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SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2020

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them
to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.
They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20

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GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Many people in our world are hungry and thirsty. This hunger and thirst go well beyond physical needs for food, security, and shelter. Many are emotionally and spiritually parched, too. Behind every act of violence is a soul who hungers. People live with relationships that actually starve them. They are abused, exploited, disrespected, laughed at, and marginalized. There is a lot of confusion and inner pain that needs to be acknowledged and expressed. We all long to be understood and loved, even when our inner demons or who I am make it difficult to be. Do you live with inner confusion and pain? Folks often wander through life without any real direction or purpose and take their cues from what seems satisfying or popular at the moment. The deeper dots of our lives can easily remain unconnected, and we can find ourselves without grounding, purpose, or real happiness. Life becomes shallow and without real purpose as we hunger and thirst for an ultimate love.



It's easier to see the physical hungers and thirsts. We try to respond to these as best we can. Much more needs to be done. With all that God's earth can provide, nobody ought to face sleep at night with a belly that's empty. It's sinful. It's unjust. But isn't all hunger unjust? It doesn't need to be, and it should not be. Just as no one ought to be physically hungry and thirsty, there is really no need to be emotionally or spiritually deficient either. If we have more privileges at our fingertips, it is easier to try to satisfy our emotional and spiritual hungers and thirst by acting on impulse or self-indulgence, carelessly following passions, or by seeking self-destructive ways to dull the ache of emptiness.

Folks need to know where to look for nourishment and need the right friends to help them find it. We may not think that we have enough to respond to and to satisfy all of the needs, but we do. It doesn't take much. Five loaves

and two fish provided for a huge crowd. With God, all things are possible. Our faith provides the direction for where God's children must go to find the nourishment they seek. It also tells us how to structure life so that justice and equity can be a reality for all. It also tells us how to respond to pain, sinfulness, and confusion. Come to the water and then help another get there.



Created to Believe: Called to Motherhood **Join a group Fall 2020**

Being a mom is hard and knowing you're not alone on the journey makes a huge difference! Do you sometimes wonder about who you are as a woman, wife, and mother? Do you desire strong friendships with other moms just like you? When you enter into "Created to Believe: Called to Motherhood" as part of The Cana Experience, you will more deeply know who you are in the light of your Catholic faith and be equipped with practical tools that can be applied right away in your marriage and with your children. To find a group near you and learn more about joining The Cana Experience with other mothers of young children this Fall 2020, visit canafamilyinstitute.com or contact Cathy at cathy@canafamilyinstitute.com.

Bethany House

Apply now for September 2020 – May 2021

Bethany House applications are now being accepted for September 2020 to May 2021. Bethany House is a home for women who live in community, pray together, take meals together and discern whether they are called to consecrated life. Bethany House is sponsored by the Office of Vocations and is located in Northeast Minneapolis. We are currently taking applications for women interested in Bethany House. Qualities of a good candidate for Bethany House include single women, ages 20 – 27, who are interested in dedicating a year to intentionally discerning a vocation to religious life. Please visit www.10000vocations.org for more information.

Hope for the Journey Home (HJH)

HJH offers shelter for families experiencing first-time homelessness. Several local churches collaborate, providing material goods and volunteers during dinner and overnight shifts. HJH is planning for reopening! Anyone wishing to contribute time or treasure to this valuable ministry should contact Beth Mueller at 651-789-3195 or emueller@guardian-angels.org. Thank you for your past and future support!



College Freshman? Meet new friends before you even arrive on campus.

As you prepare to move on to your next phase of life, don't leave your faith behind. Your college campus experience may look a bit different this fall. SPO

would like to help you prepare for your first year by offering a networking opportunity with other Catholic students on your campus. By filling out this form we'll be able to place you into a group of other young men or women who also are looking for college to be everything it's meant to be. If you are someone who doesn't want to put life on pause this summer but make the most of preparing for the fall semester, then we'd love to have you. Small groups are forming now! For more information

*God is good...All the Time;
All the Time...God is Good!!!*

Archbishop Flynn Catechetical Institute

Applications Now Available for the Class of St. Anthony of Padua
Feeling lost right now? Find yourself in God's plan of sheer goodness!
This fall, the Catechetical Institute will offer the two-year Pillars Program in two different locations. Classes will be held at The Saint Paul Seminary on Monday evenings, and at the Church of St. Andrew in Elk River on Tuesday evenings. Module I will be Livestreamed. Students can decide late August if they would like to take Module I in person or online.

Taught by some of the best instructors in the Twin Cities, such as Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Jeff Cavins, Deacon Joe Michalak, Deacon Dan Gannon, Fr. John Klockeman, Dr. Todd Flanders, Christina Smith, Liz Kelly, and more, the CI: Pillars Program follows the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and will make sense of all things Catholic, deepen your faith, and layout the roadmap to heaven. Applications are now being accepted through August 15, 2020, for the class beginning in September. For more information and an application, visit semssp.org/ci or call (651) 962-5072.

