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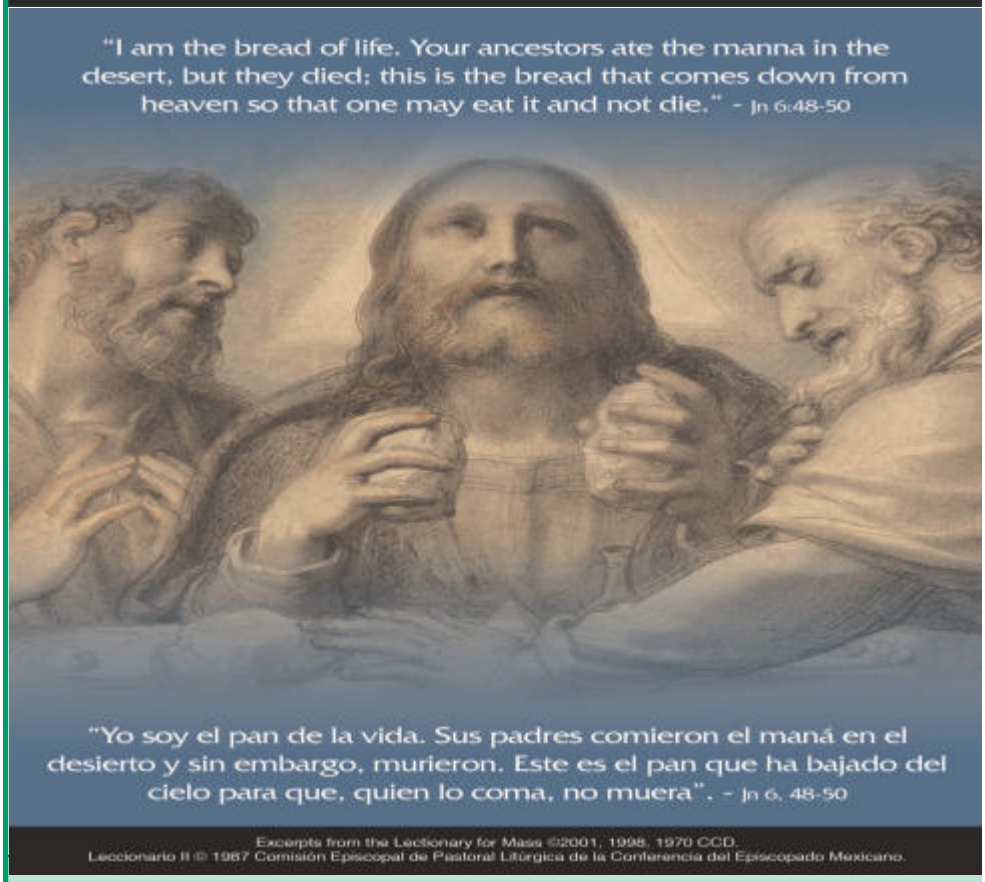

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
ENGLISH: Saturday 4:30 PM, Sunday 8:00AM, 11:00 AM
SPANISH: Saturday 6:00 PM, Sunday 9:30 AM, 12:30 PM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE
ENGLISH: Monday-Friday 8:30
SPANISH: Monday– Thursday 6:00 PM

A Message From our Pastor....

August 8, 2021
The Nighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends,

On this Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary time, we continue the discourse of our Lord from the Gospel of John concerning the Bread of Life. For the past couple of Sundays we have contemplated how Christ begins with the sign of the multiplication of the loaves in order to point to His true identity. In the Old Testament it was God who gave the people of Israel bread from heaven. Now it is Christ, acting with the power and authority of God, who gives bread to thousands of people. As with every sign, this great event points to who our Lord truly is. This is the starting point that Jesus will use in order to bring those who hear Him and witness His signs to a deeper level. Christ does not perform this sign in order to simply impress people with His power and majesty. He wants them to consider what this sign really means. What is the significance?

