

St. Stanislaus

Parish Family

August 1, 2021
18th Sunday
In Ordinary Time

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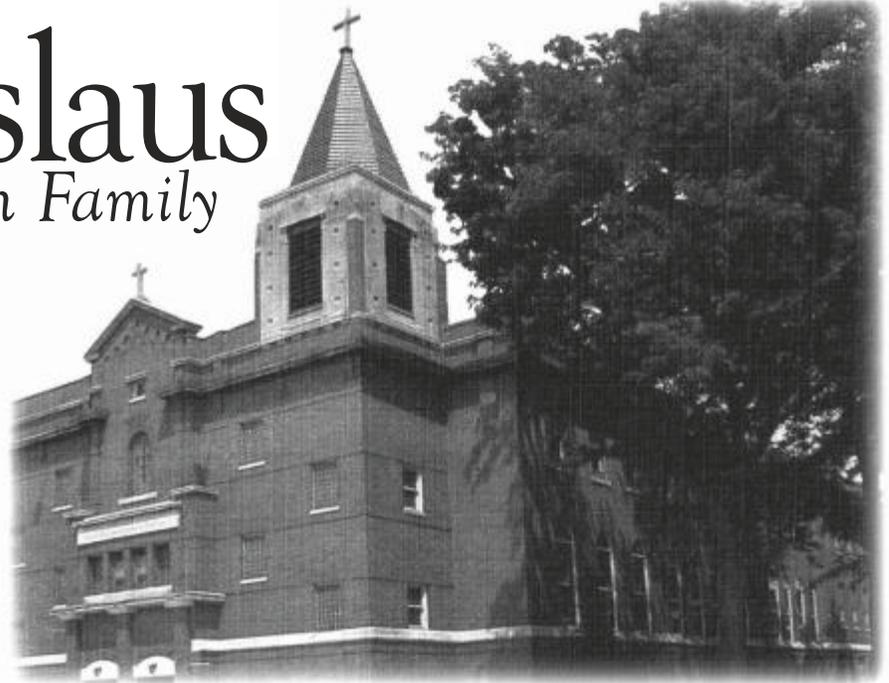
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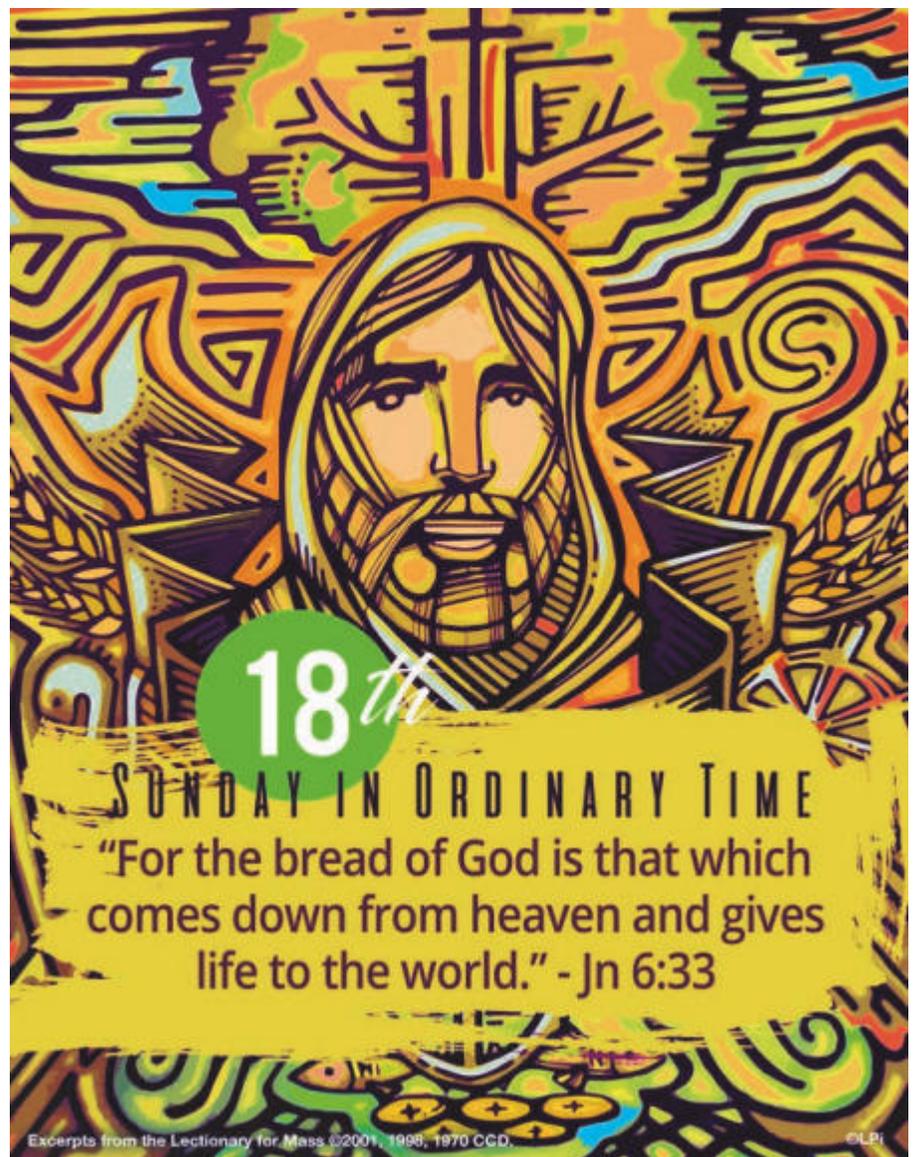
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Liturgical Notes for the Week