Personal Prayer Time & Adoration Time

The church will be available for private/personal prayer
Monday - Friday from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

“My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire you with all my heart. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already in my heart and unite myself to you completely. Please do not let me ever be separated from you.”



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- BAPTISM** - Participation in the Baptism preparation program is a prerequisite for Baptism. Schedule with the Parish Office.
RECONCILIATION- Saturday 3:00-3:45pm
By appointment on other days
MATRIMONY- Make arrangements with the pastor at least six months before the date.
ANOINTING OF THE SICK - Please call the parish office if you or a family member is going to be hospitalized. Also, if you are home-bound and wish to receive the Eucharist or a friendly visit, please call the parish office.
LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS ARE AVAILABLE- Please come to the Sacristy before Mass to arrange to receive one.

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- Blessed Sacrament Adoration, Mon., Wed. & Fri. 1-11pm
- The Rosary is said just prior to all weekend Masses.

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- Sunday, August 2**
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:1-3/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21
 † Bernard Bearth
 Parish Mass
Monday, August 3
Weekday
Jer 28:1-17/Mt 14:22-36
Tuesday, August 4
Saint John Vianney, Priest
Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
 Most Rev. Donald DeGrood
Wednesday, August 5
The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major
Jer 31:1-7/Mt 15:21-28
 † Kathy Neuman
Thursday, August 6
The Transfiguration of the Lord
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
 † Gen Barthel
Friday, August 7
Weekday/Saint Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest
Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Mt 16:24-28
 † Allen & Catherine Kobilka
Saturday, August 8
Saint Dominic, Priest
Hb 1:12-2:4/Mt 17:14-20 (Morning Readings)
 † Nicholas Chavez
Sunday, August 9
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
 † Al & Joan Bierwerth
 Parish Mass

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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

August 2 –August 9

The celebration of public Masses has resumed for a limited number of participants!

Please sign up online or call the parish office!

Other Schedule Information:

- Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 PM in the building or call for an appointment.
- Livestream Mass—**Tuesday-Friday at Noon, Saturday at 4:00 PM and on Sunday at 9:00 am** on Facebook or watch later on our You Tube channel link via our website.

FINANCE

Gifts of Treasure

July 25/26 2020

No information available at time of publication

Marriage Encounter

These last months have been incredibly difficult on all of us and marriages have suffered! Please let us help you to find enrichment, joy, and hope in your relationship! Register for the August 29-30 Marriage Encounter. Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit www.marriages.org for additional information or call 651.454.3238.

*Marriage
Encounter*

Committing to the Uncertain with Faith Formation

We have options that meet your family's needs. You may choose in-person sessions or fully at-home learning. In-person meetings will include wellness screenings, masks in common spaces, and widely-spread learning centers. All options will all include some amount of at-home Family Formation, with parents and church working together.

Want to get started? Visit the website and follow our Faith Formation YouTube channel. Watch the most recent video of Father Benny talking about the Real Presence of Jesus in the tabernacle, at Mass, and during adoration. Be the family that prays together!



Stay connected this summer

. Visit our **NEWLY DESIGNED WEBSITE** to be evangelized and informed.

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added to the site weekly. Create your own personal library of movies and talks on this Catholic version of Netflix.



en español Visite la nueva página de nuestro sitio web y lea en su idioma nativo.

Póngase en contacto con Connie para obtener ayuda en español.



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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FAITH FORMATION

Congratulations!

Some of our high school students were confirmed on Saturday August 1st. Congratulations to them and their families. Others will be confirmed on Sunday August 23rd. We pray for each and all of you!

Registration is open

Registration forms are available in the Gathering Area or online at www.blessedsacramentsp.org under the Faith Formation tab. Beginning September 1, classes meet semi-monthly on Tuesday mornings (NEW! CGS only), Wednesday evenings, or Sundays after Mass. Please note that plans are fluid and flexible. Questions? Contact Connie Hill at the parish office or ca-hill@blessedsacramentsp.org.

Learn and Live the Faith

All parents are catechists! What? Yes! Learn the faith *with* your children. In a world filled with uncertainty, Jesus remains *the Way, the Truth, and the Life*. (John 14:6) Praying with your children and having faith-based discussions centers family life on God and brings "a *peace that surpasses all understanding*." (Philippians 4:7)

This year we plan to offer Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for Pre-K through Grade 2 (which includes sacramental prep). Family Formation is for all ages. Confirmation is open to students in grades 8 and up. Youth Ministry is open to all high school students. To bring Jesus to our students in formation, fun, and fellowship, we need all parents to pitch in. Parents, be empowered and strengthen your own family. Giving = Receiving.

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.....or hand held device!

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