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SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2021



19TH 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

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1979: CCC

BAPTISMS: The Sacrament of Baptism is ordinarily celebrated during the 4:00PM Mass on the first Saturday of the month and during the 11:00AM Mass on the third Sunday of the month (excluding Advent and Lent). Baptismal Preparation Classes are held at 7:00 pm in the Parish Office Conference Center on the second Monday of the months of February, April, June, September and November. Please call the Parish Office to register for the class.

MARRIAGE: Please arrange with the pastor at least nine months before the desired date for celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage. For a valid Catholic marriage, one must be married before a priest or deacon and two witnesses in church, unless dispensation from the Bishop is obtained.

CARE OF THE SICK: Communion is taken to the sick and shut-ins on a regular basis. Please notify the office when you need this service. If you would like to be anointed prior to a hospital procedure, please call Fr. Steve for an appointment. If possible, please notify the parish office when you are hospitalized.

WELCOME TO HOLY FAMILY CHURCH!
NEW PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO REGISTER!

WEEKEND MASSES
Saturday | 4:00PM
Sunday | 8:00AM & 11:00AM

WEEKDAY MASSES
St. Mary Mass/Intention @HOLY FAMILY
Tuesday, 8:00AM |
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday | 8:00AM
(when school is in session, the Friday Mass will be held at the school at 8:30AM)

CONFESSIONS
Each Saturday from 3:00PM - 3:30PM
or anytime by appointment.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA DEVOTIONS
Tuesday after Mass (St. Mary Church)

ADORATION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT
Every Wednesday following
8:00AM Mass until 7:00PM
Divine Mercy Chaplet & Prayers | 3:00PM
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Devotions & Benediction | 7:00PM

PARISH OFFICE
Office hours: Monday - Friday | 8:30AM - 5:00PM
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School Office: 877-5500
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(Day Care/Pre-School)
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From the desk of Fr. Steve

Dear family and friends of Holy Family and St. Mary and St. Mark Parishes,

We celebrate the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Psalmist says, "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord." As human beings, we are tied to our senses. If we can't detect certain stimuli with our senses, it would seem that it doesn't exist. Perhaps this is why those who want definitive proof of God's existence do not except faith as proof. People who fall into the categories of atheism and agnosticism want proof of God's existence by tangible evidence. How can we taste and see the goodness of God? Goodness in and of itself cannot be tasted nor seen. It is something immeasurable. To call something good is based on how it makes us feel or to be appreciative of what something does for us. Something good is what gives us purpose in life. When God declares something good, such as when He declares His creation good, it means that it has a purpose for His Divine Will. If we think in the spiritual sense, we can experience God's love, mercy, and compassion when we experience certain events that do not have a tie to physical phenomenon. God's goodness can be felt in both our physical and spiritual senses, but faith is required to understand God's goodness. We cannot just rely on our physical senses, but our spiritual senses as well. Both can work simultaneously, but both have to be honed in order to recognize God's presence in our day-to-day experiences.

In our first reading from the first book of Kings, we encounter the Prophet Elijah in the desert making his way to Mount Horeb. What is the story? How did Elijah end up on this journey? Remember that Elijah had been in a dispute with the priests and prophets under King Ahaz and Queen Jezebel. They did not believe in the God of Israel but rather the gods of their pagan faith. Elijah challenged them to see whether their gods or the God of Israel would be revealed when presented with a sacrificial offering. The pagan gods of their belief did not prevail but the God of Israel did and Elijah slit their throats as punishment for their blasphemy of the God of Israel. Elijah is on the run because he fears the wrath of Queen Jezebel, but he also fears the punishment of God. He is caught between a rock and a hard place because he has defended the God of Israel but will be killed by those in pursuit of him due to his actions, and yet he has violated the commandments of God by taking the lives of blasphemers. What is he to do? In the desert he is praying for death, but God has another plan for him. God sends an angel to Elijah to strengthen him on his journey to Mount Horeb. He doesn't punish Elijah, rather, He strengthens him and shows him His mercy and compassion. We feel that way at times, don't we? We feel horrible about the sins we have committed, but at the same we want to give up. We fear that God will punish us and we can't bear to disappoint God. Is it God who is punishing us, or is it we who are punishing ourselves? It shows that we truly struggle to know God.