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus now continues with the presentation of the ultimate meaning of the sign. He invites His listeners to have faith in Him: "*He who believes in me shall never thirst." In other words, we must understand that this miracle points to a fundamental reality: It was accomplished in order to bring us to faith in Christ. He is revealing the truth of His divine nature and invites us to accept and embrace this truth. Several times throughout this discourse Our Lord will say that faith involves "coming to him." It is not simply enough to acknowledge the truth of who Jesus Christ is. We must come to Him. We must pledge ourselves to Him. This is the consequence of authentic faith in Jesus Christ: "Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me." In other words, to have faith in Jesus Christ is ultimately an acceptance of what God has revealed. Since only God can give eternal life it is clear that Christ is claiming to be equal in nature with His Father. It is only because Christ is truly one in being with the Father that "whoever believes has eternal life." To have faith in God, therefore, is inseparable from having faith in the One whom He sent, Jesus Christ. This act of faith will be absolutely necessary in order to accept with complete sincerity all that Christ will reveal.*

Faith in Jesus Christ is the foundation for everything that we believe as Catholics. This absolutely applies to every teaching of the faith. As we know, Our Lord will shortly ask His listeners in this Gospel passage for a test of their faith. To believe in Jesus Christ is to believe everything that He says: "*I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." He will now reveal the truth of the most Holy Eucharist to His listeners. The Eucharist is a reality that is revealed by Christ and can only be grasped through faith in Him. This is why we must nurture and develop our faith in Jesus the Lord. Only to the degree that we truly "believe in Him" and "come to Him" can we embrace the totality of what He reveals to us.*

In Christ,
Father Steven

2021 Diocesan Stewardship Appeal

St. Joseph's 2021 Goal: $35,978.00

Total Pledged to Date: $14,397.00
Total Paid to Date: $9,391.00
Number of Families Participating: 33

Next weekend is the Second Collection for Stewardship. Please prayfully consider helping St. Joseph's reach it's goal.

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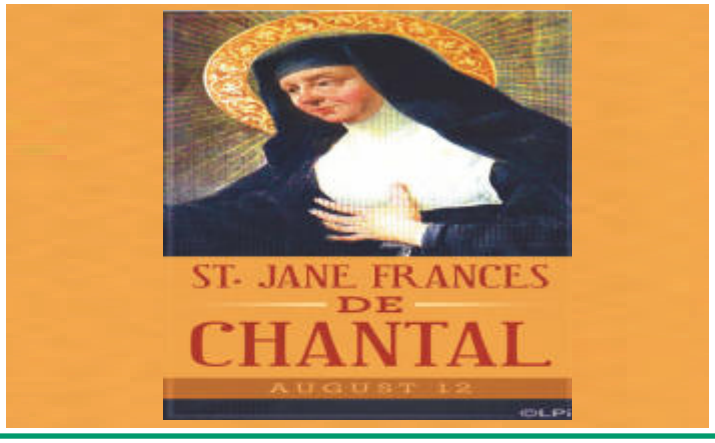
Couples celebrating the milestone wedding anniversaries of 25, 50, 55, 60, and 65 or more years of marriage in 2021 are invited to a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Malloy at St. Mary Parish in Huntley, IL on Sunday, August 22nd at 2:30 PM. A cake and punch reception will immediately follow. Are you celebrating a special milestone? The Life & Family Evangelization Office welcomes your registration by phone (815) 399-4300 or online at www.rockforddiocese.org/anniversary by August 10th. Commemorative certificates to mark this special occasion will be available for those who pre-register for this event.

Thank you: Thank you to all the volunteers and patrons who so generously participated in the Taco Sale two weeks ago. $600.00 was raised to support St. Joseph's Diocesan Stewardship goal. God Bless you!

Live the Liturgy

Inspiration for the Week

Are we willing to be taught by God? If we are, then we will begin to see things and make judgements using a Divine lens. Often, we perceive things with purely human eyes and reference points. When we do this, reality can lose its Divine spark and we miss what God is trying to say. When using human eyes exclusively, Jesus is at best perceived simply as a prophet who has some wise things to say. The human element has a difficult time seeing Jesus' divinity and recognizing him as the Bread of Life that comes down from heaven. We can easily get stuck on Jesus' human associations and overlook the marvelous wonders God wants us to see. If we really allow ourselves to be taught by God, we will then come to see the truth about Jesus and the abundant everlasting life God offers. Jesus becomes the key that unlocks all of our relationships with God, others, ourselves, and creation. He, as the true and lasting bread from heaven, shows us the gifts of faith, hope, and love that God bestows on us. Through this divine lens we see that all life sparkles and glows with God's love. ©LPI



Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon.	Aug. 9	8:30am	**Mass of Healing for Barb Forbish** by Peter and Judy Kruzichvich
Tues.	Aug. 10	8:30am	**John Hoffman** by Barb Raupp
Wed.	Aug. 11	8:30am	**Walter Mikrut** by Mass Memorial
Thurs.	Aug. 12	8:30am	**Rosemary Filbrandt** by Richard and Diane Kirchneer
Fri.	Aug. 13	8:30am	**Colleen Poleski** by Richard and Diane and Kirchner
Sat.	Aug. 14	4:30pm	**Joseph and Mary Ann Becker** by the Family
Sun.	Aug. 15	8:00am	**Anna Mae Morris** by Erwin and Mary Ann Schmid
Sun.	Aug. 15	11:00am	**For the People**

Offer Prayers through Mass Intentions:

Pray for the soul of a deceased loved one, for the healing of one who is ill or other need by making them the intention of one of our Masses each week by calling the Ministry Center. The customary donation is $10 per Mass intention.

Readings for the week of August 8, 2021

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51
Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 *Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Andrew, Mary Ann Belfiore, Frances Benzmiller, Beverly, Richard Blazer, August Brender, Kelly Camp, Charlotte Casanas, Mary Lou Collier, Midge Condon, Terri Conklin, Shannon and Frank Cosatino, Fredrick Demke, Kara Ferguson, Kelli Figueroa, Cesar Rojas Figueroa, Doug Fleming, Jesus Garcia, Becky Greco, Helen Grieshop, Don Hanson, Ruth Henderson, Mike Hirons, John Hoffman, CoCo Inghram, Mary J., Lorraine Karmis, Riley Konieczki, Sheri Konieczki, Erin Kruckenberg, Chuck Long, Sheila Malinowski, Mardee Marden, Nick Martin, Christine May, Aleeah McCarthy & Family, Laurette Mc Sweeney, Olivia Morris, Amy Nesbitt, Bradley Nolan, Pat Olson, Veronica Ortega, Jennifer Pawyza, Jeff Perenchio, Virginia Prejna, Nicholas Riordan, Liz Schaumburg, Geri Selep, Sebastian Soliz, Richard Streit, Karon Szczap, Kaitlyn Teeter, Justin Thomas, Mary Alice Traeder, Dolores Trotter, Danielle Waltman, Leona Wilkening, Dianne Wojcieszek, Sue Wright, Bob

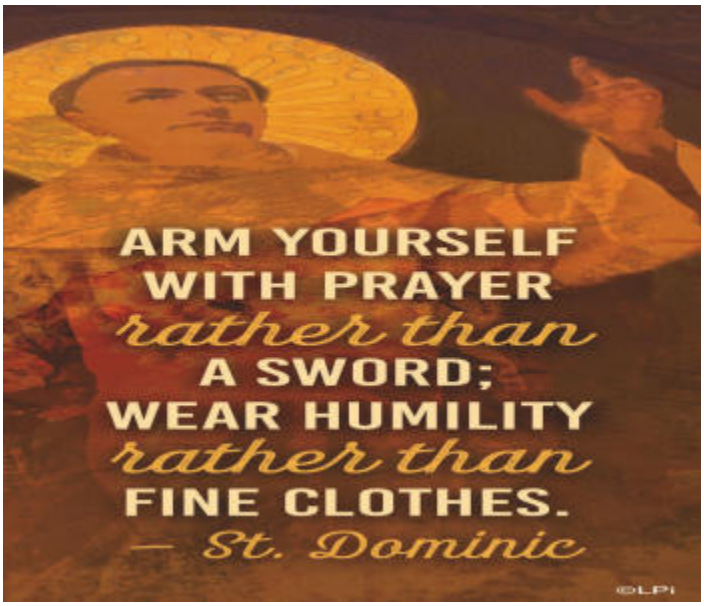
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

August 1, 2021
Weekly Budgeted Income Needed.....$ 6,317.00

Adult Collection Received (Week 5).....$5,464.00
Offertory Received (Week 5).....$876.00
Children's Collection Received (Week 5).....$85.00
Total Collection Received (Week 5)....$6,425.00
YTD Budgeted Income Needed (Week 5)....$31,585.00
YTD Income Received (Week **5**) $30,701.65
Overage/(**Shortage**) to date (Week 5).....**$(883.35 or 3%)**

For it is in giving that we receive."
~St. Francis of Assisi

Adoration Adorers Needed: Jesus is calling you to spend an hour with Him in adoration each Wednesday. Can you spend just one hour a week with Our Lord in Adoration? Please sign up for an hour between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. We are in special need of adorers at all hours but especially at 10:00 and 11:00 A.M. All of us "waste" time doing many other things but this most important hour of prayer will be the BEST hour besides Mass of your week. Pray on which hour you would like to spend with Our Lord each Wednesday.



