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Sunday, August 1st—18th 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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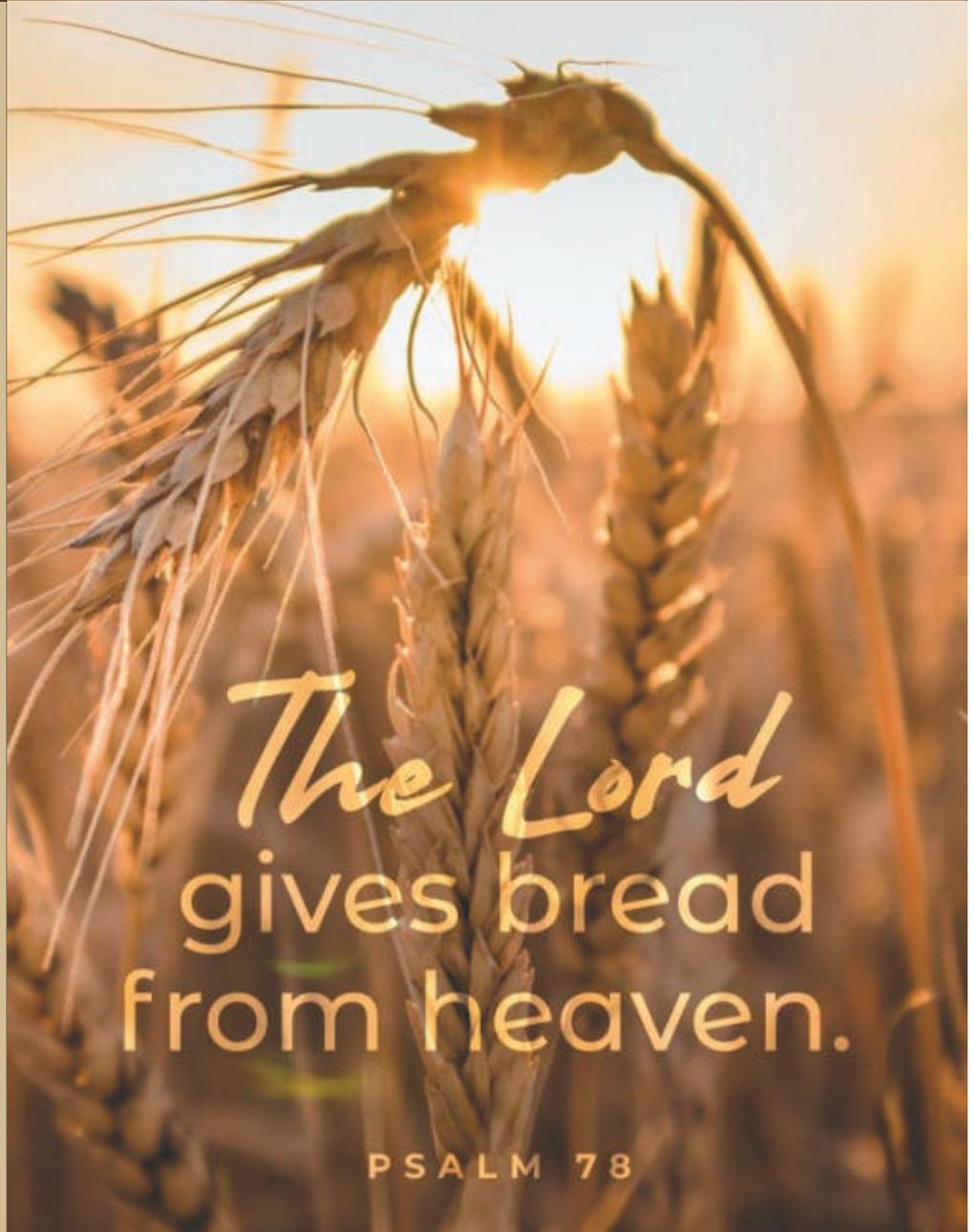
Sunday Masses

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 server for either of our Masses, easy instruction will be provided. Please contact Jeanine at 815-790-3643. Thank you!



The Lord
gives bread
from heaven.

PSALM 78

Disciple Stewardship: The crowd in today’s Gospel demanded a sign from Jesus. May our faithful stewardship be a sign that we, like the Ephesians in the second reading, have laid aside our former way of life and acquired a ‘fresh, spiritual way of thinking’ in Christ.

SCRIPTURAL READINGS

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

Elijah grew tired as he walked in the desert. An angel appeared to him and gave him food and drink. After that Elijah walked forty more days to the mountain of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 34:2-3

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Paul encouraged the Ephesians to replace harsh words with kindness for each other. He wrote, "Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in Love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us."

Gospel: John 6:41-51

Jesus claimed to be the bread from heaven. No one can go to the Father except through the Son. Anyone who believes and eats Jesus' bread will have everlasting life.

