



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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Committed to living and proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ within the Catholic tradition, we are blessed to have as our patron saint someone who continues to call us to reach out to others in charity and compassion.

Church of

St Francis of Assisi

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<http://stfrancis-church.org>

Parish Center Hours

Mon-Fri: 8AM - 4PM

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday - Friday 7AM

School Mass:

Tuesday 9:30AM

Weekend Mass:

Saturday 4:30PM
Sunday 8AM, 10AM

In Spanish:

Thursday 7PM
Sunday 12PM

Misa En Español:

Jueves 7PM
Domingo 12PM

Pastor

Rev. Jim Berning

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Luis Vargas



Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast."
And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?"
because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over
and took the bread and gave it to them,
and in like manner the fish.

- John 21:12-13

A MESSAGE FROM FR JIM BERNING



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER: PROFILE OF AN EASTER PEOPLE.

It happened to me again this past week. I walked through a store and a child noticed me (even though I was incognito), and said to their parents, "I think that is the guy who goes to our church!" Being an Easter people, living lives of faith rooted in Jesus our Risen Lord, brings both gifts and responsibilities. Last Sunday's readings spoke of the gifts that deliver us from living lives hemmed in or locked by fear. This week, God's word highlights what faith empowers us

to be. Let us be participants in what it truly means to be an Easter People and Alleluia is our song!

PARISH ENDOWMENT. This weekend, St Francis of Assisi Parish Endowment Board members will speak about our parish endowment. Our Endowment Fund began in 1982 with a gift of \$80,000. Thanks to parishioner participation and bequests, the current value is approximately \$1.4 million. A gift to our Endowment Fund is creating a legacy that can last for years to come!

FIRST COMMUNION: MAY 7/8. The celebration of the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place next weekend. Thank you to all who have prepared our First Communicants to receive the Bread of Life and the Chalice of Salvation for the first time. We need them all in our parish - living their lives of faith with us. We look forward to celebrating with our 44 First Communion children, youth and their families. We will also have our May Crowning on May 7/8 as we honor the Blessed Mother at all the Masses. Mary is crowned to symbolize the dignity and beauty God bestowed on her as our Heavenly Queen and Spiritual Mother. Blessed Mother Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, pray for us!

MOTHER'S DAY. We invite all to come with Mom to our Masses for First Holy Communion - as next Sunday is also Mother's Day! We will have a special blessing for Moms. In honor of God's precious gift of life and in appreciation of all mothers, roses (donation of \$2.50/rose) will be available after Masses. The proceeds raised benefit the Olmsted County chapter of Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life with special gratitude to the family of Sandy Dose.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: 2ND COLLECTION. On May 7/8, there will be a second collection for the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal, "Neighbors Helping Neighbors." Your support allows Catholic Charities to assist those with very difficult life issues - and to compassionately guide those they serve to the services that best meet their needs.

KC PANCAKE BREAKFAST: MAY 15. The St. Francis Knights of Columbus will host their Deluxe Pancake Breakfast in McCarthy Hall on Sunday, May 15 - the first pancake breakfast since the beginning of the pandemic. Thanks to our Brother Knights for hosting this event for all of us. The proceeds will benefit St. Francis of Assisi School.

CMA UPDATE. We are so VERY grateful to the 119 parish families that have pledged and/or given \$52,695 towards our 2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal goal of \$49,661.

A Blessed Easter Season to all!

Fr. Jim C. Berning

WELCOME

Welcome to the Church of St. Francis of Assisi. Our church has helped to bring Jesus Christ to the city of Rochester since 1937. We seek to foster the spiritual growth of our parishioners through the celebration of the Sacraments, catechesis, community life, and personal prayer. Like our patron saint, we strive to rebuild the Church and to console the heart of Jesus by serving our neighbors in need.

