

July 25, 2021 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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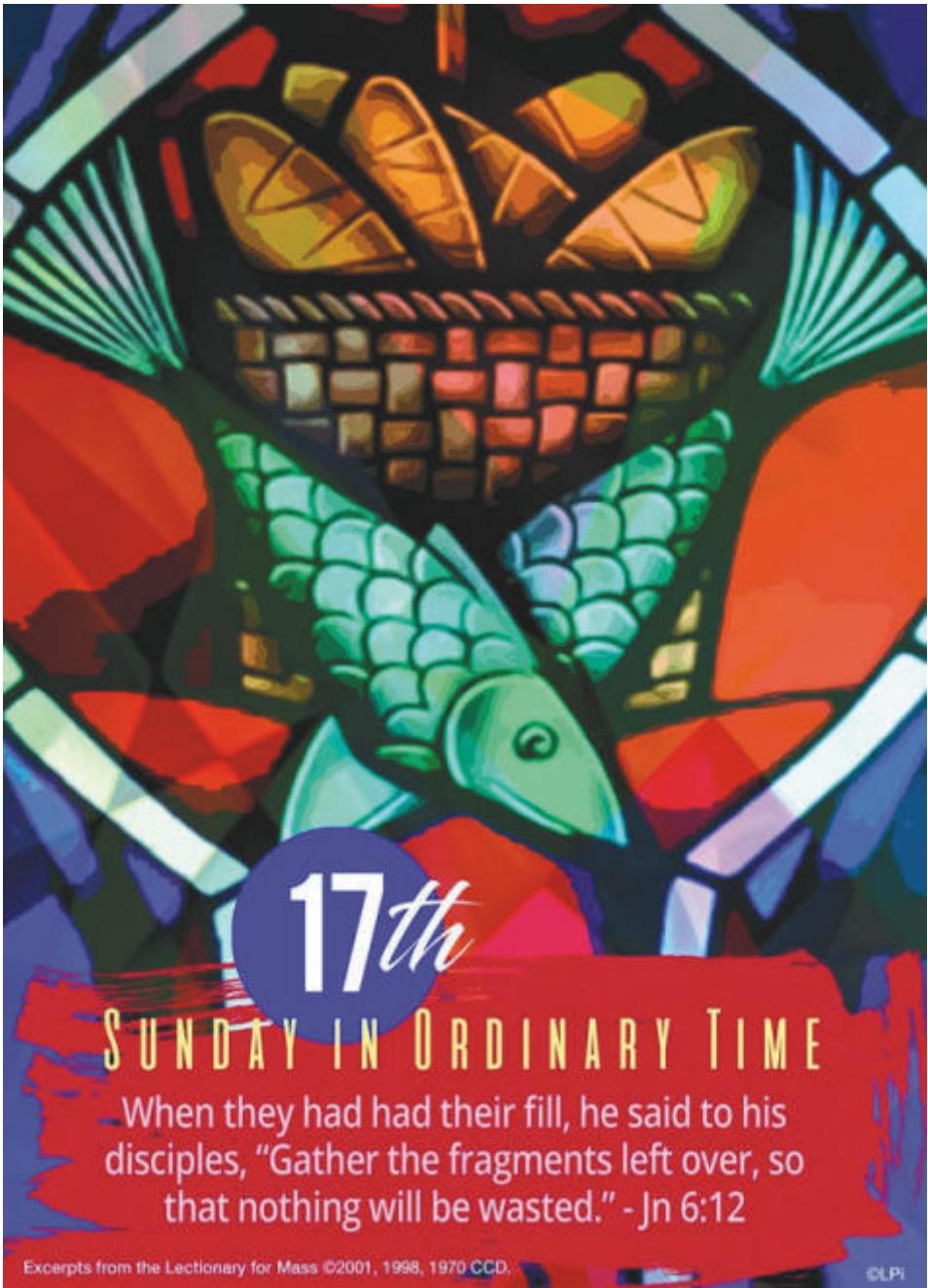
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## PARISH LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Sunday Eucharist	4:30 pm . Saturday, 9:30 am Sunday.
Weekday Mass	9:15 am, Tuesday—Friday
Reconciliation:	Saturday, 3:30 pm or by Appointment



# Church of Christ the King

## Before I Forget



Received any nice gifts lately? It is great getting gifts, isn't it? Especially when it's a gift that we really want. That makes it doubly good. However, there's an expression that says that some gifts come with a price tag. This means that with the gift comes an obligation. So your parents give you a grand piano. A wonderful gift, isn't it? The only catch is that now you have to learn to play that piano. It won't do much good just sitting there. If you accept the gift, then you accept what goes along with the gift.

