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Prayer for the Day

Dear God, thank You that Your Word lights my way and tells me to be ready for trials of my faith. Even when life is difficult and dark, I choose to trust in You and believe that You are working behind the scenes for my good. I will have faith for the middle. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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Mass Times

Weekend: Saturday 5PM

Sunday 8:00AM & 10AM

Weekday Mass

Mon Tues., Wed, Thurs, Friday:
7:30AM

Holy Day **See Bulletin**



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July 25, 2021



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GATHER

When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." - Jn 6:12

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Starting Monday June 21 thru Monday August 16 will be having a Monday morning Mass at 7:30am.

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Mon-Thurs 8am-4pm (closed 12-1) lunch Fri 8-12pm

Monday 7/26 7:30am

All Souls †

Tuesday 7/27 7:30am

John Mahaney † Larson Family

Wednesday 7/28 7:30am

Intentions for the Marie Thomas

Thursday 7/29 7:30am

Bill Hogan † C Hendricks

Friday 7/30 7:30am

All Souls †

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 7/31 5pm

Elizabeth Pierson † R Larson

Sunday 8/1

8am Donald Bybee † Family

10am For the People

But we will give ourselves continually to
Prayer
 and to the ministry of the word. Acts 6:4

Please Pray for those who need our Prayers

For those who are Sick;

Barb Johnson

Adel Clow

Linda Ross

Nora Skurski

Elenore Kane

Audrey Blobaum, mother of Allie Roberts

For those who died:

Michael Warren, brother of Val Mullally

All those on our Prayer List

All those who have asked for Prayers

For all teachers, aids, and support staff

** For all those who are homebound, and
 In a nursing home, and unable to attend Mass*

**For all those who are having surgery*

**Please pray for our First*

Responders; Police, Fire and

Paramedics and all our Civil Servants.

All those serving to Protect us Doctors & Nurses

all those on our prayer list and all those

serving in the Military and

our priest, and all priests.



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Scriptures this weekend teach us about the abundance of God seen through the miracles of feeding. From small God makes much! This is a reminder that God never gives "just enough" but gives an abundance of His love, mercy, and forgiveness. It is up to us, then, to receive this abundance and use it in the service of God and each other.

This is perhaps what St. Paul is reminding the community in Ephesus and us to see; the outpouring of God's presence upon all people, not just a few, and that we are then called to service all. Saint Paul reminds us that we are connected forming one body, one spirit, one faith, and as such, to worship the One God and Father of us all. A powerful invitation to serve all people, whether we know them or not, whether we agree with them or not, whether we like them or not. This Christian understanding often pushes us beyond our comfort zone inviting us to live and share our faith in Christ with all we meet. Not easy! It invites us to see God everywhere, in every person and to respond appropriately.

Monday, July 26th, the Church honors Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Grandparents of Jesus, they remind us of our own grandparents who had the opportunity to pass the faith and example of following Jesus, down to us. Let us take this week as an opportunity to remember, honor, and celebrate our grandparents as treasures given us by God. May we see in their examples, as well as in the elderly, the wisdom and courage of living and sharing our faith through the years.

Peace always,

Fr. Rich

Special Thanks to Our Electronic Givers

St Mary would like to thank the (56) families who are currently giving electronically. You may not see these fellow parishioners place an envelope in the basket every week, but their consistent giving does not go unnoticed in our parish office. Each month our parish receives a steady and predictable stream of income from those donors who have made the commitment to give to God first by having a designated contribution automatically transferred to our parish through our Online Giving Program. If you would like to learn more about this easy, safe and secure way of giving, please contact 815-234-7431 or check out our website at St. Mary's Catholic Church - BYRON, IL | Online Giving (osvhub.com). You are able to give weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, yearly. You can use checking/savings acct or any bank debit or credit card.

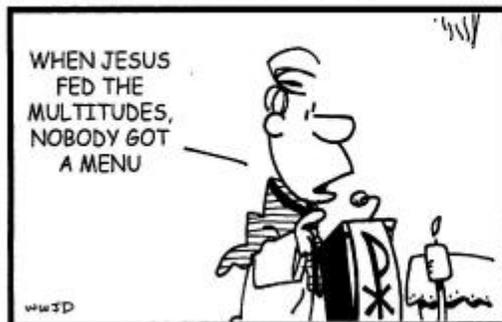
July 25 -

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel, Jesus supersedes both the apostles' and the crowds' expectations: with little he feeds many...Jesus is the sign of God's lavish presence and love. Your donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is indeed a sign of God's extravagant love to the lonely and the poor.



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





Evening of Prayer
and Praise
Wednesday, August 4
7:00 PM
Adoration, Praise, Encounter

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As has been announced at Mass, I wish to invite each of you to our Evening of Prayer and Praise, here at the parish. It will be on Wednesday, August 4, starting at 7:00 PM and lasting about an hour. Here's a little something about the event and what to expect for WHEN you come!