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SACRAMENTO DE LA CONFIRMACIÓN. La Confirmación perfecciona la gracia bautismal; es el sacramento que da el Espíritu Santo para enraizarnos más profundamente en la filiación divina, incorporarnos más firmemente a Cristo, hacer más sólido nuestro vínculo con la Iglesia, asociarnos todavía más a su misión y ayudarnos a dar testimonio de la

fe cristiana por la palabra acompañada de las obras. La Confirmación, como el Bautismo, imprime en el alma del cristiano un signo espiritual o carácter indeleble; por eso este sacramento sólo se puede recibir una vez en la vida. (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica Numerales 1316 y 1317).

El pasado Viernes 29 de Abril el señor obispo, de Nuestra Diócesis de Winona Rochester, Monseñor John Quinn confirió el sacramento de la Confirmación a 14 jóvenes de nuestra comunidad parroquial de San Francisco de Asís y 6 de la parroquia de San Pio X. Nos alegramos inmensamente y felicitamos de corazón a este grupo de jóvenes por decir si a la fe de Nuestra Iglesia Católica a través de este gran sacramento. Agradecemos igualmente a Melissa Scaccio quien hace ya algunos años ha estado encargada de coordinar el programa de Confirmación, y por la gran dedicación a los jóvenes de nuestra parroquia, ha sido un excelente trabajo.

RETIRO DE PRIMERAS COMUNIONES. El pasado Sábado 30 de Abril tuvimos el Retiro Espiritual de 50 niños y niñas que felizmente se preparan para recibir el Sacramento de la Sagrada Eucaristía por primera vez el próximo fin de semana 7 y 8 de mayo, desde ya los felicitamos junto con sus familias.

FELIZ DÍA DE LAS MADRES. Aunque este Domingo se celebra el Día de las Madres no podemos olvidar que honrar a nuestras madres es una tarea de todos los días. Feliz día queridas mamitas, Que María Santísima, la Madre del Amor Hermoso, la Madre purísima, las acompañe siempre en esta santa misión de ser madres y les alcance del fruto de sus entrañas, de su Hijo amadísimo Jesús, la gracia de seguir siendo, hasta el día de su muerte portadoras de amor y de vida.

MASS INTENTIONS



For the Week of May 2, 2022

MON May 2		NO MASS
TUES May 3	7:00 AM	Abel Subia †
	* 9:30 AM	Peace in Our World
WED May 4	7:00 AM	Leo & MaryAnn McGuire †
THU May 5	7:00 AM	Don & Linda Baltés (50th Anniv.)
	7:00 PM	Roman Duarte Jr. † (Birthday)
FRI May 6	7:00 AM	Germaine Little †
SAT May 7	4:30PM	Living and Deceased Members of Blaul Family
SUN May 8	8:00 AM	Viola Kerr †
	10:00 AM	Teddy Klobe †
	** 12:00 PM	For the Parish

* School Mass ** Spanish Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

If you have a desire to remember someone who has passed away or simply in need of some extra prayers, Mass Intentions are available every day for our weekday Masses and on the weekends. You are welcome to stop by the Parish Office and schedule a Mass intention during normal office hours.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 1, 2022

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
 Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69
 Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

LAS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL 1 DE MAYO DE 2022

Domingo: Hch 5, 27-32. 40-41/Sal 29, 2. 4. 5-6. 11-12. 13 [2]/Ap 5, 11-14/Jn 21, 1-19 o 21, 1-14
 Lunes: Hch 6, 8-15/Sal 118, 23-24. 26-27. 29-30/Jn 6, 22-29
 Martes: 1 Co 15, 1-8/Sal 18, 2-3. 4-5/Jn 14, 6-14
 Miércoles: Hch 8, 1-8/Sal 65, 1-3. 4-5. 6-7/Jn 6, 35-40
 Jueves: Hch 8, 26-40/Sal 65, 8-9. 16-17. 20/Jn 6, 44-51
 Viernes: Hch 9, 1-20/Sal 116, 1. 2/Jn 6, 52-59
 Sábado: Hch 9, 31-42/Sal 115, 12-13. 14-15. 16-17/Jn 6, 60-69
 Domingo siguiente: Hch 13, 14. 43-52/Sal 99, 1-2. 3. 5 [3]/Ap 7, 9. 14-17/Jn 10, 27-30

