

August 8, 2021 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die."  
- Jn 6:48-50

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**Holy Mass** Saturday 5:00 PM; Sunday 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM  
Monday– Friday 8:00 AM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** Monday, Tuesday and Friday 6:00 PM;  
Saturdays 4:00 PM; or by appointment

**BULLETIN  
STANDARD DEADLINE:  
9:00 A.M. MONDAY**

Dear Parishioners,  
Elijah spent a day making his way through the desert when he came upon a broom tree. Entirely exhausted and at the point of starvation he sat down and was ready to give up. He couldn't go on anymore. He told the Lord in prayer that he had nothing more left to give. Haven't we all been through this at some point in our lives whether at home with your family or at work? Maybe you are there right now. You relate to what Elijah was going through. You've been dragging yourself through the "desert" all day and have nothing to show for it but frustration and misunderstanding; you have nothing left to give and you are just done. Like Elijah you pray—"enough already, Lord!" I think it's a cry we all make at one point or another, whether out loud or silently. How does the Lord respond to Elijah? Our Lord sends an angel to give Elijah food and drink and lets him extend his nap a little longer. When Elijah's strength is fully restored, God sets him right back on his journey. Revived, Elijah is able to walk for 40 days until he arrives at the destination God had in mind for him all along! What can we learn from our readings today? First, feeling worn out and worn down from time to time is actually part of our life journey. It is not the time to give up, but the time to turn to the Lord for the rest and strength we need to keep going on. In fact, He delights in our reliance on Him. He will send an "angel" in some form or other to give you what you need physically for your own unique journey. Even more, as we see in today's Gospel, He will send you His own Son, the Bread from Heaven, to strengthen you spiritually with His very Body and Blood and the living Word of the Scriptures.

God Bless,  
Fr. Butler

## WOMEN'S SOCIETY

## DAY OF RECOLLECTION



**Tuesday, October 5**

**9am-2:30pm**

**Fr. Steve Sabo-Speaker**

**\$10 per person includes Lunch**

## Fall and Christmas Garage Sale



Dropoff Days

October 20-21 8am-5pm  
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Garage Sale 

Friday, October 22 8am-5pm  
Saturday, October 23 8am-1pm



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registration is now open including preparation for First Communion and Confirmation. Students entering 7th & 8th grades this fall will begin the two year Confirmation preparation program. Both years of Confirmation preparation must be completed to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. For more information or to register, scan the QR code or visit: [stjbsom.org/religious-education](http://stjbsom.org/religious-education)



SCAN ME

**August 8, 2021**  
**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Gospel Meditation**

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God's generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?



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**SANCTUARY LIGHTS**



Our candle offerings this week are in  
memory of:

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*Req by Chuck Gunier*



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ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Is 2021 the year in which you and your spouse celebrate your 25th, 50th, 55th, 60th, 65th, 70th or more wedding anniversary? Bishop Malloy would like to celebrate this milestone with you. Couples celebrating the milestone wedding anniversaries are invited to a special Mass on Sunday, August 22nd at 2:30 PM at St. Mary Parish in Huntley celebrated by Bishop David Malloy. A cake and punch reception will immediately follow. Please register by phone at 815 399-4300 or online at [www.rockforddiocese.org/anniversary](http://www.rockforddiocese.org/anniversary) by August 10.

## ***MASS INTENTIONS***

**August 9-15, 2021**

Monday 8:00 am Fr. Karl Ganss  
Req by Fr. Butler  
Tuesday 8:00 am Richard Ramos Sr.  
Req by Patrick & Anna  
Doherty  
Wednesday 8:00 am Monsignor Thomas Brady  
Req by Fr. Butler  
Thursday 8:00 am Don & Jean Wegener  
Req by Margaret Hardekopf  
Friday 8:00 am Richard Ramos Sr.  
Req by Mary Rohrer  
Saturday 5:00 pm Special Intention  
Req by Chuck, Linda and Julie  
Hickey  
Sunday 8:00am Don & Jean Wegener  
Req by Ray & Judy Hendron  
11:00am Pro Populo  
People of the Parish

## ***LITURGICAL ROLES***

**August 14-15, 2021**

Saturday 5:00 pm Lector N/A  
Extraordinary Ministers N/A

Sunday 8:00 am Lector N/A  
Extraordinary Ministers N/A

Sunday 11:00am Lector N/A  
Extraordinary Ministers N/A

## ***ALTAR SERVERS***

**August 14-15, 2021**

Saturday 5:00 pm N/A

Sunday 8:00 am N/A

Sunday 11:00 am N/A

## ***AUGUST USHERS***

Saturday 5:00 pm N/A

Sunday 8:00 am N/A

11:00 am N/A

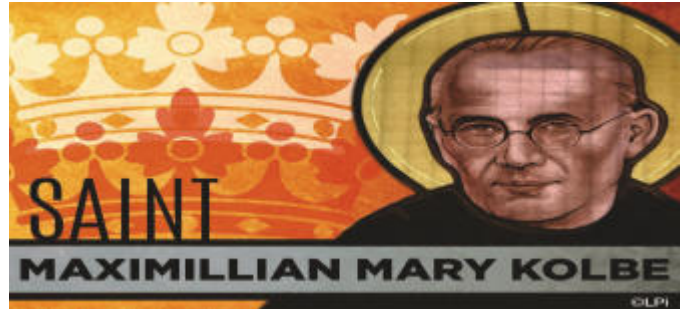
## THE WEEK AHEAD

**TUESDAY, August 10, 2021**

***New Altar Server Training* 4:00 pm**  
***Knights of Columbus* 7:15 pm**

**FRIDAY, August 13, 2021**

***Rosary at the Grotto* 8:30 am**



*Courage and sacrificial love mark the life of St. Maximilian Kolbe. He became a priest of the Franciscan order. During the Nazi occupation of Poland, Fr. Kolbe was arrested and sent to Auschwitz. One day a prisoner escaped from the camp. The Nazi punishment was harsh. For one escapee, 10 must die in his place. The guards picked 10 men at random. One began to beg for his life on behalf of his family, and another man stepped forward and offered to take his place. Fr. Kolbe was sentenced, along with the other nine men, to death by starvation. For this "martyr of Auschwitz," a life of devotion culminated in one heroic, Christlike act.*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-  
27/Lk 1:39-56

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