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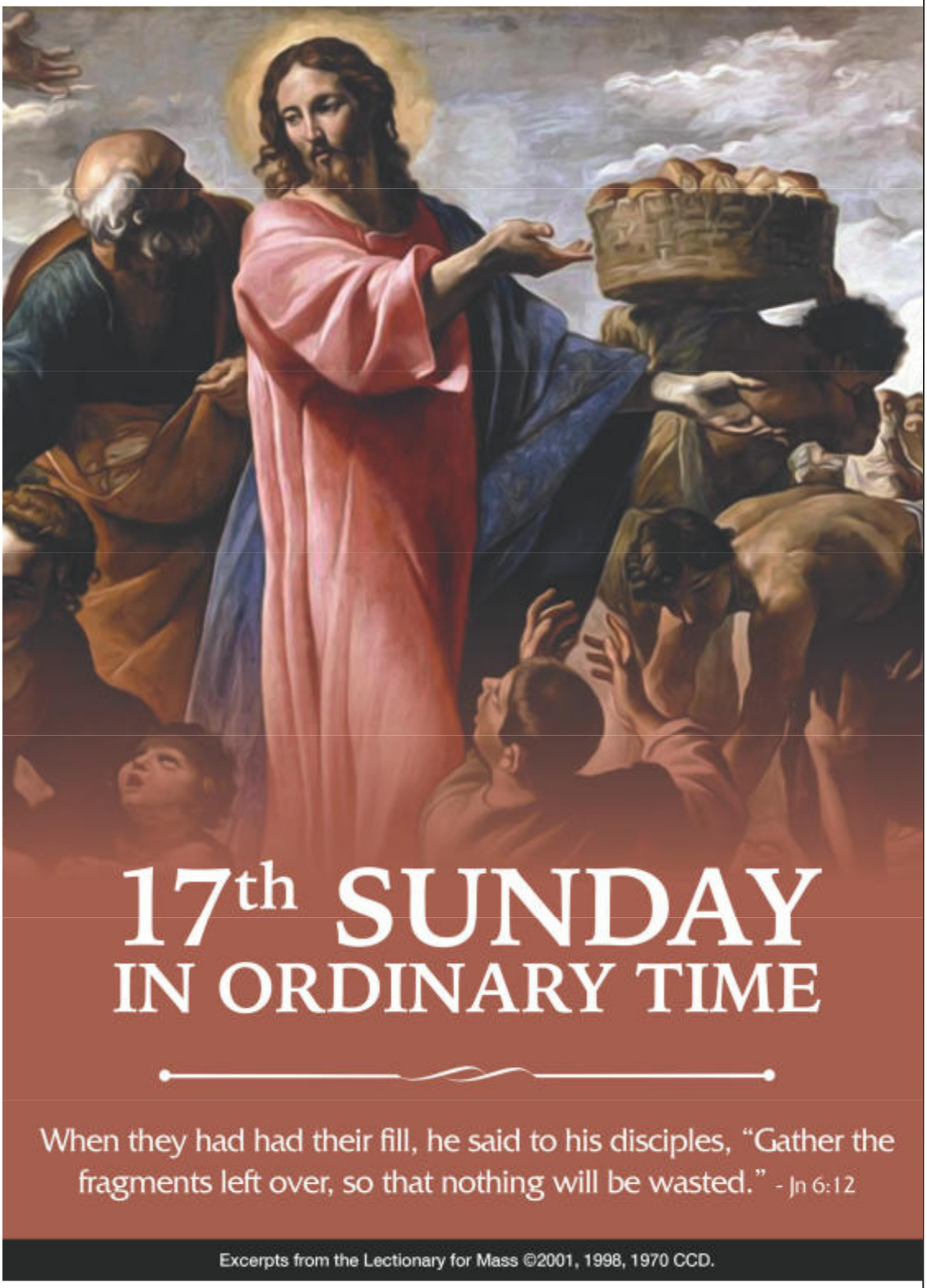

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Vision Statement:
We will be a parish who lives the message and mission of Jesus.

