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 Tuesday and Thursdays
 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
 Or by appointment.
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July 18th—16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are a Catholic Faith Community, united in Christ through Sacrament, dedicated to charity, community, service and spiritual growth.

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Sunday Masses

8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

Confessions

30 Minutes prior to each Mass.

We need your help! If you are able to act as a greeter/cleaner for either of our Masses, easy instruction will be provided. Please contact Jeanine at 815-790-3643. Thank you!



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Disciple Stewardship: In today's Gospel, Jesus had planned to slip away from the crowds for a few moments of peace and a little rest. When He saw the people gathered, however, He put His needs aside to meet the needs of others. Sometimes, as good stewards, we are called to do the same.

SCRIPTURAL READINGS

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Elisha was brought twenty barley loaves, which he set before a crowd of one hundred. All ate, and there was plenty of food left over.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm

145:10

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Paul called the Ephesians to a life of humility, patience and gentleness. He said, "Preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit."

Gospel: John 6:1-15

Many people pressed around Jesus. Seeing they were hungry, he took bread and fish, blessed them, and gave them out. When all had eaten, the fragments filled twelve baskets.

Greeter Schedule:

July 25th

8:00 a.m.: The Hill Family
10:15 a.m.: The Witt Family

Lector Schedule

August 2nd

8:00—Pat Matusek
10:15—Rick Buechler

August 9th

8:00—Mike Kniola
10:15—Mark Langreck

August 16th

8:00—Dr. Hagenbruch
10:15—Jeff Packard

August 23rd

8:00—Jan Kayser
10:15—Gabe Ertmann

Dear parishioners,

Here are two more inspirational stories I found from Livin3.com. One is about learning from our failures and the other is about the importance of not giving up, two of the most valuable lessons we all ought to learn in life. Many these two stories bless and inspire you:

As a man was passing the elephants, he suddenly stopped, confused by the fact that these huge creatures were being held by only a small rope tied to their front leg. No chains, no cages. It was obvious that the elephants could, at anytime, break away from their bonds but for some reason, they did not. He saw a trainer nearby and asked why these animals just stood there and made no attempt to get away. "Well," trainer said, "when they are very young and much smaller we use the same size rope to tie them and, at that age, it's enough to hold them. As they grow up, they are conditioned to believe they cannot break away. They believe the rope can still hold them, so they never try to break free."

The man was amazed. These animals could at any time break free from their bonds but because they believed they couldn't, they were stuck right where they were.

Moral: Like the elephants, how many of us go through life hanging onto a belief that we cannot do something, simply because we failed at it once before? Failure is part of learning; we should never give up the struggle in life.

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Once, there was an older man, who was broke, living in a tiny house and owned a beat up car. He was living off of \$99 social security checks. At 65 years of age, he decided things had to change. So he thought about what he had to offer. His friends raved about his chicken recipe. He decided that this was his best shot at making a change.

He left Kentucky and traveled to different states to try to sell his recipe. He told restaurant owners that he had a mouthwatering chicken recipe. He offered the recipe to them for free, just asking for a small percentage on the items sold. Sounds like a good deal, right?

Unfortunately, not to most of the restaurants. He heard NO over 1000 times. Even after all of those rejections, he didn't give up. He believed his chicken recipe was something special. He got rejected 1009 times before he heard his first yes. With that one success Colonel Hartland Sanders changed the way Americans eat chicken. Kentucky Fried Chicken, popularly known as KFC, was born.

Moral: Remember, never give up and always believe in yourself in spite of rejection.



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Vocation Corner

Every time I get in my car and travel to an unknown location I do one simple thing to get there. I plug in the address into my GPS. The GPS determines my location, my destination, the time to get there, and the route. Once this is all calculated I simply click 'Start' and I am on my way. I put the GPS in the holder of my car and drive. Almost every time I get to the exact location that I was desiring and the navigation system even got me there with the quickest path.

You see it's amazing that I completely trust my GPS to get me from point A to B, yet at times we doubt God's ability to guide us. We should all be entering prayer each morning asking God to navigate our days because He knows exactly where our heart is at, where it should be going, and how to achieve His desires for us. He will even get us there in the most beautiful way because He promises that His yoke is easy and His burden is light. It is our task is to come to Him daily with the desire to say 'yes,' and then ask Him to speak and become our Divine Navigator. Say, 'Yes' and hear His voice!



"[K]eeping the spirit of the Gospel means that Catholic institutions

are to bear witness in love to the full truth about the human person by providing social, charitable, and educational services in a manner that fully reflects the God-given dignity of the human person." — Archbishop William E. Lori, Chairman, Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, on the "Freedom to Bear Witness" (www.bit.ly/Freedom2Witness)



Right to Life Booth McHenry County Fair

St. Patrick's Parish will again be supporting the McHenry County Fair Respect Life Booth. We need volunteers for different time slots to hand out balloons, smiles and encourage fair goers to take and read some literature. We will be looking for staffing on August 5th in the evening. If you are able to volunteer, even for a short time, please contact Carol Wagner at 815-648-2440.



People of God

Your prayers are requested for the sick;

Casey Porch	Jeff Kruzan
Erwin Arendt	Cindy Kruzan
Lisa Ash	Robert Kutella
Mary Bassett	Barb Lanphier
Emily Davis	Henry Kranz
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Rich Biestek	Bill Matussek
Mary Lou	Billy Matussek
Draper	John Ferraro
Barbara Dye	Viola Huff
Wayne Dye	Paul Kries
Steve Fitzgerald	Melissa Rath
Mary Watson	Karen Scimeca
Dennis Gallagher	Jeremy Scully
Mary Gillis	Geraldine Slarai
Nancy Golbeck	Derrick Verona
Gayle Johnson	Rita Hagenbruch



Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 25th

8:00 a.m.:

People of the Parish

10:15 a.m.:

Anna Hallisy

Requested by Tom Hallisy

Sacramental Policies

Baptism: Contact the parish Office to participate in the Sacramental Baptismal preparation program.

First Eucharist: Children will be permitted to approach First Eucharist upon completion of the Parish Religious Education Program required for the reception of Holy Communion.

Matrimony: Rev. Burt Absalon, should be contacted at least one year prior to the anticipated date for the marriage. It is the policy of the Rockford Diocese that those to be married be at least 19 years of age, and will be required to participate in instructional programs: including Pre-marriage and Natural Family Planning Seminars. One of those to be married must be a registered member of the St. Patrick Parish of Hartland.

Confessions: The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available 30 minutes prior to the 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Sunday Masses.

Anointing of the Sick: For reception of the Sacrament of the Sick, and visits, please contact the Parish office at 815-338-7883.

New Members: New members to our community are asked to fill out a registration form found in the back of the church and drop it in the collection, or contact the Parish office.



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