

# St. Patrick Catholic Community

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**Mission Statement:** "Joyfully serving God and our neighbor with open hearts and helping hands."

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**Mass Times:**

Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30am

**Reconciliation:** between Sunday masses except Holidays

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**Consider St. Patrick's in your Will and Estate Plans.**

**August 1, 2021 | 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**A Second Collections will be taken TODAY for the School Sisters of Notre Dame**

The Sisters served at St. Patrick from 1877-1978 (100 years)! They are in the process of moving their convent and rebuilding their chapel and have humbly reached out asking for help. Please consider giving generously in thanks and gratitude for their service to St. Patrick's Community.

**Begins Aug 3  
Week Day  
Masses**

**Tues - Fri  
8:00 am**



**and  
Eucharistic  
Adoration  
Fri, Aug 7  
after mass**



**Mass on the Green  
and Parish Picnic**

**Saturday, August 7**

Mass is at 4:00pm



Join us on the Green Space to celebrate Mass!

Picnic provided following the Mass...including hamburgers, chips, salad, and dilly bars!

Chairs will be provided, but bring your own lawn chair if you'd prefer!

## From the desk of Fr. Jude Egbuna

### 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



Last Sunday, we saw how Jesus provided food for the people who had come to listen to him and were hungry. Today we heard how they came back looking for Jesus for more material bread. But the message which the readings of today convey is expressed in the last three lines of today's Gospel. It says, "I am the bread of life, anyone who comes to me will never be hungry; anyone who comes to me will never thirst." Meaning that, through active faith Jesus becomes our spiritual food and drink; thus he offers himself to be our nourishment when we sincerely believe in him. When we receive Jesus in Faith as our spiritual food and drink, he gradually transforms us into his likeness, making our spiritual life

stronger, more able to engage in spiritual activities, more available to serve the needs of others, and be very productive. It is like the material food we eat which fills us with energy to remain healthy and operate.

The first reading tells how God fed his people in the desert with manna. This has been regarded as the classic example of God's care for his people, of his love and faithfulness in spite of their unfaithfulness. In the miracle of the loaves and fishes which St. John told us in the previous Sunday gospel, we heard how Jesus fed the people with ordinary food, and did so with great generosity. Afterwards he and his disciples crossed the lake to the other side. But in the Gospel of today, we hear that the people followed them. Jesus knew that they followed him in the hope of receiving more of the same kind of food. But this time Jesus refused to give it to them. He wouldn't do what business people do-who give people what they want. It is called catering to consumer's tastes and pleasures. Producers simply provide what there is a demand for. Their aim is to try to meet the needs of the market or the potential buyer's taste. For a spiritual teacher to do that would be a disaster. It was the first temptation all over again for Jesus-when Satan asked Jesus to turn those stones into bread. It was the temptation to use his special powers to give the people all the material things they could possibly want rather than what they need. But Jesus knew that material things by themselves will never satisfy people. Food is only the beginning. We eat in order to live, but we don't live just to eat.

Jesus made it clear that the son of Man did not come to satisfy physical hunger. He came to give them heavenly bread that people will eat and never again become hungry. He challenged them to go deeper. He said, "Do not work for food that perishes, but for food that endures for eternal life, food that the Son of Man will give you". To give priority to physical needs would be to diminish humanity, to treat them as no higher than beasts. Explaining further Jesus' desire for the human person, we know that it is not only the body that gets hungry; the heart and the spirit get hungry too. The bread of material things can never satisfy the heart of a human being. To nourish a human being is not the same as to fatten animals. We are creatures not with one hunger but with many hungers. We hunger for lots of things besides bread. Not all of our hungers should be satisfied. Some of them are appetites which could destroy us if we feed them. The more they are fed the hungrier and more demanding they become. This is what St. Paul alluded to in the second reading of today. He said, "...you must put aside your old self which gets corrupted by following illusory desires". However, let us stay with the hungers that should be satisfied if we are to be properly nourished as human beings and children of God.