Mission Statement:
We do this by building a nurturing Catholic community through prayer, service, and celebration.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Collection for July 18, 2021

		Budget	Variance
Sunday Masses	$6,821		
Mail & Walk-up	$4,230		
e-Giving	$9,729		
Total Sunday	$20,780	$34,135	($13,355)

	This Week's Gifts	Total Gifts	Budget	Difference
Retired Priests	$0	$4,250		
Peter's Pence	$0	$2,369		
Easter Collection	$0	$72,168	$90,000	($17,832)
Christmas Collection	$0	$98,013	$175,000	($76,987)

School	This Week's Gifts	YTD Collected 2021	Applied Scholarships
Endowment Fund	$25	$19,272	
Rebek		$10,462	$12,447

Thank you for your generosity!

READY TO COME OUT OF HIBERNATION?

JOIN CFM!

We are a social group focused on our Christian family and how this gift of unity positively impacts our relationships with one another and our world.

Christian Family Movement meets the 1st Friday of each month September – May.

Email cfmmember@olwparish.org for details and to register!

Fr. Louis Golamari to Celebrate Mass at OLW

As many know, Fr. Louis Golamari planned to visit India to spend time with his family – especially his ailing father. Due to the pandemic, however, travel was canceled and Fr. Louis was unable to be with his dad when he passed away.

On behalf of Fr. Arthur Marat and the OLW community, we welcome Fr. Louis to celebrate the **11:30 Mass on Sunday, August 1**, in memorial for his father's passing.

Please join us for mass, and stay for the reception and light refreshments in the Gathering Place immediately following.

For more information, please contact,
Deacon Tom Corcoran at 847-253-2082.

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REFLECTION: GOD MULTIPLIES WHAT WE SURRENDER TO HIM

What is God calling me to give? Where does He want to send me to find the hungry and the suffering? Who needs to hear me witness about my faith? What would it take for me to really surrender my time, treasure and talents to His service?

It does not take much to do good, to relieve suffering, or to show love. Consider the example of St. Teresa of Calcutta (https://bit.ly/2UUZTfs). When she began her ministry among the poor, she had nothing. She started her order with no master plan or endowment. Rather, she walked the streets, feeding the hungry, and caring for the sick with whatever resources she could muster. She gave the little she had, and through her generosity and holiness, she touched hearts and changed lives.

One day, she came upon a homeless man dying in the gutter. With the help of some men, she brought him to her home. There she washed him, prepared a small meal for him, and prayed. For three hours she did nothing but sit with him. He looked up at her and said, "My whole life I have been treated like an animal, now I will die like an angel." She was not able to give him much — just her time and her love — but it meant that, in his final hours on earth, instead of dying in the streets, he could die in the arms of a saint.

In the Gospels, Jesus never turns away those in need. Whether they have a question, whether they need healing or whether they are hungry, He gives them what He has, and it never fails to satisfy. Today's story about the multiplication of the loaves and fish is a case in point. The five barley loaves and two fish would not have been enough to feed the apostles, never mind a throng of five thousand. Yet Jesus refused to keep the food to Himself. Rather He took it, blessed it and gave it away. That small act of generosity was enough to satisfy a hungry mass of people with plenty left over.

It is a spiritual law that God uses those who have the least ability to do His work. We often say, "If you want to get something done, ask a busy person." Well, when God wants to get something done, He asks a poor person. By choosing those who are weak, deprived and even sinful, our Heavenly Father makes it clear that it is He who is at work. Otherwise we might chalk the good deeds up to the cleverness or resourcefulness of those who do them rather than the God who makes all things possible.

God wants to do great things in our families, parishes, and communities. He wants to feed the hungry, He wants to console the suffering and He wants to change hardened hearts. But He needs us to help Him. He needs us to give even when we think we have too little, to work even when we feel exhausted, and to open our mouths even when we think we have nothing to say. We need to take risks as St. Teresa of Calcutta did by ministering to those dying on the streets and as the boy in the Gospel did who gave his basket of food to Jesus. When we do that, when we step outside our comfort zone in faith, God will take care of the rest.

This article was contributed by:
Douglas Sousa, STL

Father Marat is on a retreat and will continue with his Reflections upon his return.