CATHOLIC EDUCATION



PRESCHOOL OFFERED AT ALL FIVE RCS LOCATIONS THIS FALL: APPLY TODAY! New for the 2022-2023 school year: The Nest Preschool at Rochester Catholic Schools is growing and will feature expanded offerings including programs at all five of our convenient RCS locations for the fall of 2022! In addition to exciting new offerings among the three current RCS locations, The Nest will also launch programs at the two other campuses, Lourdes High School and the Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Middle School. Lourdes High School will offer an innovative nature-based program for Pre-Kindergarten (Ages 4-5). The Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Middle School will provide all-day options for Preschool (Age 3) & Pre-Kindergarten (Ages 4-5). New offerings at the current Nest locations will include an Early Preschool program (Age 2) at Holy Spirit Catholic School.

Also, an all-day Pre-Kindergarten (Ages 4-5) program will be added at St. Francis of Assisi School. St. Pius X School will continue to provide programs for Preschool (Age 3) and Pre-Kindergarten (Ages 4-5). Check out all of The Nest program options for Early Preschool (Age 2), Preschool (Age 3), and Pre-Kindergarten (Ages 4-5)! Our classrooms are filling fast. Learn more, and register today: <https://www.rcsmn.org/admissions/newfamilies>

TOONIES FREE ENVIRO FUN SHOW @ RCS! Come and sing along while learning about the environment at Tricia and the Toonies FREE Enviro Fun Show on Tuesday, June 7 from 5PM-7:30PM! Families with children of all ages are invited to this free community event at Lourdes High School. A food truck will also be available! Plus, learn about The Nest Preschool offerings for the fall of 2022!

We pray for the repose of the soul of:

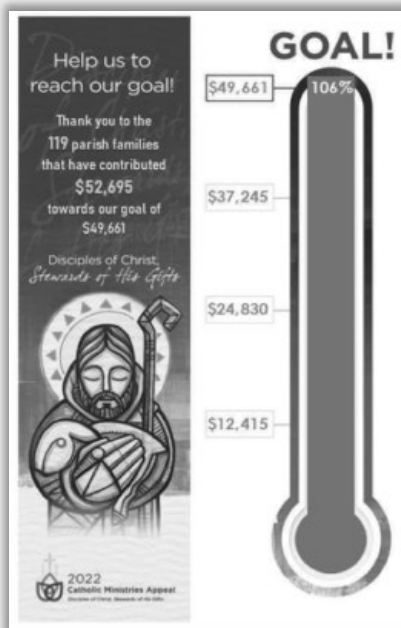
MARY MARGARET SHANKS
(September 11, 1940– April 13, 2022)

KAREN JO MARGOTTA
(August 3, 1963 - April 19, 2022)



May they rest in God's love and peace.

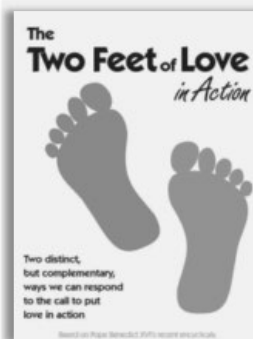
2022 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL



CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL. As Catholics, we are blessed to be strengthened and united by Christ in the Eucharist and sent forth to bring the peace and joy of our Triune God to all those we encounter. As individual members of the Body of Christ, we all possess different gifts and talents for furthering the ministry of Christ and His Church. During this year, may we all strive to be Disciples of Christ, Stewards of His Gifts throughout

the Catholic community, using our personal gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Please support the 2022 CMA so that we may be Disciples of Christ, Stewards of His Gifts. Every gift makes a difference! To give: www.catholicfsmn.org



THE TWO FEET OF LOVE IN ACTION.