We hunger for a feeling of importance-nobody wants to be a-nobody. We all want to matter. If only to one person. We hunger for acceptance. We hunger for relationships. Without them we are at the mercy of cold winds of anguish and loneliness. We hunger for faith-for a set of positive beliefs to guide us. Otherwise, we are a ship without a compass or port of destination. We hunger for hope-without it we are like a sail boat without the wind. We hunger for love. If this was fully satisfied then most of our other hungers would disappear. However, there is one further hunger, a deeper one, and one that underlies all our other hungers, including that of love. It is the hunger for eternal life. In other words, it's the hunger for God. To experience this hunger is not a misfortune but a blessing. Only God can satisfy our deepest hungers. The manna of material things satisfies life temporarily. The food Jesus gives sustains life permanently. To us who are pilgrims on the streets of time but driven by an irrepressible desire for immortality, Jesus comes with the promise: "He who eats the bread that I give will live forever". Who among us would not want to eat this bread?

## PRAYER LIFE



### Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, August 3, 2021**  
8:00am Viler Zilsch

**Wednesday, August 4, 2021**  
8:00am All parishioners

**Thursday, August 5, 2021**  
8:00am All parishioners

**Friday, August 6, 2021**  
8:00am All parishioners

**Saturday, August 7, 2021**  
**Mass on the Green & Picnic**  
4:00pm All parishioners

**Sunday, August 8, 2021**  
**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time\***  
9:30am

\* 9:30 Sunday Mass is livestreamed at  
[www.facebook.com/stpatricksmenasha](http://www.facebook.com/stpatricksmenasha)

**MASS INTENTIONS are available Tuesday-Friday and Sunday!!** Call the Parish Office at 725-8381 to schedule a mass intention. Cost: \$10 each.

### Readings for this week

**Monday** (St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest): Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-17/Mt 14:13-21

**Tuesday** Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

**Wednesday** (St. John Vianney, Priest): Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23/Mt 15:21-28

**Thursday** (The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major): Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Mt 16:13-23

**Friday** (The Transfiguration of the Lord): Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

**Saturday** (St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest; BVM): Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4, 47, 51/Mk 17:14-20

**Sunday** (19th Sunday in Ordinary Time): 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-9/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Summer is half over, and thus it's time to begin thinking about the RCIA. What is it? And, why should you consider it?

"It" is the **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation of **A**dults. "It" is a faith journey for adults who have not been baptized ... OR who have been baptized into another Christian faith ... OR who are Catholic but have not received the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Each person is unique and has his or her individual needs. Thus, every RCIA is a new adventure because we respond to each person's unique needs. It is not cookie-cutter ... we meet you where you are at with your specific life experiences. And, because this is for adults, we look at faith through adult eyes. If you feel the Spirit prodding you to make this journey, take a step out in faith!

To help you decide if the RCIA is a path for you (or a loved one) to pursue, these questions may help you make up your mind:

- ♣ Are you ready for a deeper commitment to the Gospel mission of Jesus Christ?
- ♣ If you are Catholic, have you been confirmed? Are you able to receive the Eucharist?
- ♣ Are you a non-baptized person searching for God and interested in learning more about how becoming a Roman Catholic can help in that search?
- ♣ Do you have a friend or loved one who would like to explore the possibility of becoming Catholic?

You may have other questions that you want answers for. If so, have them answered in an environment of respect. You are invited ... and strongly encouraged ... to become part of the 2021 - 2022 St. Patrick's RCIA experience! Please call Fr. Jude 920-725-8381 X102, to set up a time to talk.

**SMCS Tuition Assistance:** St. Patrick's has several active families that need SMCS tuition assistance. The school system is covering most of this need but is asking our parish to contribute \$1000 of assistance. Do you recognize the need of Catholic education for our families? Have you benefited from Catholic education tuition assistance and want to pay this forward? If you are interested in contributing, please drop your donation in the collection basket or mail to the parish. Be sure to label your donation as Tuition Assistance. We have a donor that is willing to match up to \$500 if needed to meet this goal.

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