You and I have received a remarkable gift. Paul refers to it in our second reading this weekend (Ephesians 4:1-6). "I, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called." What is that calling? That calling is a calling to ONENESS. This is the great gift that God has given to us. God has called us to a life whose entire goal is oneness – oneness with God, with others, with ourselves, with all of creation.

This call to solidarity with God and with all that God has created is both a gift and a task. The call to unity is therefore like the call to individual sanctification. Become what you are. We have been given the gift of unity. Now, how are we to live out this gift?

First, we need a vision. All of us united in Christ – one God. It is not enough to be given a vision; we must also make that vision our own. If I belong to a certain society or club, I presume that all the members belong to that group because of something that unites us. The expectation then is that I would want to further the common bond between us.

Just for the sake of illustration, imagine that you belong to a bird watchers club. You meet with the other members, exchange notes, go on sightings together, and generally seem to be on the same page as far as the purpose of the club. All of you love to see beautiful birds in their natural setting. However, when you are not with the group, you often take your shotgun into the woods and shoot birds protected by law.

I'm sure you wouldn't think that you were living up to the vision of the bird watching club, would you? The life you are living is not in harmony with the goals of the society to which you belong. Something has to change. You either need to quit that club or quit shooting birds that are protected by law. To carry on doing both would make your life a lie. You would not be living the truth.

The question we need to ask as Followers of Jesus and his Gospel Way of living is this: How are we contributing to that Vision, or how are we putting roadblocks in the way of that vision? Then we need to make any adjustments, small or large, to the life we are living. In this way our lives will be worthy of the calling to which we have been called.

When you are thinking about this question, please don't just focus on the negative part of the question – this is the part about the roadblocks. Also, think about what you are doing to bring unity to God's world. I hope you will be pleasantly surprised to see all that you are already doing to further God's plan of oneness and harmony.

One area we might look at comes directly from this weekend's Gospel. After Jesus performs the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, he says to his disciples: "Gather up the fragments so that nothing may be lost." Jesus knew that waste was not to be tolerated.

There is great power in our possessions and our money. We can use them to bring about the greatest good or greatest evil. They can unite people in a common bond when they are shared, or they can set up terrible divisions when they are hoarded. We need to periodically take a close look at how we are using the material gifts we have been given. We can withhold love or give love through the things we hold in our hands.

Albert Einstein once said that, "Our task must be to free ourselves...by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature and its beauty."

May our vision be that of God – to bring all creation into oneness. And may our lives help bring that vision into reality.

Forward together and no one left behind, Fr. Bill

# July 25, 2021 —

## ASCENSION FOOD SHELF

Starting the week-end of July 31/August 1, we will return to our pre-pandemic schedule of receiving food contributions for the Ascension Food Shelf at the Saturday and Sunday Masses. We will no longer be receiving contributions in the parking lot on Saturday morning.

Ascension has asked us to make a few changes to what we are donating. **They would like more of:**

- Small (10-16 oz) packages of ground coffee
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Personal hygiene products (soap, shampoo, deodorant, lotion, etc.)
- They ask that we **reduce contributions of:**

Powdered sugar

Canned soup

Diapers

In the words of the Pastoral Minister at Ascension: “**Muchas gracias for all the efforts of you and your community that help people of the north side of Minneapolis. Blessings!!!!**”

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Tuesday, July 27**

9:15 am Mass

**Wednesday, July 28**

9:15 am Mass

**Thursday, July 29**

9:15 am Mass

**Friday, July 30**

9:15 am Mass

**Saturday, July 31**

**Food Shelf Weekend at Mass**

3:30 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass

**Sunday, August 1**

**Food Shelf Weekend at Mass**

9:30 am Mass



The Archdiocesan Synod kicks into high gear this fall and your input is needed to help Archbishop Hebda chart the course for this local Church.