The document "The Two Feet of Love in Action" was developed by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops. This tool describes two distinct, but complementary, ways that we can put the Gospel into action. The first is through charitable works which is described as short-term emergency assistance for individ-

uals. Saint Francis of Assisi parish is very generous in providing charitable works for our neighbors in need. The second is through social justice which is described as addressing systemic, root causes of problems that affect many people. Some ways that you can be more active in social justice is to sign up for emails from the Minnesota Catholic Conference. These emails tell you about Minnesota Legislative bills that affect the disadvantaged in our state. It explains the bills and informs you on how you can let your legislators know how you wish them to vote. The Minnesota Catholic Conference emails can be attained by registering at www.mncatholic.org/join. Another local option is to sign up to receive the Diocese's Social Concerns Newsletter by contacting Isaac Landsteiner, Director of Parish Social Ministry, at ilandsteiner@ccsomn.org. The full document can be found at usccb.org

CONGRATULATIONS! On Friday night, Bishop Quinn confirmed 14 youth from the Church of Saint Francis and 6 from the Church of Saint Pius X. These students spent the past 2 years preparing for this special Sacrament. It was such a wonderful celebration. The students are listed below so you can congratulate them!

FIRST COMMUNION. During the weekend of May 7/8, we will be celebrating First Communion at all of our weekend liturgies. We have 44 students who have prepared all year for this special Sacrament. We hope you can join us to see how excited the students are to receive their "first" Holy Communion.

JEREMIAH PROGRAM: THANK YOU. On Holy Thursday, Loretta Dickes and I delivered our second van full of items to the Jeremiah Program House. With this load, we reached our goal of providing the house with 10 welcome baskets. During our visit, we also got a tour of their amazing facility. I recently received a thank you note from their director and will share it with you.

Dear Saint Francis and Welcome Basket donors, We cannot thank you enough for your generous gifts this Lenten season. Your donated items will ease a burden on our mom's on move-in day, and bring many smiles to families at the beginning of their new journey. Thank you for your support.
Kind regards, Carissa, Development Director

Don't forget to sign up for Totus Tuus! You can do that through our website under the YOUTH tab.

- Mark (youthminister@stfrancis-church.org)



Congratulations to our Confirmandi who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, April 29 from Bishop Quinn.

Emilia Sofia Barragan	Guadalupe Ramos Martinez
Jack Bowron	Elizabeth Renteria
Caroline Daly	Jennifer Reyna
Honora Foust	Olivia Scaccio
Cristian Garcia Vasquez	Amy Vasquez Candelario
Benjamin Kuehl	Jackson Welsh
Javier Morales	Isaac Wenzell

TO SING IS TO PRAY TWICE

St. Augustine

SHARE YOUR GIFT OF SINGING! St. Augustine said that when we sing, we pray twice. If you are interested in sharing your gift by singing at St. Francis, please join us as we start up our choir for the 10am Mass once a month during this Easter season.

"The dignity and lofty purpose of sacred music consist in the fact that its lovely melodies and splendor beautify and embellish the voices of the priest who offers Mass and of the Christian people who praise the Sovereign God. Its special power and excellence should lift up to God the minds of the faithful who are present. It should make the liturgical prayers of the Christian community more alive and fervent so that everyone can praise and beseech the Triune God more powerfully, more intently and more effectively.

The power of sacred music increases the honor given to God by the Church in union with Christ, its Head. Sacred music likewise helps to increase the fruits which the faithful, moved by the sacred harmonies, derive from the holy liturgy. These fruits, as daily experience and many ancient and modern literary sources show, manifest themselves in a life and conduct worthy of a Christian." - Pope Pius XII

Alleluia! How good to sing praise to our God; how pleasant to give fitting praise... Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; with the lyre make music to our God - Psalm 147

May all our voices join together to proclaim the goodness of the Lord!

- Hope (liffranc@stfrancis-church.org)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE for May 7/8:

	4:30PM SATURDAY	8AM SUNDAY	10AM SUNDAY
Altar Servers	Jack Bowron [open]	Lalie Scaccio Olivia Scaccio	Regan Stellpflug [open]
Reader	Rose Bengal	Ruth Wentz	Sarah O'Brien
Hospitality Minister	John Sibley David Klinkhammer	Tim Macken Sue Macken	Steve Patek Lesa Patek
Ministers of Holy Communion	Diane Wagner	Gwen Cameron	Sherri Kirk



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST RETURNS!