“What is essential is invisible to the eye; it is only with the heart that one can see rightly.”

We the Church will not hear these words proclaimed in our midst this 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time because they come not from our holy book but from a classic children’s book — *The Little Prince*, written by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, yet they fittingly summarize the core lesson the Master Teacher gave us today. As the gospel reveals, Jesus knew the crowds were looking for him not because they are seeking spiritual fulfillment but instead because their hunger was miraculously sated by the loaves and fishes. Jesus instructs them, “Do not work for food that perishes, but for food that endures for eternal life.” Alongside John 6 and the discourse on the bread of life, the Church hears most of the fourth and fifth chapters of Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians. Known as one of the captivity letters (Colossians, Philippians, and Philemon are the others) because it is apparently written from prison (Ephesians 4:1), the Letter to Ephesians discusses the mystery of life in Christ. Paul’s exhortation to “live in a manner worthy of the call you have received,” which we heard last week, strikes at the heart of Christian discipleship. This week, Paul continues to call the Ephesians to a renewal in Christ — to “put away the old self of your former way of life... and be renewed in the spirit of your minds” (4:22-23). It was expected that Baptism into the death and Resurrection of Christ would bring radical life change for early Christians. For some, this meant giving up jobs and wealth; for others, it meant hospitality or service. For everyone, life in Christ was life lived according to God and not according to the world. Christians were encouraged to embrace love rather than ambition, greed, or power and to focus on the treasure of heaven rather than on earthly wealth. — Remember then the Sacrament of Baptism was celebrated primarily by Adults not infants as today — yet the message of today’s reading is for all of us. Consequently, this small section of the Letter to the Ephesians provides the perfect prelude to the discourse on the bread of life in John’s account of the Gospel. Jesus warns the crowd that they are thinking wrongly — running to see him for perishable bread (6:26). In Paul’s vocabulary, the crowd sees Jesus with old eyes, with their old selves. If they saw Jesus with spiritual eyes, they would know him as the Bread of Life. They would seek only the bread of life. They would hear Jesus’ gentle correction to their assertion that Moses gave them manna from heaven. “My Father gives you the true bread from heaven” (6:32). Physical hunger and thirst made the Jews rely on God in the desert. Jesus shows the crowd that hunger has much deeper implications for the soul. If they believe Christ is food and drink, they will never be hungry or thirsty. And if today we listen to the words of wisdom proclaimed from our Bible with our

hearts by God’s grace we will see the deeper implications and apply the lessons we learned from our 2020 isolation from one another and deprivation of partaking of the Eucharist and so we will leave here changed and because we are more committed more fully to the Christ who nourishes us with the Bread of Life. Indeed we are exposed to learn something new about our lives of faith each Mass we are privileged to participate in. The Gospel of John from which we are now hearing contains seven “I am” statements by Jesus that make known his identity and also connect him to God, the Father who revealed himself to Moses by stating, “I am who I am” (Exod 3:14; NABRE). In today’s gospel we find the first of these statements when Jesus tells the gathered crowd, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” The sustenance that Jesus will provide goes beyond the physical needs of the body to something even more essential. This bread which gives “life to the world” will animate heart and soul with charity and love, binding all into the one Body of Christ. Surely we got that message today and will treasure what our hearts have seen.