DEACON'S BEACON

BY DEACON TOM CORCORAN

"You are the light of the world. Do not light a lamp then put it under a bushel basket…. your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Heavenly Father." ***Matthew 5:5-16***

Please send your comments to: irenetomc@hotmail.com

Christmas in July

It may seem odd to talk about Christmas at this time of year – temperatures in the 90's, high humidity and trips to the beach. But I'm not talking about the weather, I talking about the ***spirit*** of Christmas. When we were children we looked forward to our gifts. As adults, we learn that the true spirit of Christmas is ***sharing with others.*** And the most important ***"others"*** are those who need our assistance.

The Spirit of Christmas

Whenever I think about the ***Spirit of Christmas***, I think of Charles Dickens' book – "A Christmas Carol". The protagonist in the story is Ebenezer Scrooge. Now, Scrooge was not a bad person – he was just indifferent to others. He believed that he worked hard for what he had – and others should do the same – if they didn't, that was their problem. Scrooge hates Christmas not just because it's a disruption from business and making money, but also because it reminds him of how unhappy and lonely he is. As the story progresses he's visited by four spirits who show him that "life" is about more than just him.

Fortunately, we don't need to be visited by four "spirits". We get the message of the true meaning of life through the teachings of Jesus Christ in our gospel readings.

Following Jesus

Our July gospel readings guide us, step by step, on how to follow the teachings of Jesus to increase our ***spiritual sharing with others***. The readings started with Jesus preaching in the synagogue in His hometown. The people there did not believe Him, referring to Him as the carpenter's son. The people didn't like the message of redemption that Jesus was preaching. We believe Jesus is truly God and truly human. The listeners could not get past the "human" that they knew – they failed to answer God's call.

On the following Sunday (July 11) Jesus, undeterred by this rejection, sends His apostles out, two by two, to nearby villages to preach God's message and to heal the sick and suffering. They are to carry only a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money. They are to trust in God and not have any distractions. They're equipped only with the word of God.

In last Sunday's gospel (July 18), the apostles return, gather together with Jesus and report on all they had done and taught. They are overjoyed with their success; but they are also exhausted and Jesus takes them to a deserted place to rest. When they arrive at their "quiet place", Jesus sees that the crowd has followed Him. There is no rest for Jesus and the apostles – the people are hungry for the word of God and Jesus teaches them "many things".

Then in today's gospel (July 25), we hear that not only are the people hungry for the word of God, they are just plain *hungry*. But how do you feed a crowd of thousands in the middle of nowhere?

The gospels from the previous three Sundays have been from Mark's gospel; they tell details of Jesus' ministry. Today we hear the ***miracle*** of Jesus feeding the multitude from John's gospel – the crowds have multiplied as they receive the word of God from Jesus and then from His disciples. Jesus is the Bread of Life.

These July gospel readings are not merely stories of events that happened two thousand years ago, they are ***Spiritual Life Lessons*** from Jesus to guide us on our journey home to the Father.

This article has focused on ***what is necessary*** to follow Jesus. Next week we will look at the many ministries Our Lady of the Wayside offers for us to help others in need. **God Bless!**

Rise and Dine Breakfast to Support Pregnant Women, New Mothers

You're invited to attend Project Love's annual Rise and Dine Breakfast and to celebrate the wonderful work of the NorthWest Families for Life.

Project Love is the charitable program of Illinois Right to Life. This year, we are celebrating 25 years of providing support to pregnant women and new mothers in a financial crisis. The women are referred to us by pregnancy centers all over Illinois; we offer help with rent, utility bills and other urgent bills. We have saved many families from evictions and utility shutoffs, and we have given them new hope at a difficult time in their lives.

Each year we hold a fundraiser to raise much-needed funds for these women in crisis, and we always honor one pro-life group with our special Caritas Award. This year, we will present the Caritas to Marie Goldstein and Laura Vandercar, co-founders of NorthWest Families for Life.

This amazing group stands in prayer at an abortion clinic three days a week, holds a pro-life march each October, and encourages so many pro-life people to stand up for the sacred gift of life. We are excited to honor them and all who are a part of this wonderful organization. Please come and join in this celebration of life!