St. Francis' Knights of Columbus will again host their Deluxe Pancake Breakfast in McCarthy Hall on **SUNDAY, MAY 15** - the first KC Pancake breakfast to be held since the beginning of the pandemic. Proceeds will benefit St. Francis of Assisi School.



COUNCIL MEETING. The St Francis of Assisi Knights of Columbus Council 14170 meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7- 8PM in the St Clare Room in the basement of the church. We invite all men of the parish to join us to find out more about the KC's

and about the men who belong to Council 14170. Questions? Please contact Bruce Anderson at 507-358-5478 or branderson781983@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you!



UKRAINE SOLIDARITY FUND.

Join us today in supporting Ukraine Solidarity Fund!

The international K of C community includes more than 1,800 members in Ukraine who, like their fellow citizens, are facing an urgent need for temporary shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing and pastoral support. Inspired by our Order's first principle, Charity,

please join us in praying for peace and consider a donation to our Ukraine Solidarity Fund.

Your gift today will provide temporary shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing, communications and religious supplies. These items will all be immediately distributed, and 100% of your gift will go directly to these displaced people.



Please prayerfully consider how you can contribute to this effort. Your gift of any amount will go a long way in helping our brothers and sisters. Together, we can bring Christ's healing love to a wounded world.

<https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/donate/ukraine.html>

COR JESU. The Cathedral invites you to Cor Jesu on Friday, May 6 from 7PM-8:30PM. Cor Jesu is an evening of Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions, and music in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. For more details, search for Winona Cor Jesu on Facebook or call Olivia Gadiant at 507-951-7063.

HOLY LAND TRIP WITH FR. LUIS. Join us for a Bilingual Holy Land Trip with Fr. Luis Vargas from August 22 to August 31, 2022. There are still a few spots available! Enrollment is due by May 15th. Interested? Contact Cristina Hennessey at 507-250-5394 for information!

BECKLEY'S "SHRED" EVENT TO SUPPORT LOCAL NON-PROFITS. Beckley's Office Products is holding a special "SHREDDING" Event on Wednesday, May 18 and Thursday, May 19 from 8AM to 4PM. Bring your boxes of documents and Beckley's will shred them for \$12/box - and \$6 per box will be donated to our parish. Cash and check only! Beckley's Office Products is located at 125 Woodlake Drive SE, Rochester, MN. Call 507-282-8659 with questions.

ROCHESTER CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS. Rochester Catholic is an initiative of the Rochester parishes seeking to connect young adults to Christ and His Church. Our website (<https://www.rochestercatholicmn.org>) is a landing page for young adults in the area desiring to: find a community of peers, plug into a parish, engage the world through outreach and service, and further commit their lives to Christ.

Marveli and Ronci Game Nights:

1st and 3rd Fridays, 4:00-7:00 PM at Pax Christi

Co-ed Catechism Study:

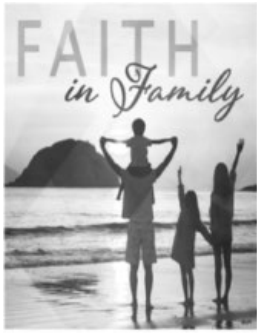
Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30 PM at St. James Coffee

Fellowship and Food:

2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7:30 PM at Chick-Fil-A

Rochester Rosary Rallies: Sundays at 3PM. We pray in front of the Government Center at the corner of 4th Street SE and 3rd Ave. SE. Bring your families and friends and spread the word!

ROCHESTER ROSARY RALLIES. Rosary Rallies for our country, conversion, and peace will held on Sunday's at 3PM near the Rochester Government Center at the corner of 4th Street SE and 3rd Avenue SE. They last 35 minutes and include the Patriotic Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Families are welcome. Questions: Contact Janela Hubka at daveandjanela@gmail.com or 507-282-6090. Please join us!



FAMILY CONNECTION.

