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

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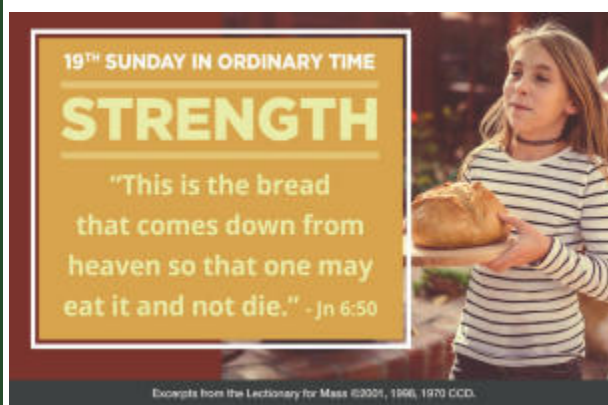
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## August 8, 2021

Our readings today continue to educate us on the Eucharist.

Jesus tells us in our Gospel that He is this Food that sustains us as He says, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven... and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the

world." This bread He is referring to is His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity that we receive. This bread becomes the flesh of Christ Himself. And in consuming Him, we receive every grace we need to live forever in eternal life. We are strengthened in virtue and united more closely to Christ. This is the Food that will fill us as we journey through this life. Mistakenly we often take the Eucharist for granted. Maybe we come to Mass to "check the box" instead of actively partaking in this intimate exchange or we receive Jesus in the Eucharist and then forget about Him the second we leave the church after Mass.

To receive all that God wants to give us in the Eucharistic, we must do our part in being receptive to His grace and living out active discipleship in our day-to-day lives.

Let us approach the Lord acknowledging His Divine Presence and be open to all the graces He desires to pour out on us. Then we must go forth, being attentive to the moments that the Holy Spirit is calling us to act as He acts — in total love and sacrifice.

The Eucharist affects our lives more than we can comprehend. We are receiving God Himself. Let us strive to receive Him reverently and with open hearts.

## Week Day

## Masses

## Tues - Fri

## 8:00 am



## From the desk of Fr. Jude Egbuna

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



Our Christian faith tells us that we are God's people journeying in faith towards the promise land of eternal life. Along this journey we encounter doubts and difficulties. However, the Lord Jesus, who is our leader, is not only the goal of our journey but also our companion on the journey. In summing up last Sunday scriptural reflection, I mentioned that Jesus is the nourishment of those who believe in him as we abide by his word and receive the Eucharist. In fact, there are so many mysterious ways in which God feeds and nourishes us, which is felt by those who believe in him and walk in his ways daily. Prominent among these different means are through the Sacraments especially the Holy Eucharist; through his words i.e. the Sacred Scriptures; through active prayers, and other times by God placing human instruments who are like 'angels' on our path to minister to us. This

is what we see in the first reading of today.

Prophet Elijah, like all other faithful ministers and faithful Christians, undergo moments of doubts in their Christian faith and other life difficulties, during their life journey. Let us briefly touch on the circumstances that led the prophet into the situation described in the first reading, which sets the tone for the gospel of today.

Elijah was the greatest prophet of the Old Testament. During his days, King Ahab reigned over the kingdom of Israel. He was a wicked king, but twice as wicked was his wife Jezebel. Under her influence, many people in Israel abandoned the worship of God and worshipped the gods of Baal in the region. Elijah was enraged and organized a contest between the worshippers of the gods of Baal and the true God of Israel on Mount Carmel. Through the help of God, Prophet Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal. Upon hearing this awesome display of God's power and Holiness on Mount Carmel, Queen Jezebel became furious and swore to kill Elijah within 24 hours. The prophet had to run for his life, first to the kingdom of Judah which was nearby, then went further south into the desert. Today's first reading reveals how utterly discouraged the prophet was in spite of his triumph on Mount Carmel. Prophet Elijah prayed and begged God to end his life, after which he laid down under a bush and went to sleep in the hope of not waking up again. God heard the prayer of Elijah but not in the manner the prophet wanted it. God sent an 'angel' with food and water to him. Strengthened by this food from heaven Elijah was able to make his way to Horeb, the mountain of God. This could easily be a natural encounter for Elijah instead of a supernatural one. It is possible that Elijah's servant, whom he had left a short distance away, brought him the food and the water. But it is still an expression of God's care for his prophet taking place in a natural way.

Quite often we don't recognize God's help when it comes. This is not the case for those who daily seek God and his ways in their lives. In their search for God in their daily journey, and in their efforts to live the life of a Christian, like we heard St. Paul advising us in today's second reading, they return again and again to prayer, to daily reading of the Holy Scriptures and to the Sacraments. They do this not for refuge and escape from life demands and difficulties, but for rebirth and renewal of courage and energy, so that they may commit themselves again to the journey. For instance, prayers answered are not about God doing things for us, but in God helping us to do things for ourselves and for one another.

We may wait in vain for a heavenly 'angel' to come to our aid, but the fact remains that God in his providence sends us human angels. All of us have experienced the ministry of such angels. How God desires that all of us are his human angels to his other children among us. This means that we can also have the opportunities to be such angels to someone in distress. Sometimes it may mean doing something like providing some basic services or needs which could be spiritual or material. In such ways we are helping to nourish others from the nourishment we ourselves have received from Christ. Ultimately, the 'angel' which God sent to us is his Son, Jesus Christ.

Fr. Jude

## PRAYER LIFE

### Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, August 10, 2021**  
8:00am All parishioners

**Wednesday, August 11, 2021**  
8:00am All parishioners

**Thursday, August 12, 2021**  
8:00am All parishioners

**Friday, August 13, 2021**  
8:00am Jan Van Dinter

**Sunday, August 15, 2021**  
**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30am \* Robert & Frances Piel  
10:30am Jan Van Dinter

\* 8:30 Sunday Mass is livestreamed at  
[www.facebook.com/stpatricksmenasha](http://www.facebook.com/stpatricksmenasha)

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Parish Office at 725-8381 to schedule a  
mass intention. Cost: \$10 each.

### Readings for this week

**Monday** (St. Teresa Benedicta of the  
Cross, Virgin and Martyr): Dt 10:12-22/  
Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27

**Tuesday** (St. Lawrence, Deacon and  
Martyr): 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-9/Jn  
12:24-26

**Wednesday** (St. Clare, Virgin): Dt 34:1-  
12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20

**Thursday** (St. Jane Frances de Chantal,  
Religious): Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps  
114:1-6/Mt 18:21—19:1

**Friday** (Sts. Pontian, Pope, and  
Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs): Jos 24:1-  
13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24/Mt 19:3-  
12

**Saturday** (St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest  
and Martyr): Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, 5,  
7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15

**Sunday** (The Assumption of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary):

*Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps  
132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/  
Lk 11:27-28

*Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps  
45:10-12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-  
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**Become part of the 2021 - 2022 St.  
Patrick's RCIA experience!**

**What is RCIA? Why should you consider it?**

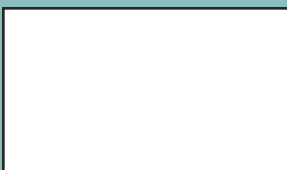
"It" is the **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation of **A**dults.  
"It" is a faith journey for adults who have not been  
baptized ... OR who have been baptized into another  
Christian faith ... OR who are Catholic but have not  
received the sacraments of Eucharist and/or  
Confirmation. Each person 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.  
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