Imagine our Gospel account today from St. John. Jesus continues His teaching about His being the Bread of Life that has come down from heaven. The Jews present in Jesus' midst murmur because they do not understand how He can be from God. They look to the things that they understand about Him. "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother?" It would be difficult for Jesus to perform any good works in the presence of those who question His existence and purpose. How can He prove that He is of God if all they know and see is that He is a man like them with a bit more understanding about God's revelations? In their eyes, He is nothing special. They want to hear from God, but yet they do not listen to Jesus. He says to them, "Stop murmuring among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day." When scriptures say that they will be taught by God, realize that Jesus came to know Himself as the one spoken about in Sacred Scripture. Going back to His childhood and being left in Jerusalem as a young boy, Jesus read and commented on the Scriptures. He spoke among men who had years of experience reading and teaching from Sacred Scripture. How could He teach them if He is not the Word of God? St. Jerome commented that ignorance of scriptures is ignorance of Christ. We cannot know Jesus unless we read Sacred Scripture and study its day and night. We also need God's wisdom to truly understand what we are reading. In other words, as Jesus says in another place, you can do nothing without me.

St. Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, says, "Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were sealed for the day of redemption." Is St. Paul speaking about another Sacrament here? Yes, he is speaking about what would later be known as the Sacrament of Confirmation. To be confirmed in the Spirit of God is to be sealed by the Spirit. Once we are baptized, we receive the Holy Spirit initially, but as we grow in the faith there comes a time when we must confess our faith in God and in His Son Jesus through the Holy Spirit. Once we receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit, there is no turning back. It is the Holy Spirit who keeps us true to God's commands and the Beatitudes of Jesus. We no longer have bitterness, fury, or anger. We no longer give in to shouting, reviling, and malice. Instead, what we grow in is compassion and forgiveness. We can't help but see God's goodness in us when we have that sense that we are forgiven of our sins. Perhaps the reason we continue to commit the same sins over and over again is because we still haven't internalized God's love, mercy, and compassion. We know we are forgiven in the Sacrament of Penance, but we have to live as people forgiven by the living God.

If we truly desire to taste and see the goodness of the Lord, may we be open to His grace to help us see how good and gracious He is towards us. May we never give up hope in God or His Son Jesus but always reflect on the greatest gift we have received in the Body and Blood of Jesus. May we also see that our redemption is at hand and that we are saved through the blood of Jesus through all humility and understanding.

God bless you all,

Fr. Steve

ALL WEEKDAY MASSES

TUESDAY - FRIDAY

8:00AM @HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Saturday, August 7, 2021

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00PM +Ailene Kelly

(Barb Buster)

Sunday, August 8, 2021

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00AM LIVESTREAMED

+Joe Holder (Bob & Betty Stegemeier)

11:00AM +Pro Populo

Monday, August 9, 2021

WEEKDAY

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

SAINT LAWRENCE, DEACON & MARTYR

+Mary Hassler (Sr. Barb McMullen)

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

SAINT CLARE, VIRGIN

+Leroy Parizon

(Norma Bellcoff, Tom Citilders & John)

Thursday, August 12, 2021

WEEKDAY

+David Williams (Jerry & Charlene Becker)

Friday, August 13, 2021

WEEKDAY

+Mary Antoff (Janette Kienle)

Saturday, August 14, 2021

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00PM +Gloria Bennett

(Carolyn Nelson)

Sunday, August 15, 2021

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00AM LIVESTREAMED

+Jim McDonnell (Betty, Donna & Kathleen Haug)

11:00AM +Pro Populo

August 7th & August 8th

*The flowers on the
High Altar will be for the
Glory of God and in Loving Celebration of
Dan & Diane McIntyre's
64th Wedding Anniversary
(Your Children, Grandchildren &
Great Grandchildren)*

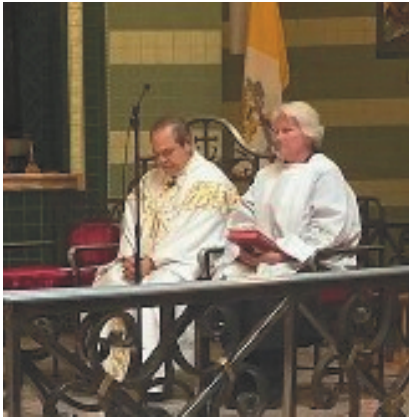
Thank You!

