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Saturday: 5 pm @ St. Isidore  
Sunday: 8:30 am @ St. John  
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As stated in the weekly bulletin  
Confessions Sunday: 8 am or by appointment

**Main Office Hours**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:  
8 am - 5 pm  
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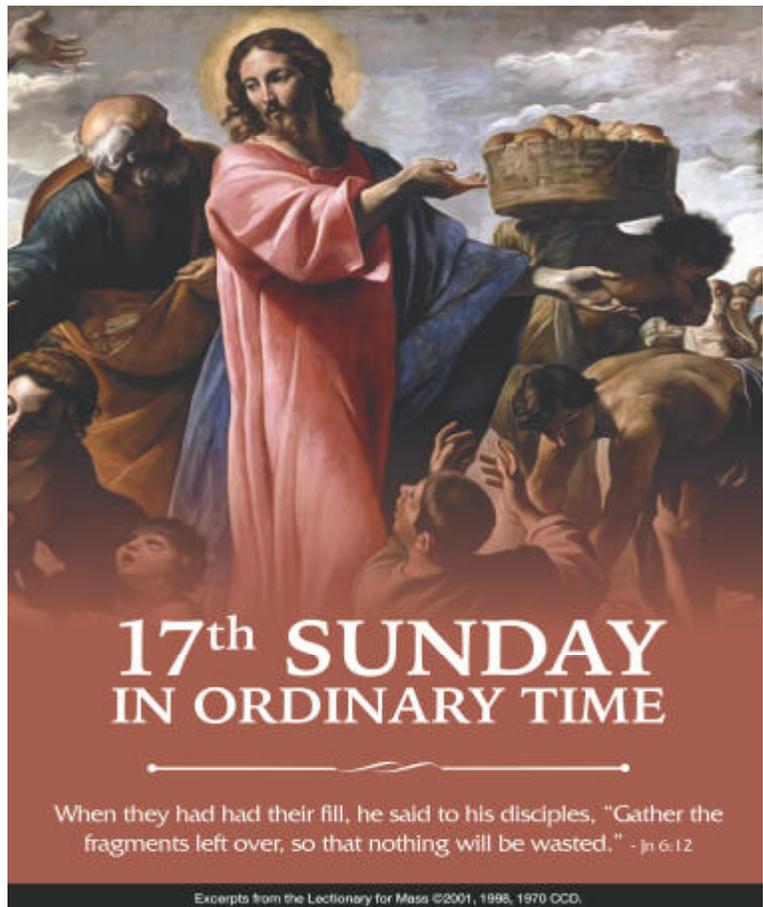
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## Faith Formation

*“The valiant one whose steps are guided by the Lord, who will delight in his way. May stumble, but he will never fall, for the Lord holds his hand.” (Psalms 37: 23-24)*

Faith Formation will begin a week early this year due to how Easter falls in 2022. Our opening Mass will be on September 1. Wednesday, September 8 will be our first class for students in grades 4-8<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and ending at 7:15 p.m. High school classes will begin at 7:00 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. Sunday, September 12, will be our first class for those in preschool through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Preschool takes place during the 8:30 a.m. Mass. The preschool children will attend Mass and be dismissed from there to go to their classroom. After Mass they are picked up at their room. Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 10:45 a.m.

If you have not signed up for faith formation for the 2021-2022, please do so at your earliest opportunity so that planning may continue for class sizes and catechist needs. To register go to

<https://www.myschoolsystems.com/ArchDBQ/DBQ137/>.

- In the past, if you forgot your password, we were able to give it to you. We no longer have access to your password. When you register there will be a Forgot Password link for you to use to access your password. You can also change your password then if you wish.
- All your present information will still be available if you have registered in the past minus the information for the waivers. When we ask you to re-register it is the Waiver information that needs to be filled out. It is the waiver information that can sometimes change, i.e. you have a son or daughter that didn't have an allergy last year but has developed one since.
- If you have moved recently, changed your phone number, have a different email address please make corrections. Thank you for your help as we move forward to the 2021-2022 Faith Formation Year.

**New to the area and want to register**.....stop in to the main office to register in the parish Monday - Friday. If you want to make an appointment call the main office at 895-6246.

**Baptism:** If you would like to have your child baptized call the main office to set up an appointment with Fr. Andrew. You may also email Loraine at l.kula@dbqarch.org and she will help you.

## 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  
Wed: 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

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### It's All in the Basket

St. Therese of Lisieux made a point of going the extra mile in kindness towards those people who really got under her skin. It was part of her own brand of Everyday Stewardship — thanking God for all His creation, even the parts with which, in her own humanness, she struggled to cope.

I think about this a lot when I challenge myself to give thanks for things that bother me and people who challenge me. When I do this, I envision Christ giving thanks over those insufficient loaves. How many of us would see that paltry little basket and kick a rock in frustration because we can't feed all our people? **“You didn't give me enough, Lord! You didn't give me enough patience, enough money, enough creativity, enough stamina to be a good steward. If you had given me more, I could also give more!”**

In those moments of despair, we need to take a good look at the life God has given us. We need to look at the trials and the challenges and the shortcomings. The hopes that didn't pan out, the disappointments that keep cropping up. Somewhere therein lies what we need to be the steward God asks us to be, just as St. Therese's own stewardship was defined by the people she simply couldn't stand.

God does not give us all we want. He does not give us all we ask for. He does us one better: He gives us all we need. It's all in the basket. *Tracy Earl Welliver, LPI*



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF  
SCRIPTURE

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.

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**Weekly contributions needed..... \$5,442.31**

July 25, 2021

Budget, Adult.....	\$ 2,740.00
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Facility Up-Keep.....	\$ 5.00
Total Collected.....	\$ 3,285.00

YTD collection needed.....	\$ 21,769.24
YTD collections received.....	\$ 13,763.91
YTD.....	\$ 8,005.33



### Wednesday, July 28th

8:30 am - Faye Pitlik

### Friday, July 30th

8:30 am - Darlene Allard

### Sunday, August 1st

8:30 am - Marvin Wieseler



### **Liturgical Ministers August 1, 2021**

Sacristan: Jim Kendall

EM: Bev O'Connor      Larry Poduska  
Judy Poduska      Stephen Poduska

Lectors: Charlene Vig      Tom Wieseler

Servers: Johnny Broulik      Michael Covington

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John & Amanda Rhomberg family  
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This is a hearing device that parishioners and visitors may use to hear Fr. Andrew, lectors, cantors better. We are happy that you are using these devices.

We ask you to not put it in your pocket or pull on the wires as this will break them. When we have to replace the attachment that plugs into the hearing device it costs the parish \$14. Thank you for understanding.

**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 25, 2021**

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