

We welcome newcomers to our church! If you would like to become a member of our parish family, please complete one of the blue registration forms, which you will find on the table near the front door of the church. You can bring the form to the office during business hours or put it into the collection basket.

Mass Intentions

- 9/19/21 For the People of the Parish
- 9/20/21 Rt. Rev. John Coleridge Patteson
- 9/21/21 David Swenson
- 9/22/21 Martha Sieben
- 9/23/21 Deceased Members of the Giglio and Maceo Families
- 9/25/21 Edward Martin Waggoner

Week of September 12 – September 18, 2021

Income \$2,882.00
 CCD \$58.00
 Expenses \$2,881.02

Birthday List

- Nicholas Brake 9/20
- Ronnie Goodman 9/22
- Tracy Hebert 9/23
- Sandra Dugan 9/24

September 19, 2021 The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Second Collection today goes to the Infirm Priests Fund.

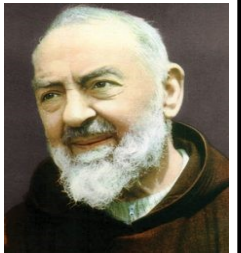
There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday from 12Noon to 1pm.

Middle School (4th-8th) has been rescheduled for this Wednesday, September 22, at 6:30pm.

All Catholics in the Diocese of Beaumont will be invited to take a survey called the “Disciple Maker Index” from October 14 to November 22. The survey will help the Diocese know better about the needs of the Church’s members as we come out of the pandemic. The survey takes about ten minutes and can be completed online or on paper for those who do not use a computer. More information will be given as we approach that time.

September 21 is the Feast of **Saint Matthew, the Apostle and Evangelist**. Born at Capernaum, Matthew was working as a tax collector when he was called by Jesus. He wrote his gospel in Hebrew and is said to have preached in the East. – *from the Liturgy of the Hours*

September 23 is the Memorial of **Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, “Padre Pio**. The life of Pio Forgione, better known as “Padre Pio,” reads like a Medieval hagiography. Biographers recount his devout childhood, refusing to play with the “blasphemous” children of the village and preferring instead the company of his guardian angel. At the age of 41, already renowned for his spiritual gifts and personal holiness, Padre Pio became the first priest to receive the stigmata, the visible wounds of the Crucifixion, on his hands, feet and side. Padre Pio possessed the ability to “read hearts,” gleaning the spiritual condition of their souls. For this reason, he was a sought after confessor. Thousands of people from all over the world flocked to the friary at San Giovanni Rotundo where Padre Pio heard confessions, sometimes for up to 16 hours a day! In addition, the “odor of sanctity” surrounded the Capuchin friar. At times, some said they caught the sweet smell of roses while others described it as a pungent fragrance, like fine pipe tobacco. Perhaps the most incredible of Padre Pio’s gifts was his ability to bilocate. He was able to appear in two places at the same time. Often he would visit his spiritual children in different parts of the world while never leaving the friary at San Giovanni. He was constantly attacked by demons, who caused a ruckus in his room at night and afforded Padre Pio and his brothers little sleep. His consolation was in talks with Jesus, the Blessed Virgin and his guardian angel. Many miraculous cures were attributed to the intercession of Padre Pio, even during the course of his earthly life. He was truly a kind of modern-day miracle man. However, none of these were the secret of Padre Pio’s holiness. Rather, these were the rays of light thrown from a raging fire that cast back the shadows of sin, suffering, and the powers of darkness. The source of that intense flame was a deep humility and a fervent love of Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary. One has only to read some of the many letters Padre Pio wrote to his spiritual director and spiritual children to get a sense of his ardent love and profound trust in the goodness of God and the intercession of Our Lady. Padre Pio may have been approached as a modern-day miracle man, but the greatest miracle was his complete openness to the action of God’s grace in his life. His only concern was obedience to the will of God and the salvation of souls. Indeed, it was due to the disposition of his soul that God was able to work many miracles through his intercession. Let us continue to pray for many holy priests and religious. St. Padre Pio, pray for us! - Fr. Joseph Mary Elder, O.F.M.Cap. capuchins.org/2014/09/23/miracle-man-st-pio-of-pietrelcina/



Lequita Baldwin, Barbara Allen, JoAnne & Travis Harris, Martin Brantley, Wanda Brantley, Daniel Begnaud, Alice Loftin, Fred Blanchette, Castro Family, Vivian Lopez, Maylee Converse, Cody Warner, Denise Tremonte, Linda Brown, Sue Dickey, Sandra Dugan, Jim Kaiser, Woodrow Guidry, Dora Robinson, Annie Marino, Kelcey Converse, Jo Frances Manuel, Mary Rogan-Reeder, Joseph Reeder, Steve Morris, Karon Preiss, Roy Harmon, Ann Crain, Cece Cobb, Patsy Bobo, Aprille McLaughlin, Norman Lytle, Sami Thibodeaux, Mrs. Martha, Janet Swearingen, Larry Britain, The Men and Women of the USS Makin Island, Sara Spikes, Leah & Natalie Spikes-King, Abril Spikes, David Ready, Martha Waggoner, Ernie and Shirley Brown, Jennie Beeve, Donna Collier, Joe Wheaton, Kelvin Wheaton, Ray Shawn Wheaton, Erica Redmon, Yvonne Guidry, Linda and Paul Gantz, Carol Marsh, Jaystan Davis, Justin Steele