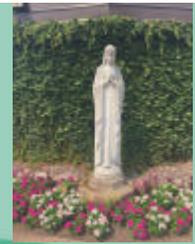


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Call the Parish Office, 763-545-1443 or
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Call the pastor at least six months before the
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Complete the Baptism Registration Form on
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Online giving is a safe and easy
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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

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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.

Readings for Sunday, Aug, 8 2021

1 Kings 19:4-8

Ephesians 4:30-5:2

John 6:41-51

Mass Intentions

Mon, Aug 9 +

Tue, Aug 10 + Mary Ortler

Wed, Aug 11 + Rev. Patrick Griffin

Fri, Aug 13 +

Sat, Aug 14 + Frank Goike

Sun, Aug 15 (9:15) The Parishioners

Sun, Aug 15 (11) Kay Jedinak

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

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

He got up, ate, and drank;
then strengthened by that food,
he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of
God, Horeb. (1 Kgs 19:8)

Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

Second Reading:

So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love,
as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us
as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma. (Eph 5:1-2)

Gospel:

"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me
draw him,
and I will raise him on the last day." (Jn 6:44)
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Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the week

Are we willing to be taught by God? If we are, then we will begin to see things and make judgments using a Divine lens. Often, we perceive things with purely human eyes and reference points. When we do this, reality can lose its Divine spark and we miss what God is trying to say. When using human eyes exclusively, Jesus is at best perceived simply as a prophet who has some wise things to say. The human element has a difficult time seeing Jesus' divinity and recognizing him as the Bread of Life that comes down from heaven. We can easily get stuck on Jesus' human associations and overlook the marvelous wonders God wants us to see. If we really allow ourselves to be taught by God, we will then come to see the truth about Jesus and the abundant everlasting life God offers. Jesus becomes the key that unlocks all of our relationships: with God, others, ourselves, and creation. He, as the true and lasting bread from heaven, shows us the gifts of faith, hope, and love that God bestows on us. Through this divine lens we see that all life sparkles and glows with God's love.

Pray for . . .

The following have asked for your prayers:

Rick Reed, son of Mugs Reed, George Laurance, 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, 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

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings.



For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have? ©LPi



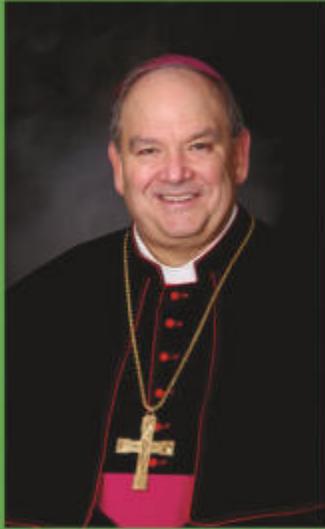
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at the 4:30 pm Mass**

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St. Mary's is accepting donations of quality backpacks and school supplies for PRISM's back to school drive. Drop off donations behind the cry room.



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**Walk AND Ride
FOR LIFE**

Saturday | August 14th
French Regional Park
Moraine Picnic Shelter

Check-in: 10:00 AM
Walk begins: 10:30 AM

To register and get your own personal fundraising page, go to www.RWCinfo.org!

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It's time to register for Faith Formation
We are blessed to be back to in-person Faith Formation classes this school year.



Go to our website www.smlplymouth.org and click on the Faith Formation link on the homepage. If you are unable to register online, call or stop by the parish office during the week.

Volunteers are at the Heart of our Faith Formation Program!

It takes many volunteers in a variety of roles to make St. Mary's Faith Formation programs GREAT! Parents, Grandparents, high school students, and parishioners with a love of their faith; everyone is invited to become involved. Opportunities include teaching and assisting in the classrooms, being hall monitors, helping out with our special events, and many other roles. If you are interested in helping in any capacity, please contact the Faith Formation & Youth Office at 763-545-1443 Ext 16. There is an interview process, and for the safety and care of our children, a background check, agreeing to a volunteer code of conduct, and participating in an Archdiocesan VIRTUS class are required for volunteer opportunities.

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