The Project Love breakfast and silent auction will be at **11 AM on Saturday, August 7th**, at the **DoubleTree by Hilton hotel**, 3003 Corporate West Drive, Lisle, IL. Reservations are required, ($50 - adults, $40- students 12 and up, $20 children 3-11, and free under 3) and may be obtained by calling the Illinois Right to Life office at (312) 422-9300 or online at www.IllinoisRightToLife.org/breakfast.

SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2021

Need something to motivate you on these lazy days of summer?

Start training for the 1st annual OLW SVDP 5K, Family Fun Run and Walk for the Poor.

Fun at any speed! Keep an eye on the bulletin for more details.

Live Online Bible Study

Friday Morning 9:30

Join us for lively discussion of next Sunday's readings:
Exodus 16
Ephesians 4:17-24
John 6:24-35

Email biblestudy@olwparish.org for a sign-in code.

Fall Adult Confirmation for Vicariate I Parishioners

Are you an adult who missed receiving the

Sacrament of Confirmation?

Preparation for Confirmation for Vicariate I parishioners will be offered:

- **(Weekly) Monday, September 13 to Monday, November 1**
- **7-9pm**
- **St. Edna Parish, 2525 N. Arlington Heights Rd. in Arlington Heights**

Bishop Jeffrey Grob will preside at the Confirmation Mass to be held at St. Anne Parish, Barrington, on Tuesday, November 9.

Registration information is available here: www.vic1chicago.org/adult-confirmation or by contacting Lorie Crepeau at lcrepeau@stedna.org, 847-398-3362, ext. 325.

Zoom sessions will be offered if necessary, on Thursday evenings during the same weeks as in-person sessions.

Join St. Walter Young Adult Ministry for Disc Golf

Young adults over the age of 18 are invited to play **Disc Golf** with St. Walter's Young Adult Ministry.

When: Saturday, August 7, Noon – 4 pm

Location: Clark Park, 681 Michigan Avenue
Elk Grove Village, Il

What do I need to know?

- All those over 18 are invited to participate
- Pack your own lunch
- Side Street Parking
- Bring your own discs or use one of ours

For more information text or call Evelyn at (630) 441-5036.

KATHY O'NEILL, R.N.
COORDINATOR OF PASTORAL HEALTHCARE

The Essential Health Checklist for College-bound Teens

Do you have a teen who is college-bound this fall? Dr. Cathy Joyce, an adolescent medicine physician at Advocate Children's Hospital offers parents this healthy checklist to ensure their student is prepared for the new adventure.

Get your child a Meningococcal B vaccine to prevent meningococcal meningitis. The vaccine is a two-dose series, one given initially and the second dose a month later. This vaccine should not be confused with the quadrivalent meningococcal vaccine (effective against type A, C, W, and Y) given at age 11-12 or after age 16 (Illinois requires administration prior to starting the 12th grade).

Verify all other necessary vaccines. Be sure to confer with your teen's Primary Care Physician (PCP) to verify that your child has received all of the necessary vaccines (HPV, Tdap, MMR, Varicella, Hepatitis-A, Hepatitis-B, IPV).

Get your child a COVIC-19 vaccine. Entering college students should have received their COVID vaccine prior to the school year. Many colleges and universities are requiring evidence that students be vaccinated to be on campus and to reside in campus housing. Dr. Joyce recommends contacting your college or university and determine what their requirements are, so that you do not have to delay your admission.

Check on possible housing limitations. Some are still limiting on-campus housing to single or double rooms. As more adolescents are vaccinated, they will be able to live in rooms or on-campus housing with other vaccinated adolescents. Each school will determine their own requirements.

Talk to your child about drugs and alcohol. Inform them that alcohol and drug use places them at risk. These risk taking behaviors can adversely affect their GPA; cause an ER visit or hospitalization; suspension or expulsion from the academic institution; lose a scholarship or athletic privileges; incarceration and possible police record; disability or even death (motor vehicle accidents, etc.). Alcohol and drug use can have a harmful effect on mood (e.g., depression, suicidality, anxiety, etc.) and their ability to concentrate. All of these problems can interfere with school success. Do not lecture them — just give them the facts. Stay positive when talking and tell your teen that you love them. This is not a one-time discussion — continue the conversation as they will meet new friends. Inform them that the decision they make can affect their future. And again, do not forget to tell them that you love them and that you are only a phone call away.

