovack**, daughter of Edward and Kristen Kovack.



May 2022

Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offerings

Budgeted Offering: \$2,527.00

Date	Offering
5/1	\$4,246.00
5/8	\$1,517.00
5/15	\$1,376.00
5/22	\$1,646.00
5/29	\$1,080.00

Birthdays and Anniversaries

JULY

July 1: Anne Gavac	July 14: Janet Broussard
July 4: Carl Busch III	July 17: John Kostelny
July 5: Joanne Sefara	July 18: Timothy Dlhly
July 6: Karyn Bute	Megan Drahos
July 8: Paul Gavac	July 22: Elizabeth Cudecki
July 9: Lee Drahos	July 26: Bode Smith
Robert Kubik	July 30: Keith Altavilla
July 11: Hannah Decosola	
July 13: Amanda Meyers	

Anniversaries

July 7, 1979: John and Linda McShane
 July 11, 2015: Thomas and Kathryn Murray
 July 19, 1986: Dennis and Jane Lauritsen
 July 20, 2019: David and Jessica Barajas
 July 25, 1997: Timothy and Pamela Dlhly

AUGUST

Aug. 1: James D'Alexander	Aug. 16: Adrienne Gana
Milton Podzamsky	Paul Kubecka
Aug. 2: Darina Durkovic	Daniel Tornil
Aug. 3: Milan Oklepek	Aug. 17: Annette Kozik
Aug. 5: Sofia Cobrda	Aug. 18: Nicole Smith
Aug. 7: Jenean Sawyer	Aug. 22: George Valek
Aug. 10: Kristine Boike	Aug. 23: Garry Horak, Jr.
George Hodul	Aug. 24: Adrienne Mikulka
Bradley Ruska	Aug. 25: Daniel Mikulka
Joseph Ruiz	Aug. 26: Carole Pollitz
Aug. 12: Larry Crachy	Aug. 28: Matthew G. Decosola
Aug. 13: Vlado Vercimak	Steven Deshazer
	Brandon Michaels
	Aug. 29: Matthew J. Decosola

Anniversaries

August 15, 1997: Donald and Elaine Haase
 August 25, 2018: Jacob and Aaliah Czerak
 August 27, 1994: Daniel and Adrienne Mikulka

Memorial Flowers

June 5th: In celebration of Mary Sordel's 96th birthday on June 7th by loving children Lynn Sordel and Kay Sordel and their families.

In memory of dear father +Clarence Triska+ on the 19th anniversary of his passing by remembering children Jim, Carol, and Jeff and Lisa Triska.

June 19th: In loving memory of beloved mother +Arlene Gana+ on the anniversary of her death by remembering daughter Adrienne Gana.

JULY WORSHIP SERVERS

July 3rd:

Greeters: Larry Crachy and Karen Kubik
Assisting Minister: Charles Matthies
Lector: George Valek
Live Stream: Paul Watkiss
Usher: Fred Kuzel

July 10th:

Greeter: Karyn Bute
Assisting Minister: Carrie Watkiss
Lector: John Kostelny
Live Stream: John Broussard
Usher: Janet Broussard

July 17th:

Greeters: John and Shirley Kostelny
Assisting Minister: John Broussard
Lector: Charles Matthies
Live Stream: Charles Matthies
Usher: John Kostelny

July 24th:

Greeter: Sandy Garvey
Assisting Minister: Tom Myers
Lector: Emily Bittner
Live Stream: Fred Kuzel
Usher: Walter Cudecki

July 31st: (Outdoor Service)

Assisting Minister: Vicki Michaels
Lector: John Broussard
Live Stream: Paul Watkiss
Usher: Rafael Martinez

Sacristans and Altar Care:

Fred Kuzel and John and Janet Broussard

Memorials and Honorariums

+ For the Church +

Anita Horak, in memory of dear husband +Milan+, brother +George Duezman+, and cousin +Ann Zavorhal+.
Edward and Janet Matik, in memory of aunt +Marie Kamp+.
Ann Borsuk and Family, in memory of husband and father +Edward+.
Adrienne Gana, in memory of beloved mother +Arlene Gana+.
William Boor, in memory of +Marie Kamp+.
John and Janet Broussard, in memory of +Marie Kamp+.
Beverly Podzamsky, in memory of cousin +Ronald Struwe+.
John and Janet Broussard, in memory of fathers +Nick Sasuta+ and +Les Broussard+ on Father's Day.
Saundra and Peter Spilotro, in memory of +Marie Kamp+.

2022 Church Directory Request

This summer a new church directory for members of the congregation will be mailed to residences. Please contact the church office with any changes to your household information either by phone (708-442-5250) or email at office@stspeterandpaulriverside.org no later than July 15th. If your cell phone number is not already included in the directory and you would like to have it included, please let the church office know as well. All households are to have a contact number (land line or cell phone) and a current address. Thank you!