This month of August is dedicated to our nature's solitary boast, Mary. She who kept and pondered all in her heart is honored under her title — *The Immaculate Heart of Mary*. During these upcoming days prayerfully ask her help in assisting you to see God more clearly, to love the Divine One and to follow the Christ who is the Way, the Truth and the Life more nearly day by day beginning today August 1st by praying a Hail Mary. Also unite your prayer with that of our Holy Father Pope Francis’ intention that in situations of conflict, we may be courageous architects of dialogue and friendship. May the Church receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

Wednesday August 4th honors St. John Vianney better known as *The Cure of Ars* by many. He is the patron of priests and today would be a real good day to remember and to pray for all the priests who have been part of your life... to pray for all the priests whom you now know as well as ask God to bless those among us into whose hearts the vocation to priestly ordination has been planted. Maybe the next time you see your priest you take a moment to thank him.

On Friday, the 6th, the first Friday, the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is celebrated. This event in Christ’s life is also commemorated in the Fourth Luminous Mystery of the Rosary. It reminds us about the depth of mystery that surrounded Jesus Christ-mystery in the sense that we can never exhaust who he really is or categorize him in any way. Fully human, he may indeed have needed a tent or a place to camp on the mountain, like Peter asked. But just when the Apostles may have been getting really comfortable with their understanding of Jesus as friend and teacher, they catch a glimpse of his heavenly glory, challenging them to remain open to Christ communicating to them who he is as Son of God. We have moments like the Apostles each time we encounter and grapple with a new and challenging image of God in the Scripture. Remaining humble and open to the revelatory action of God’s Word and Spirit is a way to enter ever more deeply into the mystery of who God is for us in Jesus Christ.

Scripture Reflection

“You cannot see the forest for the trees” is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don’t like, want, and don’t want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don’t move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before. We like it when the “now” time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer. Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty.

Catholic Services Appeal/CSA 2021

Many sincere thanks to the 1 family of our parish who made a pledge/gift last week in the amount of **\$400.00** toward our Catholic Services Appeal parish goal of **\$24,294.00** We need **\$4,279.00** to reach our Parish Goal. Please be generous in helping our parish reach its CSA goal. Thank you and God bless you and yours. — Msgr. John

Financial Blessings

YOUR GIFTS TO YOUR PARISH LAST WEEK IN THE COLLECTION AMOUNTED TO.....\$2,958.00

Adult envelopes issued.....297 (July, 2021)

Adult envelopes used.....88/30% (July 25, 2021)

Thank You for your continued support! May God Bless You!

Consideration: I have this terrible theory that people are like roaches — they adapt to their circumstances.

— Anjelica Huston

Everyday Stewardship

Looking back over my journey of parenthood, I know there were days when I traveled the extra mile for my children. I made their toast the way they like it, let them play in the park an extra ten minutes, or let them go to the movies with their friends and I finished up the chores on my own. And then, it happened: the attitude. The request for the smallest thing from one of them is met with disdain or bewilderment. Sometimes you can be made breathless with the ingratitude of another person who takes so much and with so little shame, only to scoff at the idea that they, too, give even the smallest amount. But if we’re being honest with ourselves, we will admit that we do the exact same thing to God. Haven’t we all been the Israelites in the desert at one point or another? God has parted our Red Sea in some way. He’s led us out of some great trial, given us some great blessings. But then we run into a little resistance somewhere along the way and we throw up our hands. How could you do this to us, Lord? How could you ask this of us? No, I can’t go any further. No, I won’t do any more. Persisting in the blindness to the many ways God continues to protect us is nothing short of a temper tantrum. It robs our Everyday Stewardship of its graciousness, of our ability to accept with joy the trials of life because we are also constantly aware of its blessings. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Inspiration For The Week