Article contributed by: By: Evonne Woloshyn

School Windows Upgrade Project in Full Swing!

During the summer break, the OLW elementary school building is receiving new, energy efficient windows to replace the original 1950's windows. This project was originally discussed during a previous capital campaign but was shelved due to the economic downturn in 2008. The need for new windows was reexamined and then identified to become part of the "To Teach Who Christ Is" campaign in 2015. A total of $2.6 million was pledged by generous OLW parishioners, and this project was given the go-ahead.

Father Arthur, Ewelina Sokolowski (Director of Operations), David Wood (Principal), and the Parish Finance Council were strongly in favor of making this project happen in 2021. Replacement of the windows had to be scheduled for the summer months, so Finance Council began discussions in November 2020 to ensure an order could be placed at the end of February 2021. "Putting the project back at the top of the list was really important to Finance Council and Father. Investing in our school is essential to its growth and longevity," said John Brady, a Finance Council member involved in the process.

The Archdiocese of Chicago has a specific process for parish capital improvements exceeding $300,000. Consultation was required with the Facilities and Construction department of the Archdiocese, an architectural firm, the State Fire Marshall and the Village of Arlington Heights to ensure that codes were followed and a permit was issued. Window specifications for insulation values, ventilation, emergency access and other items were addressed in these reviews.

Three Archdiocese-qualified window contractors submitted bids. All were interviewed by Father Arthur, Mrs. Sokolowski, Mr. Wood, Ronald Reed (Archdiocese Project Manager) and Finance Council. The cost for this project includes replacement of the windows, asbestos abatement, and paint and plaster and is budgeted to be $886,000. In total, 88 large windows in all the classrooms and hallways are being replaced.

tract is held between Auburn Corp. and the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Window removal, including the removal of the original caulking and plaster which contain asbestos, as well as the temporary enclosures are by Celtic Environmental Company, a licensed abatement contractor. EGSL, a consultant for the Archdiocese, is monitoring this work. Additionally, parish management, as well as the parish maintenance team, are working with the contractors and consultants on coordination and safety to ensure that the work is completed on time and prior to the first day of school.

OLW raised $2,602,232 in pledges, keeping $1,561,339. The parish used 59% of those retained funds to refurbish the Church in 2018. The remaining funds are being used for the elementary school window replacement project. To date, the parish has received $594,882 in unused pledges. Canceled pledges amount to $494,846 and unfulfilled pledges are $47,714. The Parish Finance Council prayerfully hopes that parishioners who either let their original pledges lapse or canceled them, will reconsider and fulfill their commitment. Any shortages will have to come from parish savings.

Funding for this much-needed capital improvement comes mostly from supportive parishioners who made pledges and contributions to the "To Teach Who Christ Is" campaign.

Renovation of the church in 2018 was the first project completed because of this archdiocesan-wide campaign. "It feels good to see this part of the campaign being completed," Brady said.

Auburn Corporation is the contractor selected for this project because they submitted the lowest bid and because they committed to meet our summer timeline. The con-

"To Teach Who Christ Is" is an archdiocesan-wide pledge campaign that focuses on strengthening parishes, benefiting Catholic education and enhancing faith formation. At OLW, the five-year campaign began in 2015. Parishes retained 60% of all funds they raised for their local needs and shared the remaining 40% with other parishes and ministries throughout the Archdiocese. Each parish submitted a case study identifying areas of improvement specific to their parish. The two specific areas identified for Our Lady of the Wayside were Church renovations and replacement of the elementary and middle school windows.

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Today is the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly!

"It is important for grandparents to meet their grandchildren and for grandchildren to meet their grandparents, because — as the prophet Joel says — grandparents, before their grandchildren, will dream, and have illusions [great desires], and young people, taking strength from their grandparents, will go forward and prophesy." – Pope Francis, January 31, 2021

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week

July 25–31, 2021

"To have … To hold … To honor, Natural Family Planning, Supporting God's gifts of love and life in marriage" is the theme of this year's National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week, an educational campaign of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to celebrate God's vision for marriage and promote the methods of Natural Family Planning.