AUGUST WORSHIP SERVERS

Aug. 7th:

Greeter: Carole Pollitz
Assisting Minister: Brandon Michaels
Lector: Beverly Tarbox
Live Stream: John Broussard
Usher: Janet Broussard

Aug. 14th:

Greeter: Walter and Judith Cudecki
Assisting Minister: Carrie Watkiss
Lector: Tom Myers
Live Stream: Charles Matthies
Usher: Walter Cudecki

Aug. 21st:

Greeter: Paul and Carrie Watkiss
Assisting Minister: Charles Matthies
Lector: Brandon Michaels
Live Stream: Fred Kuzel
Usher: John Kostelny

Aug. 28th:

Greeter: Ann Kmet
Assisting Minister: John Broussard
Lector: Carrie Watkiss
Live Stream: Paul Watkiss
Usher: Janet Broussard

Sacristan and Altar Care:

Ruth Bakalich

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SERVERS

Sept. 4th:

Greeters: John and Shirley Kostelny
Assisting Minister: Tom Myers
Lector: Emily Bittner
Live Stream: John Broussard
Usher: John Kostelny

Sept. 11th: (Outdoor Worship)

Assisting Minister: Carrie Watkiss
Lector: Jane Lauritsen
Live Stream: Paul Watkiss
Usher: Rafael Martinez

Sept. 18th:

Greeters: Larry Crachy and Karen Kubik
Assisting Minister: Vicki Michaels
Lector: George Valek
Live Stream: Charles Matthies
Usher: Fred Kuzel

Sept. 25th:

Greeter: Karyn Bute
Assisting Minister: Brandon Michaels
Lector: John Kostelny
Live Stream: Fred Kuzel
Usher: Walter Cudecki

Sacristan and Altar Care:

Edward and Joanne Sefara

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DATED MATERIAL

How Worship Practices Form Us for Ministry in Daily Life!

A Life of Faith Initiative Resource

Craig L. Nesson, Wartburg Theological Seminary

The last in a series.

Conclusion: When we join in the fourfold pattern of worship—Gathering, Word, Meal, Sending—we are truly already now entering into that selfsame reality which Jesus Christ named the kingdom of God. The space and time coordinates of this world intersect really and truly with the space and time coordinates of what Jesus Christ named as God's kingdom: "...your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven." This happens at worship! The eschatological kingdom of God that we await in hope of future glory comes breaking into our lives already now, forming us at worship as people of God's kingdom, whose life together as the body of Christ is made to conform to the very character of Jesus Christ existing as community. In a very real sense worship makes us to become the kingdom, the shalom of God in service to neighbors for the life of the world.

A robust theology of worship insists that God in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit is actively involved imprinting upon us a Christ-like pattern of life through the practices of worship. This requires: 1) renewed imagination for the ways God employs the familiar elements of worship as means of grace for transforming our lives according to the way of Christ and 2) our active participation in doing the liturgy with expectancy about what God is doing to us. The perceived gap between worship and ministry in daily life can be bridged when we come to understand how the practices of worship are each really a rehearsal of life practices to be lived out in neighborliness to others each day of our lives.

—submitted by Charles Matthies



Meditation for the Day, July 7th

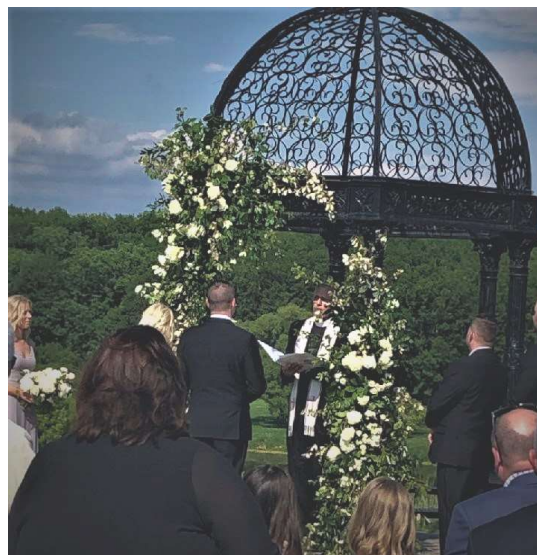
Painful as the present time may be, you will one day see the reason for it. You will see that it was not only testing, but also a preparation for the life-work which you are to do. Have faith that your prayers and aspirations will someday be answered. Answered in a way that perhaps seems painful to you but is the only right way. Selfishness and pride often make us want things that are not good for us. They need to be burned out of our natures. We must be rid of the blocks which are holding us back, before we can expect our prayers to be answered.

Prayer for the Day

I pray that I may be willing to go through a time of testing. I pray that I may trust God for the outcome.

*Quoted from the app Twenty-Four Hours a Day.
Find recovery resources at Hazelden.*

June Weddings



Megan Anderson and Jack Flanagan were united in marriage at Bavaria Downs in Chaska, Minnesota located outside the Twin Cities on Saturday, June 11th. Jack is the son of Janice Flanagan and Brian Flanagan and grandson of the late George and the late Elaine Pagurko of our congregation. Sydney Slager and Tim Pollard were married on Saturday, June 18th at St. Benedict Catholic Church near Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Sydney is the granddaughter of Marlene Berka, first cousin of the late Miloslava Blahut of our congregation, and attendee at the traditional Slovak Christmas luncheons at Sts. Peter and Paul. Pastor Dennis officiated at the June 11th wedding and participated in the June 18th ceremony.