



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 25, 2021



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. - Jn 6:9, 11

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WEEKEND MASSES:
SATURDAYS AT 5PM
SUNDAYS AT 8AM & 10:30AM

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 24

8:00am: Gaspere DeLuca
5:00pm: Parishioners of Immaculate Conception

Sunday, July 25

8:00am: Judy Cullen
10:30am: Deceased Members of the McCarty Family
Dr. Hugo Muriel
Inge Helen Sidari

Monday, July 26

8:00am: Teresina & Bilotti Sorrentino

Tuesday, July 27

8:00am: Deanna Kaesler

Wednesday, July 28

8:00am: Thomas Bacci

**Thursday, July 29**

8:00am: Deceased Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish

Friday, July 30

8:00am: Immaculate Conception Scriptural Group
Edwin Nagac

Saturday, July 31

8:00am: Living & Deceased Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish
5:00pm: Bernice Witten
Judy Cullen
Catherine Menoni Ori

Sunday, August 1

8:00am: Anna Cortesi
10:30am: Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish

REST IN PEACE

Liliana Lamberti,

March 27, 1938 - July 13, 2021

George Emmett Phoenix, Jr.,

September 6, 1933 - July 13, 2021

Maria Pia Guigli,

October 15, 1934 - July 18, 2021

May the faithful departed rest in peace.

PLEASE NOTE SCHEDULE CHANGE:

There will be no Mass on
Wednesday, July 28th or Friday, July 30th

We will have a Communion Service
Wednesday July 28, Thursday July 29 and Friday July 30

Father Mike's Homiletter – July 25, 2021 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture: 2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 145:10-11, 15-18; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15

This Sunday marks the first World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly, initiated by Pope Francis earlier this year. The date, the fourth Sunday in July, was chosen for its nearness to the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, by tradition the parents of Mary and the grandparents of Jesus. Pope Francis is big on the role that grandparents have in the lives of their grandchildren.

In a world which is obsessed with youth, it is good to focus on how much our grandparents and other older loved ones have done for us. Many of them emigrated from another country and culture, leaving their own loved ones and a known environment, in order to provide a better life for their children and grandchildren. For most of us, they played a significant part in passing on the faith we hold: attending our sacramental celebrations, providing an example of how to live for and with God. They took time for us when parents may have been unavailable due to illness, work or other needs. They told us stories of their grandparents, so we would understand where we came from and who we were. They were a source of laughter, encouragement, and love. The generations before us endured the difficulties and disasters of their age, as we must endure those of our time. It is both wise and practical to look to our grandparents for lessons in how to endure, how to stay loving and kind, how to hold onto the faith we share as we cope with modern life. I think we will find they modelled the virtues St. Paul mentions in his letter to the Ephesians: humility, patience, gentleness. And I think we would find that they were grateful people: grateful to God and to others for what they had been given and achieved, not grumblers about what they missed. They played the long game, and they look back with a long-term appreciation of life and faith, and how good God has been to them.

This week the Olympic games also begin: thousands of athletes from around the world have trained for years for the opportunity to compete with others who also try to be the best. This year, athletes have had an additional one-year “training” period due to the Covid-19 delay. They have devoted their lives to their sports: practicing early and late, struggling to improve, sacrificing much of what we would call “normal life” in order to hone skills which would get them to the games. They are expected to compete in a spirit of fellowship, good sportsmanship and honor. They have given up much to get to Tokyo. Yet the games last only 16 days. Most of the athletes will not get medals or lucrative sports equipment contracts: they are there to do their best in competition with others, and for the experience of meeting athletes from other countries. Yet for most, it will all be over in two to three weeks, give or take some notoriety when they return home. Some may continue in their sports for another Olympic cycle, but eventually age, if not injury or the need to go back to a more balanced life, will put an end to Olympic participation for most of them, though I imagine most of those who have had the Olympic experience would say that it was well worth it. And some may have a number of aches and pains to remind them of the experience for the rest of their lives. The next call to the Olympic contest will go to the next crop of youth, who have been waiting their turn as they train for glory.

Our reading from St. Paul today has a certain Olympic echo to it: Paul, who has committed everything to his call to preach the Gospel, and been imprisoned for his efforts, makes a very simple and clear demand of us: “live in a manner worthy of the call you have received,” a call far more important than a call to the Olympic games, and one which lasts longer. He reminds his readers that they have been baptized in one Lord, one faith, and that they are children of one God who is Father of all. They must be united in spirit as they live while awaiting their entrance into the eternal kingdom. To do this, they must live in humility, gentleness, patience and love. In some ways, these demands seem less rigorous than those of an Olympic athlete – and the rewards last more than two weeks – they last for eternity.