Natural Family Planning (NFP) is a general title for ethical, natural, safe and effective methods for both achieving and avoiding pregnancy in marriage. NFP methods teach couples how to observe and interpret the wife's signs of fertility and infertility. In the words of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, NFP methods "respect the bodies of the spouses, encourage tenderness between them and favor the education of an authentic freedom." (CCC, no. 2370)

The Catholic Church invites all the faithful to embrace God's plan for married love. Learn more about these beautiful teachings which support the use of NFP in marriage at *usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/church-teaching*.

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MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY:

5:00 pm Saturday, July 31, 2021
Presider: Fr. Arthur Marat with Deacon Jerry Brennan

7:30 am Sunday, August 1, 2021
Presider: Fr. Mark Augustine with Deacon Peter LeTourneau

9:30 am Sunday, August 1, 2021
Presider: Fr. Mark Augustine with Deacon Peter LeTourneau

11:30 am Sunday, August 1, 2021
Presider: Fr. Louis Golamari with Deacon Tom Corcoran

6:00 pm Sunday, August 1, 2021
Presider: Fr. Arthur Marat with Deacon Paul Onischuk

CYCLES OF FAITH:

July 25, 2021 — 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

St. Oscar Romero said, "We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is the beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."

There were a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project as each finished work became the combined creation of what each woman contributed. They abounded in vibrant colors and dazzled the beholder with intricate patterns and their myriad textures. They were so beautiful that they became coveted family treasures passed from generation to generation. Those women never realized the power of their work. Countless babies rested in the comfort of those quilts warmly nestled in the legacy of tradition they were fortunate to inherit. They adorned countless homes with their beauty and brought joy and solace to many faces.

We cannot do everything. We are not meant to. Our work in life is to contribute our individual piece, a piece that reflects the unique thumbprint I claim as my own. We only have to do small things well. Then, as St. Oscar Romero reminds us, the Lord's grace will enter and do the rest. We have to trust that this is true just as those women trusted in the eventual beauty of their final work.

Eucharistic blessings are blessings that start small and multiply. We all come to life with only a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Not any single one of us has all that it takes to transform our world. Who knows what God will do with the little we have and how many will benefit from our kindness, compassion, wisdom, courage, conviction, love, warmth, zeal, faith, and hope? That young lad never dreamed that his few leftovers would do all that they did. God shows up in unexpected ways! Where would life's adventure and fun be if it were any other way? Being able to be part of bringing God's creative, transforming, healing to the world opens us up to wonder, awe, and excitement! We can all bring our little piece to the bigger work of God that can result in being a coveted jewel passed generation to generation. This is good news indeed!

Bread and wine transform into Christ's Body and Blood and we become what we eat. Trust that.

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SACRED LITURGY:

Monday, July 26, 2021
8:30 am – Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Wayside

Tuesday, July 27, 2021
8:30 am – Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Wayside

Wednesday, July 28, 2021
8:30 am – Fred Heiss

Thursday, July 29, 2021
8:30 am – Chester Szymanski

Friday, July 30, 2021
8:30 am – Nick Montesano

Saturday, July 31, 2021
8:30 am – Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Wayside
5:00 pm – John Baltrus, Terry Johnson

Sunday, August 1, 2021
7:30 am – Frank Gordon
9:30 am – Jim Davis, Bart Murphy, Joshua Haberkorn
11:30 am – Casey Zalewski, Gloria Onischuk
6:00 pm – Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Wayside

Readings for the week of July 25, 2021

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Pray for those celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony

III *Justin Kaszuba & Gabrielle O'Connor on July 31 at 3pm.*

Pray for the Sick

Marie DeSanto
Gene Dougherty
Gert Ivory
Ken Kramer
Marvin Lund
Valerie Lund
Cathy Sloan
Rev. John Topper
Charlotte Wolf

In Loving Memory

Pray for the Deceased

Kaye DiGiovanni, Frank Gordon, John Murphy, Joan O'Shea

Sunday, Jul 25, 2021

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Celebrate mom-and-pop operations

However few dollars there are, parents make them stretch until payday. However uncertain the way ahead, they shoulder the decision-making for their brood. However dark the night and scary the storm, parents hug their little ones through it. Today our nation celebrates Parents' Day, honoring the grownups who make children's lives safer, happier, and healthier. While they may not multiply loaves and fishes quite like Jesus, parents do perform minor miracles of sufficiency every day across this country. They take imperfect human love and weave a blanket of protection and possibility for their kids. Support your local parents!

