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Call the Parish Office, 763-545-1443 or
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Call the pastor at least six months before the
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Complete the Baptism Registration Form on
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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 Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 9:15 am, 11 am

Daily masses M, T, W, F 8 am

Reconciliations Saturday 3:30 pm

A recording of the 4:30 Mass
will be posted online every
Saturday by 6 pm

Mass Intentions

Mon, July 26 + Robert & Doloris Bristol
Tue, July 27 + Harry & Don Peterson
Wed, July 28 + Rev William Gamber
Fri, July 30
Sat, July 31 + Dennis Weimann
Sun, Aug 1 (9:15) The Parishioners
Sun, Aug 2 (11) + James Kappes

Readings for Sunday, July 25, 2021

2 Kings 4:42-44

Ephesians 4:1-6

John 6:1-15

Call the parish office to have a Mass
offered for the intention of a living or
deceased loved one.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"For thus says the LORD,
'They shall eat and there shall be some left over.'" (2 Kgs
4:43)

Psalm:

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

(Ps 145)

Second Reading:

One body and one Spirit,
as you were also called to the one hope of your call;
one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
one God and Father of all. (Eph 4:4-6)

Gospel:

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and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also
as much of the fish as they wanted. (Jn 6:11)

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Live the Liturgy

God shows up in unexpected ways! Just when we think we have God's agenda figured out, another surprise comes. Expecting to find God only in some places hinders us from finding Him everywhere. Who would have thought that a young boy's few loaves and fishes would feed thousands of people? The disciples were probably just as amazed as everyone else when this feast appeared before them. Sometimes, we find it difficult to believe that God can do amazing things with something small and simple. Yet, grasping this truth is really at the heart of understanding the power of the Eucharist. Having the Body and Blood of Christ made present for us is one amazing wonder. Actually being fed and nourished by that gift is another. Now being able to become what we have eaten, God can do tremendous things with the simple, humble gifts of our lives. All we have to do is realize that God dwells within us. When we do, then everyone we encounter and everything we do has the power to become a sacramental moment. When done with great love even the smallest gesture can be multiplied exponentially. Now, that's amazing!

Pray for . . .

The following have asked for your prayers: Juleen Lenz, Perry Westphal, Lorraine Meyer, L Marilyn Bowers, Diane Kowalzyk, Terrie Bares, sister-in-law of Mary Fletcher-Olson, Melvin Botzet, JoAnne O'Brien, Don Schnack, Dan Kirk, Mary Reckers, Chris & Janet Meyers, Kevin Smith, Alex Marquette, Thomas Claude Smith, Jr., Aurelia Drier, Ruth Heibel, George Wolf, Nick Hitler, Arnie Kunkel, John Hatlestad, Tom Belson, Teresa Hickey, Martha Schliesman, Matty Cuta, Mike Diedrich, Daryl Sather, Lois Peterzen, Dennis Stoll, Anna Bergquist, Marian Botzet, Judy Dungan, Michelle Pajari, Eileen Cavanagh, Russell Fallstad, JoAnn Aronson and those in hospitals, nursing homes, the homebound, the families of the sick, caregivers, and the members of the military and their families.

Gospel Meditation

St. Oscar Romero said, "We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is the beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."



There were a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations

reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project as each finished work became the combined creation of what each woman contributed. They abounded in vibrant colors and dazzled the beholder with intricate patterns and their myriad textures. They were so beautiful that they became coveted family treasures passed from generation to generation. Those women never realized the power of their work. Countless

babies rested in the comfort of those quilts warmly nestled in the legacy of tradition they were fortunate to inherit. They adorned countless homes with their beauty and brought joy and solace to many faces.

We cannot do everything. We are not meant to. Our work in life is to contribute our individual piece, a piece that reflects the unique thumbprint I claim as my own. We only have to do small things well. Then, as St. Oscar Romero reminds us, the Lord's grace will enter and do the rest. We have to trust that this is true just as those women trusted in the eventual beauty of their final work.

Eucharistic blessings are blessings that start small and multiply. We all come to life with only a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Not any single one of us has all that it takes to transform our world. Who knows what God will do with the little we have and how many will benefit from our kindness, compassion, wisdom, courage, conviction, love, warmth, zeal, faith, and hope? That young lad never dreamed that his few leftovers would do all that they did. God shows up in unexpected ways! Where would life's adventure and fun be if it were any other way? Being able to be part of bringing God's creative, transforming, healing to the world opens us up to wonder, awe, and excitement! We can all bring our little piece to the bigger work of God that can result in being a coveted jewel passed generation to generation. This is good news indeed! Bread and wine transform into Christ's Body and Blood and we become what we eat. Trust that. ©LPI

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Faith Formation Registration, For Sunday School through Confirmation, Begins August 1st!

Can you believe we will be back in school in about six weeks? Our beautiful summer is going by WAY TOO FAST! However, we are starting to plan for our great Faith Formation program for 2021-2022. We are excited to welcome all of our students back to their respective classes. While there will be some new faces, many of our catechists will be returning. Please visit our website for our proposed calendar, and our class content for our “New” Year! A very important reminder, our Confirmation Preparation is a **TWO YEAR** program. If your student has completed 6th Grader, or has been away from our program, and is 13 or older, kindly register them for our **First Year Confirmation class**. For any questions regarding our classes, Bette Wolf and Karen Berge can be reached starting August 1st. Please call the church office and ask for either one.



How to Register:

Beginning August 1st you can go to our website www.smlplymouth.org and click on the Faith Formation link on the homepage. If you are unable to register online, you can stop in the parish office during the week to register your child.

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten fee = \$45
Grades 1st through 6th fee = \$75
Confirmation fee (7-12) = \$90

Scholarship money is available.

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Catechists Needed!

We're looking for adults, 18 and up, who are EXCITED about sharing their faith with our young people! Training will be Wednesday, September 1st and Wednesday, September 15th from 6:45-8:00 PM at St. Mary's. Also volunteers must complete an online VIRTUS (Safe Environment) training, prior to class training. Classes will start Wednesday, September 29th, and for Sunday School, Sunday October 2nd. Wednesday classes will run 6:15-7:30 for Grades 1-Confirmation, and Sunday School from 9:10-10:15. A half hour prep is expected; Wednesdays 5:45 and Sundays 8:40 AM. For more information, contact Bette Wolf via email: bette.w@smlplymouth.org. We are excited for our “New Year”, and would LOVE to celebrate it with YOU!



PRISM's Back-to-School Success Program

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