When we lose our ability to trust, we become afraid. When we are afraid, we may begin to grumble and question whether where we are is where we need to be. For us who have faith, we even question whether God is who God says He is. Trust is so important to our success on our journey. Often, the road of our lives can become a bit treacherous. We may find ourselves feeling more unsettled than comfortable and less fulfilled than we would like to be. As much as we try, the pieces of our puzzle don’t quite fit together as they ought. We wonder if we will ever experience happiness again. Then, something reminds us that God is very much present in this mess we call life. God is still bringing hope out of despair and life out of death. After all, God is the true bread that comes down from heaven to give life. All that is necessary is for us to trust in this truth, even when we may be lacking in some of life’s essentials. The God who gives life is the same God who sustains it. He is also the same God who assures us that we will not perish.

AUGUST 1, 2021 •

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Monday, August 2 - St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop;
St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest**

Tuesday, August 3

Wednesday, August 4 - St. John Vianney, Priest

**Thursday, August 5 - The dedication of the Basilica of
St. Mary Major**

Friday, August 6 - The Transfiguration of the Lord

**Saturday, August 7 - St. Sixtus II, Pope & Companions,
Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest**

4:30pm †Halina Kryk int. The Kryk Family
†Dorothy Szczepanski int. Children &
Grandchildren
Health & God's Blessings for our Parishioners

Sunday, August 8 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am †Mary Brzek int. Joel Markovich
†Victor Kocur int. Family

Quote from Pope Francis

The Eucharist is a sacrament of communion, which draws us out of our individualism in order to live together as disciples. It gives us the certainty that all that we have, all that we are, if it is taken, blessed, and given, can, by God's power, by the power of his love, become bread of life for all.



Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained

Question: I'd like to make some new resolutions about practicing the faith in our family during the new year. Do you have any suggestions?

Answer: The family is the most essential space for the formation of values and character. Practicing your faith as a family can happen both internally and externally. Consistent prayer together builds habits that can last a lifetime. With younger children, praying together as a family in the evening or at dinner-time could be fairly doable most nights. In the evening, select a few common prayers such as the Our Father, Hail Mary, or Guardian Angel prayer. Ask each of your children to thank God for three things that day and include a time for children and adults alike to pray out loud for special needs in your family. This practice could be done with older children, committed to intentional efforts in the midst of increasingly busy schedules. Look for other opportunities to practice the faith outside the home as well. Sunday Mass should already be part of your family's weekly routine. Consider setting other monthly goals as well. This could be a family service project in your city, attending the sacrament of Confession together, or hosting a hospitality night in your home. Get your children involved in the planning process. Ask them where they'd like to volunteer or who they think is having a hard time and might need a special night just for them. Rather than simply imposing new practices, your whole family can have a dynamic role understanding and integrating faith and life.

Question Of The Week

First Reading:

Early in their Exodus journey, the Israelites expressed fear and frustration to Moses. God heard and responded to their "grumbling" by sending bread from heaven. When you have you experienced God answering your plea for help?

Second Reading:

Paul told the Ephesians that as believers in Christ you should "put away" the bad parts of "your former way of life." How have you done this in your life as a believer in Christ?

Gospel:

We hear today the introduction of Jesus' extended "bread of life" discourse. In referring back to the ancient Israelites who ate "manna" (bread) in the desert, Jesus tells the crowds: "I am the bread of life." How would you explain to someone how Jesus sustains you?



Community Events



St. Stanislaus School is re-opening its 3 & 4 year old pre-school program. Both full and half day classes are offered. This program lays the foundation for good academic and social skills. Children can be registered by calling the school at 219-398-1316 or by going on-line at www.ststansec.org. Don't delay, classes fill up fast.



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Wicker Park Social Center
2215 Ridge Road
Highland, Indiana 46322

Date & Time:
Thurs. August 5, 2021— 7:30- 10:30pm.



Food Pantry News
Thanks to your generosity we were able to help 126 families. We are in need of pork&beans, and soup. We are grateful for our volunteers that rain or shine, they are present. Next food pantry will be August 30, 2021. Thank you and may God Bless You!

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