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I Am the Living Bread

A long time ago, there lived a great king. Two beggars stood at the gate of his palace every day. As the king rode by every day, the first beggar would say, "Blessed is he whom the king helps," while the second beggar would say, "Blessed is he whom God helps." The king always felt pleased to hear the praise of the first beggar. One evening, the king decided to reward the first beggar for all his praise. He ordered his baker to bake a cake and wrap gold pieces inside the cake. The next day as he rode by, the king gave the cake to the first beggar as he hailed him as usual.



The first beggar, who was in dire need of cash, sold the cake to the second beggar at a cheap price. When the second beggar cut open the cake, he saw the gold pieces, sold them and became a wealthy man. He did not return to the king's gate the next day. As the king rode out of his palace the next day, he saw the first beggar still begging for money and stopped to ask him if he had eaten the cake he had given him. The first beggar replied, "No sir, I sold it to my friend who was here with me yesterday; I have not seen him today." Disappointed, the king shook his head and confessed silently to himself, "Indeed, blessed is he who God helps."

"Our God is the all-knowing God, HE has not forgotten you. God always does His work just in time. Be blessed and trust God even when you don't understand His WILL. Someday, your blessings shall be in abundance" (Unknown author).

In today's first reading, we hear Elijah asking to die, "This is enough, O Lord! Take my life, for I am no better than my fathers." The verses that precede today's reading tell of Jezebel planning to kill Elijah. Exhausted from the struggle, Elijah rested under a tree, and an angel came and ministered to him, giving him enough food for his long journey.

When we feel we have reached the end of our own resources, God takes over because he is faithful and never forgets his people. "If we endure, we will also reign with Him; if we deny Him, He will also deny us; if we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself (2 Tim. 2:13-14).

Fr. Peter Patrick

God is Good All the Time, and All the Time, God is Good.

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



August 8, 2021

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Parish Trustees

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Pastoral Council

Kathy Kent, James Napper, Lisette Quintanilla, Brenda Scharping, Bill Thorn, Becky Troy, June Wessa

The Week Ahead

Sunday, August 8	9:00 am	Mass (Church)
Monday, August 9	6:30 pm	Endowment Committee (Virtual)
Tuesday, August 10	8:30 am	Mass (Church)
	9:00 am	Adult Faith Formation (FKCC)
	10:15 am	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (R)
	1:00 pm	Building and Grounds (Virtual)
	4:00 pm	School Committee (V)
Thursday, August 12	6:30 pm	Book Club (R)
Friday, August 13	8:30 am	Mass (Church)
Saturday, August 14	9:00 am	Trail Experience Garden Club
	9:00 am	Food Pantry (FKCC)
Sunday, August 15	9:00 am	Mass (Church)

Pastoral Council Roles

Chair: Brenda Scharping -- Vice-Chair: James Napper
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Alpha Program Leaders and Helpers

Beginning in late September, Adult Formation will begin a series called Alpha, a weekly faith-sharing small group process that will end in late November. The program consists of a simple meal, presented session and a small group table discussion. The program will run Tuesday mornings at St. Catherine and Tuesday evenings at St. Sebastian. We are looking for individuals who would be willing to serve as small group facilitators and help with hospitality for the meals. Please contact Jon Metz: jmetz@saintsebs.org to volunteer to do so.

Regular Contributions thru 8/1/21 - Week 5	\$17,235
Prior YTD Amount	17,493
Surplus/Deficit vs. Prior Year	\$ (258)

Mass Intentions & Scripture Readings

Sunday, August 8 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am † Bonnie Dougherty (Lieb Family)
 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-9/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Monday, August 9 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

8:30 am Mass at St. Sebastian
 Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday, August 10 St. Lawrence

8:30 am All Deacons Who Serve Our Church & Its People
 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-9/Jn 12:24-26

Wednesday, August 11 St. Clare

8:30 am Mass at St. Sebastian
 Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday, August 12 St. Jane Frances de Chantal

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-6/Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday, August 13 Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus

8:30 am Leadership In The Church
 Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 & 24/Mt 19:3-12

Sunday, August 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

9:00 am Elaine Long-Smith (Carol Sample)
 Rv 11:19a;12:1-6a,10/Ps45:10-12,16/1 Cor15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, August 8 - Fr. Peter Patrick

Lectors Kathy Hazen, Steve O'Connell

Sunday, August 15 - Fr. Larry

Lectors Ron Ranallo, Emily Foglesthaler

Reflections on this Sunday's Readings

This Sunday's Gospel continues the theme of Jesus as the Bread of Life. Jesus promises eternal life through the sharing in the Body and Blood of Christ. We have heard the reports and surveys that describe a large majority of Catholics who do not believe in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The reports are staggering especially when we reflect that the catechism calls the Eucharist the "Source and Summit" of Catholic Life.

Rereading this passage today gave me pause and made me think about my own interaction with the Eucharist. How do I think about it? How do I prepare to receive it? How do I talk about it with my kids? Have I done an adequate job describing the importance of the Eucharist in my own life to my children? Have I instilled a proper reverence for the Eucharist in them? I don't know the answer to that. I may just go and ask them. I reflected on my parents and teachers that helped me learn about the Eucharist. I challenge you to think about your own witness to the Eucharist. I will not be as bold as to tell you how to do that, but I challenge you to think about it. How do you witness to the Eucharist in your life?

- Do you remember who taught you about the Eucharist?
- What does the Eucharist mean to you?
- How have you shared witness to the Eucharist in your life?

Remember In Your Prayers . . .