COVID Update: With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, we are pleased to again be able to offer communion to the homebound. If you know someone that would like to have a Eucharistic Minister visit, please contact the Ministry Center. In addition, please remember that Bishop Malloy has directed that fully vaccinated laity and clergy are not required to wear a mask indoors or outdoors except where required by federal, state, local or business establishments', laws, rules and regulations. For the safety and good will of all, please continue to wear a face covering and social distance in Church if you are not fully vaccinated.

The Confirmation Class of 2022 had a Mini-Retreat at Holy Hills, WI on Saturday, July 31. The students spent time in communion with God through the gifts of Mass and Confession as well as with their peers, catechists, and chaperones. We also enjoyed the annual celebration of the Feast day of St. James with the blessing of 100 horses, touring the Holy Hill campus, and enjoying outdoor games and picnic lunch. As a parish, we are thankful to God for the families who donated their time, treasures, and talents to help us put together such a memorable experience for our students! Please keep these families in your prayers as their children continue their journey towards receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation next spring

La Clase de Confirmación de 2022 tuvo un Mini-Retiro en Holy Hills, WI el sábado 31 de julio. Los estudiantes pasaron tiempo en comunión con Dios a través de la Misa y la Confesión; así como con sus compañeros, catequistas y acompañantes. También disfrutamos de la celebración anual de la fiesta de St. James con la bendición de 100 caballos, recorriendo el campo de Holy Hill y disfrutando de juegos al aire libre y almuerzo tipo picnic. Como parroquia, estamos agradecidos con Dios por las familias que donaron su tiempo, talent y tesoro para ayudarnos a organizar una experiencia tan memorable para nuestros estudiantes. Por favor, mantenga a estas familias en sus oraciones mientras sus hijos continúan con su preparación hacia el Sacramento de la Confirmación la próxima primavera.

Pan que alimenta y Resucita

Hoy acapara nuestra atención el ***discurso del pan de vida***, *que Jesús pronunció en la sinagoga de Cafarnaúm. Sirve de introducción a este pasaje evangélico la forma sobrenatural en que Dios alimentó a su profeta Elías nueve siglos antes de Cristo.*
En la primera lectura se nos dice que Elías tuvo que emprender la huida para salvar su vida tomando la dirección sur hacia el monte Sinaí u Horeb, donde Dios se había manifestado al pueblo de Israel y había hecho entrega de la ley a Moisés. Debía atravesar los desiertos de Sin y de Farán y se sintió desfallecer; este es un relato muy apropiado para tratar el tema de la **Eucaristía**, que es el asunto del pasaje evangélico de hoy.

El día anterior a este discurso, Jesús había alimentado a una multitud de varios miles de personas con sólo cinco panes y dos peces, lo cual produjo en la gente una honda impresión, dejándoles el convencimiento de que Jesús era el Mesías que el pueblo estaba esperando:

El propósito de Dios (Padre) consiste en ***hacernos partícipes de su vida divina***, *de la vida eterna. Para ello ha enviado a su Hijo Jesucristo. Nadie mejor que Él puede darnos a conocer las intenciones de Dios y su increíble amor hacia nosotros.*

Para que este propósito se lleve a cabo es preciso que nosotros demos nuestros asentimiento (conocimiento y acogida) a la revelación del Hijo y admitamos involucrarnos por en el amor del Padre. Esta disposición de la mente y el corazón humanos para acoger al enviado de Dios es un Don del Padre, favoreciendo la finita condición humana. Para ello, el Padre Dios nos proporciona el **pan de vida**, que no es otro que el propio Hijo de Dios.

Se trata de su presencia real bajo las especies de Pan y de Vino, digno de nuestra adoración. El pan se convierte en ***su Cuerpo*** *(carne), el vino en* ***su Sangre****; el Hijo de Dios se hace nuestro alimento para que consigamos la vida divina que el Padre nos ha comunicado en el Bautismo; vida que es eterna y que clama por la resurrección. Cuando comemos su carne y bebemos su sangre habitamos en el Hijo y Este mora en nosotros.*

Acerquémonos, pues, con frecuencia a recibir el pan de la Eucaristía, con la debida preparación.