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15 (110). *"Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted."*

Monday, Jul 26, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Family ties

Jesus' ancestry through Joseph is extensively traced in two of the gospels, but there's nothing there about his maternal line. The names of his grandparents—Mary's parents—aren't mentioned in scripture, but tradition has dubbed them Joachim and Anne. Whatever their names were, they had to have been remarkable people to have raised the mother of God. The courage and faith they passed on to Mary is a precious gift all parents can pass to their children. Treasure your own intergenerational bonds.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34; Matthew 13:31-35 (401). *"The birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches."*

Tuesday, Jul 27, 2021

Parables of trying and trust

Jesus favored parables—short allegories featuring people, places, and things familiar to ordinary listeners—to get his point across. Typically, they were about the kingdom of God, standing in stark contrast to the current world. "The kingdom of God, even if it requires our cooperation, is firstly a gift of the Lord," Pope Benedict XVI reminded pilgrims in 2012. Not that humans shouldn't lift a finger. Such parables, Benedict said, echo a famous saying from Ignatius of Loyola: "Act as if everything depended on you; trust as if everything depended on God." Where do you need to trust God more and where, perhaps, do you need to act?

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Matthew 13:36-43 (402). *"Whoever has ears ought to hear."*

Wednesday, Jul 28, 2021

Stay the course

Father Stanley Rother is one step away from canonization and being named publicly as a saint of the Catholic Church. Born in Oklahoma in 1935, ordained a priest in 1963, missioned to Guatemala in 1968, Rother immersed himself among the Tz'utujil Mayan communities. When civil war broke out and his name appeared on a death list, after briefly departing he decided to return, saying, the "shepherd cannot run." On July 28, 1981, three men entered the rectory where he lived and killed him. Now recognized as a martyr for the faith, Rother was beatified by the Vatican in 2016. As we await the canonization of this first American martyr, pray that you, too, might be a sign of Christ's love to the people close to you, even when it comes at a cost.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 34:29-35; Matthew 13:44-46 (403). *"When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."*

Thursday, Jul 29, 2021

MEMORIAL OF MARTHA

Lesson learned

Any memorial honoring Saint Martha includes a well-deserved nod to those who quietly serve. But Martha's role in salvation history goes well beyond her hospitality to Jesus and lies in the example of her maturing faith. When Jesus admonished her about her anxiety, Martha listened. She grew in wisdom and understanding, so much so that when her brother Lazarus dies, she runs to meet Jesus and declares: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Martha provides an inspiration to all of us to persevere in knowing God, loving Christ, and serving others.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38 (404); John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42 (607). *"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing."*

Friday, Jul 30, 2021

Open the door to your own ministry

Do you ever think about your daily activities as a ministry? No activity is outside the realm of a possible ministry. Take Blessed Solanus Casey, for example. One of Solanus' jobs was as a porter, that is, a door keeper. Open/shut case, right? Not at all! Solanus understood his simple job as being a true ministry, service of God through service of others. He did not merely answer the door; he opened his heart to everyone who entered. In doing so, Solanus was able to reflect God's love and healing to others in a way that truly made a difference. How do you open your heart to others during your daily routine?

TODAY'S READINGS: Leviticus 25:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Matthew 13:54-58 (405). *"Is he not the carpenter's son?"*

Saturday, Jul 31, 2021

MEMORIAL OF IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST

Book your biblical excursion

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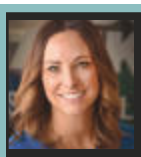
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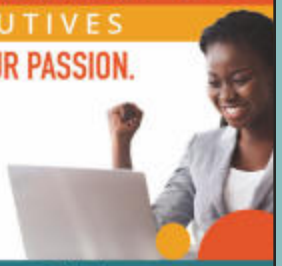
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