Thank you to St. Anne Altar Society at St. Mary & St. Mark for inviting St. Anne at Holy Family to the 85th Anniversary.

It was such a wonderful day.

It was a beautiful Mass and a great luncheon.

Your kindness was greatly appreciated!



Father Steve & Cheryl Moe



8/8

**Gary & Gloria Kasprovich
Tom & Diane Harrington**

8/10

Dan & Diane McIntyre

8/12

Paul & Betsy Burge

8/14

Mike & Barb Poznanovich

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Prayer to Saint Clare

Feast Day: August 11th

*God of Mercy,
You inspired Saint Clare
With the love of poverty.
By the help of her prayers
May we follow Christ
In poverty and spirit
And come to the joyful vision
Of you glory in
The Kingdom in Heaven.
We ask this through
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
Your Son, who lives
And reigns with You and
The Holy Spirit, one God,
Forever and ever. Amen.*

8/8

**Dana Carter
Amber Ronk
Cameron Lignoul
8/9**

**Dorothy Kromraj
Bev Lenzi
Kaleigh Pekarik
8/10**

**Charles Dickerman
Frank Laub
Bob Stegemeier
Beth Juneau
Mario Rossi
Alyssa Bridick
Clayton Stimac
8/11**

**Bryan Parker
Mira Ahlvers**

8/12

**Edward Plese
Danielle Lusicic
Bailey Barrington
8/13**

**Pat Kurilla
Katie Koontz
Chad Ware
Tara Gerber
8/14**

**Tresa Ortiz
Linda McDonnell
Analise Sampson**



Collection for July 26-August 1

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Needed</u>
Yearly Disbursements		
Parish	\$363,425.00	
Parish Portion of School	<u>151,395.00</u>	
	\$514,820.00	
Weekly Contribution	\$5,750.75	
Loose	335.50	
Children	7.00	
Assumption of Mary	75.00	
School Support	385.00	
Give Central	<u>1,986.00</u>	
	\$8,539.25	\$9,900.38
Total Collected YTD	\$38,333.65	\$49,501.90

AMOUNTS OWED TO THE DIOCESE

- ACSA 2014 - \$24,924.90

Congratulations!
QUEEN OF HEARTS WINNER

Summer LaMarsh

was our lucky winner when envelope #16 revealed the 4 of Spades, winning \$100.00

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at Columbus Hall
4225 Old Alton Road
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BINGO

"Get up and eat or the journey will be too much for you!"
~1 Kings 19:7

God knows that committing to a stewardship lifestyle is difficult. However, we were not designed to do it on our own, we need His help. Fortunately, God gave us the greatest gift of all, His son, Jesus. Through the gift of the Eucharist we join our sacrifice with the sacrifice of the Holy Mass and receive the strength and courage to be His joyful disciples.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

Tues, Aug 10 - 7:00PM

Team #2 Wendy Knollman

Sun, Aug 15 - 12:30P

Team #4 Alan Arakaki



Sun, Aug 1, 2021

Attendance: 158

Profit: \$4,823.05

Tues, Aug 3, 2021

Due to early

transmission #'s will appear in the next bulletin

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

Sun, August 8:

Bingo Team #4

Mon, August 9:

Queen of Hearts @7:00PM

Tues, August 10: *HAPPY BIRTHDAY MISS BRIDICK!!!*

Bingo Team #2

Dear Holy Family Parishioners,

It is with feelings of both sadness and happiness that I have accepted the resignation of Mrs. Elizabeth Halvachs Metcalf as Holy Family Learning Center Program Director. Miss Liz has been employed at the Learning Center for 29 years. She has been outstanding in all her endeavors as an employee. Her great love of the hundreds of children that have been students at the Learning Center has been a blessing. She is a delightful educator who brings a degree of excellence to all she accomplishes. Miss Liz is admired and respected by parents, grandparents, the L.C. staff, and the Holy Family School staff.