En Cristo,
Padre Carlos Monsalve.

¡Adoración al Santísimo!

¡Jesús lo está esperando! Aproveche la oportunidad de venir a agradecerle por todas las bendiciones recibidas. Separe un espacio de su tiempo y visítelo. Si puede solo una hora, Jesús le espera con los brazos abiertos. **Todos los miércoles de 9:30 AM – 6:00 PM en la Iglesia,** cuando pasa una hora con Jesús él le sonríe y se siente amado por usted, no se pierda las gracias que se obtienen al estar en su presencia. Si desea ser parte de los adoradores de Jesús Eucaristía, comuníquese a la oficina de la Parroquia y le daremos más información, hay una gran necesidad los miércoles durante en día especialmente de**10:00AM a 11:00AM, necesitamos cubrir este horario.** ¡No lo deje solo, Jesús espera su visita!

Requisitos para bautizar:

Pasar a la oficina y registrar el niño(a) que se va a bautizar, llevar el Acta de nacimiento para sacarle una copia, donación $50 dólares. Papas y padrinos deben tomar una plática Prebautismal, las pláticas se ofrecen cada primer sábado del mes. A las 5:00pm en el Ministry el día de la plática se les entregara un certificado y es válido por un año a partir de la fecha que se les entregue, próximas pláticas: **4 Sept/ 2 Oct/ 6 Nov/ 4 Dic/**. Por favor, **no** traer niños a la plática ya que es una catequesis de suma importante. Los padrinos deben ser casados por la Iglesia Católica. **No pueden ser padrinos las parejas que solo están casadas civilmente.** Si son solteros deben tener sus sacramentos completes Bautismo, Comunión y Confirmación. Los bautismos se celebran cada tercer sábado el mes a las 9:00am. Llegar 15 minutos antes. Los próximos bautismos serán el **21 Agos/18 Sept/16 Oct /20Nov/ 18 Dic/.** Manténgase en comunicación con la oficina.

Matrimonios: Las parejas que estén pensando en casarse deben llamar a la oficina para programar una cita con alguno de los sacerdotes y poder agendar su fecha, mínimo 6 meses antes de la fecha que están buscando para que puedan cumplir con los requisitos que el Padre les explicara durante la primera cita.

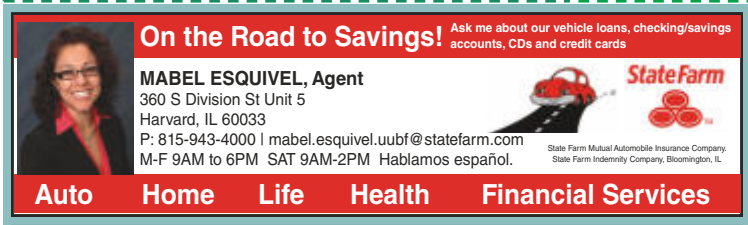
Quince Años: Las jóvenes que deseen una Celebración especial para sus Quince Años la podrán tener si ya recibieron su confirmación o están tomando las clases de Pre– Confirmación. Pasar a la oficina para agendar su fecha por lo menos con 6 meses de anticipación.

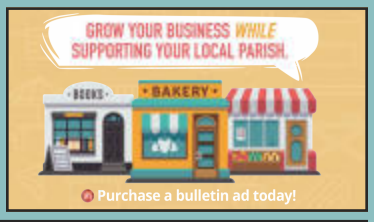
Gracias: Gracias a todas las personas voluntarias y patrocinadoras que participaron tan generosamente en la venta de tacos hace dos semanas. Se recaudaron $ 600.00 dólares para apoyar a la Parroquia, con el Objetivo de la corresponsabilidad diocesana. ¡Dios lo bendiga!

Intención de Oracion para el mes de Agosto Nuestro Santo Papa Francisco nos pide orar por: La Iglesia, para que reciba del Espíritu Santo la gracia y la fuerza para reformarse a la luz del Evangelio.

Intenciones de Misa

Si desea que se ofrezca la Misa por el alma de un ser querido, bendición de cumpleaños, aniversario matrimonial pase a la oficina con tiempo antisipado y anote el nombre de la persona/nas. La donación para la Misa es de: $10 dólares por intención.





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