Dear parishioners,

The image of the Israelites wandering in the desert is given to us once again for our reflection on this 18th Sunday of Ordinary Times. The desert journey of the chosen people has a timeless message to us as well as relevance in our lives being a people of faith. It gives special connection and rich background to our Gospel today moving us into a deeper appreciation of the gift we have been given in Christ who is the Bread of Life.



The Israelites, in the course of their journey, were given a gift. God gave them the gift of manna in their hunger. Manna was a true treasure beyond price for it is the bread from heaven, food for the journey on the way to the promised land. But it was a treasure they did not recognize and appreciate. Moses had to explain it to them. Moreover, they had been gifted with an even more precious treasure which they failed to recognize again: the treasure of freedom. God had brought them out of their slavery from Egypt. And now at the first taste of difficulty along the way, they grumbled and complained and egregiously announced their preference for their days of slavery over their days of "uncertainty" in the desert. At that moment, their gift of freedom was an unopened gift. They did not realize yet how precious the treasure they already possessed. They would gladly have exchanged their freedom for a loaf of bread.

In our Gospel, the crowd who follow Jesus similarly did not recognize the treasure they had found in Him. As they had witnessed Jesus repeat that earlier miracle of the manna in the desert through the miraculous feeding of the five thousand, they came to follow Him. But they followed Him for superficial reasons, that is, to be fed in their physical hunger. They failed to recognize the true meaning of the multiplication of the loaves and fish, unable to see beyond the surface. They saw the outside wrappings but not the gift inside. What Jesus would give to them was more than the physical food for the body. He would give them His very Self who is the Bread of Life, in whom humanity's deepest hunger are satisfied. Jesus is the answer the human heart's infinite longing for love. He can quench our fundamental thirst for meaning and for life itself. Like Moses, He explains to the people the treasure which God offers: the food which leads to eternal life. Jesus reaches out to us as he did to the crowd in the Gospel: "Believe in me." Look beyond the surface and respond to Christ's invitation. He is the Bread of life. He who eats this Bread will never be hungry.

Blessings, Father Burt Absalon, Pastor



We will be back to "in-person" RE this fall starting on September 26th. Please make sure to get in touch with Jennifer Riley to get your students enrolled. You may catch up with Jennifer either at Mass on Sunday or through email at jen4riley@gmail.com.



Blessings on your
40th Anniversary!

Paul & Carol Morrison



Top O' The Morning
with Bishop David J. Malloy

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Vocation Corner

God the author of life

What is life? We all have the experience of life, but what exactly is it? Some philosophers have tried to explain what life is, but they found that it is really difficult to explain what exactly it is. It is because life cannot be confined to an argument or a human explanation of it, since life is not something, rather everything. The closest thing to a definition of life, that thinkers have done, is to describe it. Life is movement.

We know that we are alive because we can move. From the air moving into our system, and the blood circulating through our body, to the miles we walk every day, every single aspect of our life is movement. We know that we are alive because we can breathe, and our heart is pumping blood everywhere, but what about the plants, and the trees? Do they also move? Yes growing is a kind of movement.

God, who is our creator, and the author of life, is constantly giving us life. God does not keep his BEING alienated or separated from creation, many years ago he sent his only begotten Son, and then the Holy Spirit to us, that we may have life and life in abundance. From being nothing, he called us into existence, and now is constantly calling us to go out of ourselves to meet him, and our brothers and sisters. He calls us to receive life and to give life.

Jeremy Englebard Scully

A thank you from Candace Brasile:

Thank you for praying for my nephew, Jeremy. I put Jeremy on the prayer list when he was 18 years old. His heart was attacked by a virus and enlarged. He was a senior in high school. Jeremy had a heart transplant in 1992. He was given a kidney by his mother in 1993. From there, with your prayers, Jeremy lived to be 47 years old. He was my sister, Debbie Scully's only son and a blessing to his whole family. Jeremy's life was a struggle but it did have its good times. He married a young woman, Janice, that had a 4 year old daughter, Tori. When Tori was 12 years old, her mother was killed in a car accident. Jeremy became her sole care giver, and was blessed to become a grandfather while he was still alive. So my nephew and my sister were blessed with a wife/daughter, grandchildren and great grandchildren. My sister and her husband, Mark, supported Jeremy through his life struggles and are at peace knowing that Jeremy suffering is over. Thank you so much for your prayers all of these years! These struggles in life are lessened knowing that we have a beautiful community praying for us throughout them. Please continue to pray for the people on our prayer list at St. Patrick Parish, those of us with family members and friends are comforted in the knowledge that we are never alone when we are a prayer community.

Sincerely, Candace Brasile.



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 Draper	Billy Matussek
Barbara Dye	John Ferraro
Wayne Dye	Viola Huff
Steve Fitzgerald	Paul Kries
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Dennis Gallagher	Karen Scimeca
Mary Gillis	Philip Weidner
Nancy Golbeck	Geraldine Slarai
Gaye Johnson	Derrick Verona
	Rita Hagenbruch



Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 8th

8:00 a.m.: Rose Savicus

Requested by Christie Carlson

Paul & Carol Morrison's
40th Wedding Anniversary

10:15 a.m.: People of the Parish

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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