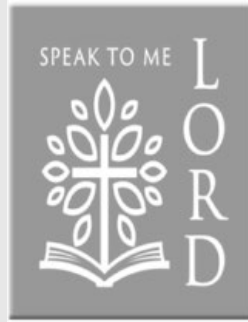
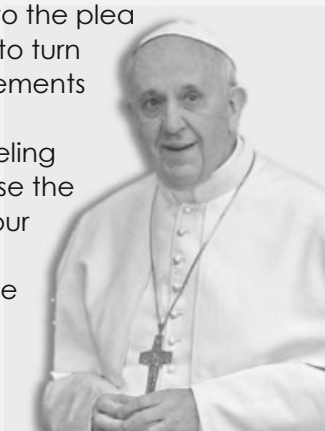
Today's Gospel describes what we can easily imagine as a picnic on the beach. Just as Jesus' miracle at the wedding feast at Cana blesses the love between man and woman celebrated in the sacrament of marriage, Jesus' attentiveness to food and mealtimes raises the possibility

that our meal gatherings can be sacred times. In families, the domestic church, our meals together are everyday opportunities to gather and recall Jesus' presence with us. As in the Eucharist, we bring the gifts that God has given us, which have been prepared especially for our Mass, and at our family meals we share gifts that God has given to us and that we have worked together to prepare. This includes the food on the table and also the people who gather around the table. We ask God to bless these gifts and to be present among us in all of our interactions.

Consider a recent family meal: What food was served? Where did the food come from? Who prepared the food? Who served the food? Was mealtime a happy time? Why or why not? Observe that today's Gospel tells about a meal that Jesus shared with his disciples after his Resurrection. Read aloud today's Gospel, John 21:1-14. Reflect on the Gospel reading using the questions above. Talk about ways in which this meal that Jesus shared with his disciples might remind us of the meal we share at the Eucharist. You might choose to plan a special meal together as a family, encouraging each person to participate in the meal preparation. Pray together that Jesus will make his loving presence known in your family life. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection>

INVOCATION OF PEACE. God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness. . . Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that. . . our way of life will always be that of:
Shalom, Peace, Salaam!
Amen.



Last week we heard that Jesus appeared to the gathered disciples in a locked room, probably in Jerusalem. In today's Gospel, the disciples are no longer in Jerusalem; they are in Galilee, returning to their work of fishing. Simon Peter is still presented in the role of leader: when he announces that he is going fishing, the other disciples follow. They spend the night fishing but are unsuccessful.

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Jesus calls to them from the shore, but just as when Jesus first appeared to Mary of Magdala, the disciples do not recognize him immediately. Still, they follow the stranger's instructions and bring in a large haul of fish. It is at this point that one of the disciples (the "disciple whom Jesus loved") realizes that Jesus is appearing to them. Upon hearing this news, Simon Peter leads the way again, jumping from the boat and swimming to shore. The other disciples follow in the boat, dragging the fish.

The disciples have brought to shore a tremendous catch of fish that Jesus has directed them to find. But once on the shore, they see that Jesus has already prepared fish and bread on a charcoal fire. Jesus directs the disciples to bring their catch of fish as well. Jesus is host at the meal that follows, feeding the disciples the bread and fish. In this detail we see allusions to the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes told in John 6.

There are also allusions in the Gospel to our gathering for the celebration of the Mass. In the Eucharist, we too are fed by Jesus in the bread and wine that have become his very Body and Blood. We also find in this story insight about the Presentation of the Gifts at Mass. The gifts we bring to the altar, bread and wine, are made from gifts that God gave first to us: grain and grapes, the fruit of the earth. God has no need of anything further. Yet God accepts the offering we bring—bread and wine, "the work of human hands"—and transforms our offering into the gift of his very presence.

After the meal, Jesus directs himself to Simon Peter. The community of John's Gospel probably looked down on Peter because of his denial of Jesus. This dialogue with Simon Peter is a reversal of Peter's three denials. Peter is forgiven. Having been restored to friendship with Jesus, Simon Peter is sent on a mission. "Feed my lambs . . . Tend my sheep . . . Feed my sheep." These commands indicate that Peter is to be as Jesus, even unto sacrificing for the flock. As Jesus has fed Peter in this meal and as Jesus feeds us in the Eucharist, so he also sends us to follow him, asking that we offer our lives in service and sacrifice.

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