Primarily, it is an evening of Adoration. After a gathering song, the Eucharist – the real, living Person of Jesus truly present – will be exposed on the altar and remain the rest of the evening. This is an opportunity to open ourselves up to truly and deeply be encoun-

tered by our Lord, just as the people of Israel did when He stepped into their lives and touched them, healed them, called them. To facilitate this encounter and help us be disposed and available to the reality present to us, I will offer a couple reflections, to provide a theme, something to chew on and pray with, something to dialogue with our Lord about throughout the night and beyond. There will also be contemporary, powerful praise and worship music played throughout the event. Thank you in advance to all who will be a part of that music team, for the time spent preparing and for the beauty it will add to the evening! Worship aides will be provided.

After the last reflection, Benediction will be given. Coming from the Latin word for “blessing”, Benediction is typically given when Adoration is coming to end. The priest/deacon elevates the Host and the blessing comes from the Eucharist, aka Jesus himself! On Wednesday, August 4, however, things will look a little different – and you won't want to miss it. To emphasize the stark fact of God's presence among us, the reality of the Incarnation of the Word that is true for you and me, I will carry the Host to everyone present for a short time of individual prayer, *face-to-face with Jesus*, before receiving Benediction individually. The evening will end with normal Benediction, given to the community, and a final song as the Eucharist is reposed in the tabernacle.

As with any relationship, this evening can only be a true encounter with the presence of Another if we are courageously vulnerable and open our hearts to receive Him, exactly as they are, without dressing them up how we think we need to be. He loves and desires YOU, not a pretension. Be not afraid – you are personally seen and cared about, singularly loved by the Lord, and it is my hope that you can experience being looked upon by Jesus in this way through this event. After all that has happened around us and to us this past year and a half, what better way to ground ourselves before moving forward than discovering who we are, as persons and as a community of faith, in the light of Jesus' face? I hope to see you there!

Know of my prayers for you; please pray for me.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Linkenheld



**Built on Rock:
A Young Adult Series**

(Ages 18-35)
St. Bridget Parish Center

"Built on Rock" will take place at St. Bridget Parish Center in Loves Park. Our goal is to bring young adults together to build up their faith and their relationship to the Church. The evening will feature a great talk, conversation, and fellowship. The atmosphere will be casual with some light snacks and non-alcoholic beverages provided. For more information contact Fr. Grismer at frgrismer@gmail.com.

Tuesday, July 27, 6:30-8:00pm "What's the Point?" - Fr. Sean Grismer

Fr. Grismer will be speaking about the necessity of religion in a society plagued by confusion. Join him as he explores the spiritual, emotional, and psychological benefits of having a foundation in religion, specifically in Jesus Christ.

Tuesday, August 3, 6:30-8:00pm "Intentionally Today" - Fr. Bobby Blood

Fr. Blood will share some tips on how to find fulfillment in the now. As the world tries to force us into a perpetual struggle between "remember when" and the fear of tomorrow, the Lord draws us into this very moment, where rest, peace, and genuine hope can be found.

Tuesday, August 10, 6:30-8:00pm "Yes, that Really Happened. Now What?" - Fr. James Linkenheld

Fr. Linkenheld will share how diving into the questions raised in us by the pandemic, and not shying away from them, can lead us into a more dynamic and exciting relationship with God.

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 Eubanks Family
 Richard Hamas
 Katherine Boos
 John Hess
 Nora Skurski
 Frank Harwarth
 Kathy Schramer
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 Eleanor Kane
 Keith Grennan
 Sarah Mandzen
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 Bradley Billeter



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 All our friends at Generations at Neighbors
 Jane Pearson, mother of Jake Billeter
 Bill Philipps, brother of Ed Philipps
 Walter Monk, son in law of Ed Philipps
 Ryan Collins, cousin of Ralph & J Larson
 Christina Carmona, mother of Bernie Gleiter



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 Lydia Marie
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Looking for teachers for next year

WE ARE LOOKING FOR TEACHERS!

The new Religious Ed year is right around the corner and with that we are in need of teachers. If it has been on your heart to teach now is the time. The opportunity to teach our youth about our Faith is profound and such a rewarding way to grow in your own faith as well. I pray that you will consider this opportunity for the upcoming school year and if you are interested in teaching, please reach out to Stephanie Schermerhorn at 815-687-6890 or contact Fr. Rich at Mass or call the office at 815-234-7431.



Adult Choir— See Mary Pearson
Knights of Columbus Tuesday 9/7 7:30pm
SVdP Society Aug 5, 8:30am
 SVDP Market Saturdays 8-12 Sunshine Park
 Adoration— Fridays 8-9am
 Praise & Worship Night—Wed Aug 4 @7pm
 SVdP Walk for Poor Aug 28th



Fridays 8-8:30am
Saturday 3:30-4:30pm

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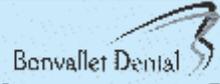
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