Liz has accepted a position at Immaculata Catholic School in St. Louis. Immaculata is 10 minutes from her home, a much closer drive than the 45-minute trip coming to Granite City and returning home each day! She plans to substitute at Holy Family Learning Center at Christmas and return for the Summer Fun program.

We will all miss her beautiful smiling face, her warm hugs, and charming personality.

Mrs. Beth Prifti will be assuming the position of Program Director. Our lovely Miss Beth has been a valued member of the Learning Center staff for many years and brings her own unique talents and abilities to our program.

Margaret Pennell, Principal



GC ROCK NEWS!
Calling ALL High School Youth!

GC Rock is for YOU!

Sunday, August 8, 15, 29-

NO Gatherings

Sunday, August 22- Gathering at HF

6:30-8:00PM. Bring a FRIEND!

SATURDAY, August 28- 4pm Mass together at Holy Family/ followed by Back to School Spaghetti Dinner in CC Cafeteria! (Rocks & Parents)

Sunday, September 5-NO Gathering

Saturday, September 11- GC Rock helps at community outreach project at Community Care 12:00-3:00PM

Sunday, September 12- NO Gathering

Sunday, September 19 & 26- Gathering at St. E 6:30-8:00PM

Keep Saturday, October 9, 2021 OPEN for Diocesan Life Mass/ Luncheon (we prepare the lunch!)

October 9/10 NET MINISTRIES HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT!

Rocks and Parents, PLEASE feel free to come join us at Vespers/ Adoration for one hour 8-9pm on Sunday evenings a St. Elizabeth when we do not have a Gathering.

Rocks, Please watch our FB page or GroupMe for any changes or additions that may come up. Thanks!

Questions? Please call Rita [972-4022](tel:972-4022), Woody [876-7551](tel:876-7551), or Dawn [709-3565](tel:709-3565)



From GC Rock...

MATTHEW 25:40 "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me".

GC Rock will begin collecting NEW socks again for those in need. NEW (or very gently used) **Men's, women's, and children's socks** will be donated to a community outreach serving Granite City, and surrounding communities. We hope to add to our list with some other much needed items soon. But for now, start dropping off socks of all sizes in our blue bins!

Thank you from GC Rock for your generosity!



Rachel's Vineyard Retreat:

Pope Francis says, "God is always waiting for you."

If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child or children to abortion, come and experience the healing mercy of Jesus Christ on our weekend retreat, August 13-15 at the Villa Maria Retreat Center, Springfield, IL.

For more information about the retreat contact

Donna at projectrachel@dio.org, call 217-698-4456, or go to:

www.dio.org/plasm/project-Rachel.html

Scholarships are available for those not able to pay the registration fee.

Chicken Dinner



St. Jerome Church, Troy

Sunday, August 22nd

11:30AM-6:00PM

CARRY-OUTS ONLY \$11.00

4pc. Fried chicken, green beans & coleslaw

St. Mary & St. Mark

Sunday, August 29th —flyer to follow

St. Cecilia's, Glen Carbon

Sunday, September 19th

12:00PM-5:00PM

Holy Family Drive-Thru

Sunday, October 10th

Sun, August 8:

12:30PM Bingo - Columbus Hall

Mon, August 9:

5:30PM T.O.P.S.

7:00PM Queen of Hearts

Tues, August 10:

8:00AM Quilters (QR)

6:30PM Narcotics Anonymous (MR #1)

7:00PM Bingo - Columbus Hall

Wed, August 11:

8:30AM Adoration (CH)

3:00PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

7:00PM MPH Devotions

7:00PM AI —anon (MR #1)

Thurs, August 12:

11:00AM Simply Sober (MR #1)

Friday, August 13th at 2:00PM

Rosary in front of Fatima Statue,
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