And God will give us everything we need for the effort. Both our first reading and the Gospel speak of times when God has provided: in the Old Testament, when a food offering is brought to the prophet Elisha during a famine, he directs that it be given to the people to eat, even though his servant protests it is not enough. In John's Gospel, Jesus feeds 5000 men with five barley loaves and two fish. And in both cases, there were leftovers! God provides what we need and more. He will give us the grace and strength to “live in a manner worthy of the call” we have received. And there is no limit on the number who can win the gold medal – it, and eternal life, are available to everyone who tries to achieve it. And God is coaching us to win!

Peace! Father Mike

Baptism



Kase Bryant Arthur

was baptized into the Catholic faith on Sunday, July 18, 2021.

Congratulations to his proud parents Barret and Deanna Arthur.



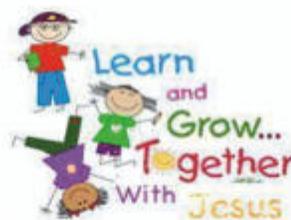
Food for Thought...

We can choose to cultivate kindness. Those who do so become stars shining in the midst of darkness.

-Pope Francis



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PREP

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

2021-2022 classes begin for students in Grades K-8 on 9/19/21 at 9 a.m. Please use the link below to register and view the class calendar.

<https://www.icparish.org/Prep-Registration>

Any questions, please contact Barb via email PREPOffice@icparish.org

We are excited to see all our new and returning families this fall!



School Supplies 2021

Every year, Catholic Charities supports low-income families in the Lake County area by collecting and distributing donated school supplies. **For children experiencing poverty, school supplies are a luxury that many may go without.** Each year, we strive to ensure that children will have a backpack with the basic school supplies to start the upcoming year. We desperately need donations of backpacks and school supplies to meet the needs of the families we serve.

Here is how you can help:

- Collect and donate **new** backpacks with **new** supplies
- Organize a school supplies drive in your community

General Supplies List for Primary Grades (K-5)

- Backpack
- 1 Box of Tissues
- 1 Package of #2 Pencils
- 1 Pencil Sharpener
- Glue Sticks
- 1 Spiral Notebook - Wide Ruled
- 1 Box of Crayons
- 1 Package of Index Cards – Wide Ruled
- 1 Pair of Scissors
- 3 Pocket Folders
- 1 Box of Markers - washable
- Erasers
- 1 Ruler - Not Bendable
- 1 Package of Wide-Ruled Loose Leaf Paper

General Supplies List for Middle Grades (6-8)

- Backpack
- 1 Pencil Sharpener
- 1 Package of #2 Pencils
- Blue or Black Pens
- 1 Box of Colored Pencils
- Glue Sticks
- 3 Spiral Notebooks
- Expo Markers
- Post-It Notes
- 1 Pair of Scissors
- 1 Ruler - Not Bendable
- 1 Protractor
- 5 Pocket Folders
- 1 Box of Markers
- Erasers
- 1 Package of Loose Leaf Paper
- 1 Package of Ruled Index Cards
- 1 Package of Highlighters

Each donation you make helps ensure that any family seeking help from Catholic Charities can start the school year successfully! All supplies should be delivered *by July 30th, 2021* to Catholic Charities, located at 671 S. Lewis Ave, Waukegan, Illinois between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

All questions pertaining to this project should be referred to the Project Coordinator:

Sue Fowler, 847-782-4126 or sfowler@catholiccharities.net. Thank you!

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“Pop-Up” Rummage Sale

Following Archdiocesan and City of Highland Park Health & Safety Guidelines,
we are pleased to now announce that we will host a
“Pop-Up” Rummage Sale on Friday, August 27th and *tentatively*, Saturday, August 28th
(assuming enough items to sell)

To be successful with this mission, we need everyone’s help!

You can begin dropping-off donations of *Accepted Items* for the Sale on Wednesday, July 21st.

Accepted Items for the Sale

This year we can accept select items:

Furniture*
Tools/Sports equipment
Outdoor garden and patio
Household/ Kitchen Items/ Lamps
Notions
Children’s Toys/Games/Clothing
Electronics
Treasures
Shoes
Gently Used, Clean Clothing:
Men, Women, Children

Please See Exclusions

Note: *We cannot pick-up Furniture this year. It can be dropped off at the Garage.

Exclusions

We cannot accept the following:

No China Cabinets
No Entertainment Centers
No Sofa Beds
No Upholstered Furniture that is torn, ripped or stained
No Car Seats that do not meet current Safety Guidelines
No Cribs not meeting current Safety Guidelines
No High Chairs not meeting current Safety Guidelines
No Mattresses
No Tube TV’s
No Commodes
No Linens
No Art
No Books
No Holiday

Please help us get ready for the Sale by volunteering individually or as a family
Our first activity is to move and sort donated items!

To volunteer, reach out to Adele at Adele.McCarty@icloud.com or call the Parish Center

We are fine tuning our plans for the Pop-Up Sale - More details will follow!

Thank You for your support!