Fr. John G. Yockey, a priest of the archdiocese and former teacher at Sacred Heart School of Theology, died recently.

Pray for Our Sick

Maryl Barrett, Michael Barton, Carol & Joe Brien, Tom Cavanaugh, Annie Coleman, Chuck Cooney, Maureen Crowley, Ellie Cunningham, Barb Haig, Ernest Herre, James Krutina, Evelyn Martinez, Bev Narus, Diane Neicheril, Steve O'Connell, Andréa Olds, Tom Plakut, David Pleskatchek, Ron & Trudy Ranallo, Don Richards, Margaret Schmidt, Sr. Mary Ann Schmidt, Doug Scott, Carmel Stage, Bill Steger, David Teufel, Larry Teufel, Nancy & Eduardo V, Kathy Zambo

School News

Principal Jade Cottrell is working on Professional Development for the upcoming school year that begins (for the teachers) the week of August 13. Our staff is complete with the exception of a 4-5 grade teacher. Also, the enrollment window has opened for anyone who still needs a school home.

Senior Ministry

"There has been some recent buzz about a new Alzheimer's drug, the first of its kind in 18 years. The drug, Aduhelm, removes amyloid—the sticky substance in the brain that is a defining feature of Alzheimer's disease. Aduhelm is a monthly infusion performed at an infusion center or doctor's office. The annual per patient cost? Around \$56,000! While such news sounds exciting, this drug is sadly not without controversy. 'In clinical trials, the treatment was effective at removing amyloid from the brain. But it's unclear exactly what effect that will have for patients. One trial showed some patients had a slower cognitive decline than those taking a placebo, but another trial didn't show that. So, some experts think more conclusive evidence is needed to justify the risks and costs associated with the treatment.'"
Marty Schreiber

Sustainability Tip

Be a water steward. When turning on a water faucet, unless you need warm water, choose the coolest water setting. And don't run the water all the time you are brushing your teeth. Read about many more ways to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Refuse at www.globalstewards.org/ecotips.htm

Facing Racism

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace. *Catholics for Peace and Justice Newsletter 3/31*

Book Club . . .

is reading "The Star-Crossed Sisters of Tuscany" by Lori Nelson Spielman & will meet in the rectory, Thurs., Aug. 12, at 6:30pm

Still Need the Bulletin Sent to You?

Since the beginning of the pandemic, we have sent the weekly bulletin to individuals who requested them because they were not comfortable with returning to church. If you are one of those and now do come to church and get the bulletin there, please let the office know so we can save the postage fee.

Recovery Groups-All groups meet in the Community Ctr.

AA: Sunday 11:00 am AAA: Thursday 7:00 pm
Tuesday 6:30 pm
Friday 6:30 pm

Next Week - Our Neighborhood Block Party!

Next **Tuesday, August 17, 5:30-7 pm**, we will welcome neighbors to our 14th Annual Neighborhood Block Party. We urge you to come to be part of the event -- to play games, enjoy the food, drum -- but most of all to be a welcoming presence. A sign-up sheet to help with setup, games, serving and cleanup is in the Gathering Area. At this time, we need help delivering block party flyers to neighbors. Pick up a packet today.

August's Centennial Trivia Question Is . . .

The "banks" of stained-glass windows in our church have specific themes. Name the themes of at least four of them.

Continue Your School Supply Support!

We are grateful for your generous response to our request for school supplies. They will be given as prizes for the block party and brought to families at SVDP visits. Bring crayons, washable markers, markers for white boards, colored pencils, scissors, roll-on glue, spiral note books (both wide and college lined), 2 pocket folders and white out. (No loose-leaf paper, and for now, no pencils or pens). Please put them in the "School Supplies" box in back of church.

Shakespeare in the Neighborhood Today

"A Midsummer's Night's Dream" will be presented today, at 53rd St. School at 4 pm, by the Optimist Theatre. Enjoy!

Common Ground Listening Sessions

We will be hosting two more sessions, on **Tuesday, August 17**, at the block party and on **Sunday, August 22**, in the rectory after Mass. This is your chance to create change and let us know the issues that are most important to you. Common Ground Campaigns come from *your* ideas and passions.

Be a Reading Tutor - Create a Path to Learning!

When a child struggles in reading, s/he will have trouble learning as s/he is required to read material for other classes over the years. We invite you to spend two hours a week, working one-on-one with the same student all year at St. Catherine School or St. Raphael. Training and learning modules give support. Contact Kathleen Mantz at: kathleen.mantz@gmail.com

Need Medical Equipment . . .

like wheelchairs, walkers, etc.? Contact Katie's Kloset, a non-profit lending organization that loans and accepts donations of good, used, and durable medical equipment for children and adults. Contact: teamupwithfamilies.org/kk-about-us/

Eucharistic Liturgies are celebrated on Sundays at 9:00 am. Weekday Mass is at 8:30 am in church, T & F; at St. Sebastian, 8:30 am, M & W

For an **Infant's Baptism**, contact the parish office during the prenatal time to begin preparation.

Those discerning a call to **Marriage** should contact the parish office at least six months prior to the wedding date.

For **Non-Infant Baptisms, First Communion, First Reconciliation, Confirmation** and **Information about the Catholic Church**, call the parish office.

Confessions/Reconciliation –Schedule with Fr. Peter Patrick at 445-5115 for an appointment.

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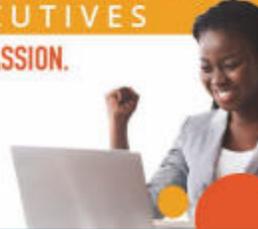
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