Join a small group to discuss and give feedback on how to best form:

- Parishes that are in the service of evangelization
- Missionary disciples who know Jesus's love and respond to his call;
- Youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young.

Watch for more information regarding specific dates and times for meetings.

Questions? Contact Terri Hunt at [thunt@ctkmpls.org](mailto:thunt@ctkmpls.org) or Jim Deshane at [jdeshane@ctkmpls.org](mailto:jdeshane@ctkmpls.org).

# Ministry



**Children's Liturgy of  
the Word**  
will resume on **Sunday,  
September 12, 2021** at  
the 9:30 am Mass.



## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Are you or anyone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or becoming Catholic? Were you baptized, but never confirmed? If so, RCIA is for you!

RCIA Ministry at CTK is designed to fit the needs and background of those participating in the program, wherever you are on your faith journey. Classes will run November through April.

If interested, contact Terri Hunt, Director of Faith Formation, at [thunt@ctkmpls.org](mailto:thunt@ctkmpls.org).

## CTK Prayer Corner



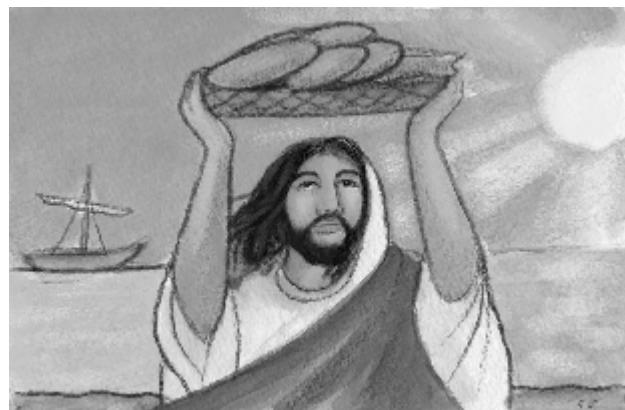
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If you would like prayers said for you, a family member ill or in need of prayer, please contact Jim DeShane at 612-920-5030, ext. 19.

*We send our prayers and sympathy to family of Fr. Michael Joncas on the passing of his mother, Theresa. May she be filled with everlasting love in oneness with God.*

## Readings for the week of July 25, 2021

Sunday:	2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15
Monday:	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday:	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday:	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Friday:	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday:	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35



# Look for an Important Survey from CTK in Your Email Inbox Friday, July 23

Because social justice is a key part of our mission at Christ the King, the CTK Racial Justice and Social Justice teams want input from you, the parish, as we move forward.



We want to know the areas of social and racial justice YOU think our parish should focus time and energy.

Watch your email inbox this week for a link to this online survey. It is professionally designed to take no more than five minutes of your time (okay, maybe six minutes). **Complete it** as soon as you can, but **no later than Monday, August 2, 2021**. You can also find the survey on the CTK website: [www.ctkmppls.org](http://www.ctkmppls.org).

If you have questions or know of someone without access to a computer to have a paper survey sent please **contact Meg Barrett, [barrettmeg048@gmail.com](mailto:barrettmeg048@gmail.com) or 952-484-3841**.

## 2021 MISSIONARY COOPERATION PLAN

This year the Archdiocese welcomed 57 mission groups to our parishes. They represent foreign and domestic mission dioceses, religious congregations and lay mission organizations from five continents.

We are very happy to welcome to Christ the King this weekend, July 24 & 25, the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Christ, based in West Africa. They are an Apostolic Missionary Institute founded in 1937 by an Irish missionary to Nigeria, Archbishop Charles Heerey, CSSp, the first Archbishop of Nigeria. The sisters carry out diverse apostolic work to uplift the status of women, to promote Christian education in schools, to provide healthcare for the sick, to engage in social and pastoral activities and other works of charity in keeping with their charism of compassion.

The Religious Institute is structured in nine(9) regions spanning fifteen(15) countries in three(3) continents. One of the important injunction of our Founder was "They are to be missionaries". By the grace of God, our sisters are currently serving the people of God in many dioceses in Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Republic of Benin, Tchad Republic, Cameroon, Italy, England, Germany, Ireland, Scotland, Canada and USA. Formation houses are in Nigeria, Kenya and Ghana.

The Sisters presenting will be Sister Maria Chikwado Agba and Sister Maureen Jovita Nwajiobi. They work here in Minneapolis.

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