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CATHOLIC CHURCH

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July 31-Aug. 1, 2021 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:32-33

18º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Jesús les respondió: "Yo les aseguro: No fue Moisés quien les dio pan del cielo; es mi Padre quien les da el verdadero pan del cielo. Porque el pan de Dios es aquel que baja del cielo y da la vida al mundo". - Jn 6, 32-33

ST. MARY'S MISSION STATEMENT

"Our vision is to see Christ in others and to treat others as Christ, because this is what we believe." As a Catholic community, we gather and celebrate the presence of Christ in sacrifice and sacrament. "Our mission is to support our community by meeting the spiritual, faith formation and other needs of our parishioners."

Welcome! It is our hope that you feel at home and among friends here. If you are a visitor for the day, we pray God's blessings on your journey. If you are looking for a parish community, we would be delighted to welcome you into our parish family. Please join us at the beginning of each mass before the opening song to pray three "Hail Mary's" and a "Glory Be" to end abortion in our country.

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OFFICE HOURS

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Please call the office or Fr. Lazarus prior to visiting the staff so we may assist you best.

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Musings From The Pastor.

If you have ever watched (or read) Shakespeare plays, you may have noticed the way a main character will reveal himself. He does it by a sentence beginning with the words, "I am." For example, King Lear descends so quickly into seeming madness that we don't know what to make of him. But then, at a dramatic moment, King Lear says, "I am a very foolish, fond old man." That "I am" statement lets us know he is not really insane, but that his fondness and his foolishness have driven him to an extreme.

In this Sundays Gospel, Jesus makes an "I am" statement. It initiates his great self-revelation. Jesus says, "I am the bread of life." He not only multiplies bread. He is bread.

That is the reason why Jesus fled when they wanted to make him king. It wasn't some kind of false humility. The fact is that Jesus is greater than any king. A king, a political leader, can give people bread - and that is a good thing. A political leader can create a system where people are motivated to produce bread - and that is a better thing. But Jesus offers something much, much greater. Jesus is bread. As he says, "Whoever comes to me will never hunger."

To understand the significance of Jesus' self-revelation, we need to look at the context. Jesus is speaking to his Jewish brothers and sisters. Jesus is a son of Israel; he was born into the chosen race, the Jewish people. His mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, was a faithful Jewish woman. When the Jewish people heard the word "bread," they immediately thought of the manna, the miraculous bread God gave them during the forty years in the desert. So they said to Jesus, "our ancestors ate manna in the desert."

You and I can also say, "Our ancestors ate manna in the desert." We have become part of the Jewish people. As St. Paul says, we are "wild branches" that have been grafted on to the olive tree. By our baptism, you and I have been grafted to the olive tree of Judaism. As Pope Pius XI stated, "we are spiritual Semites." You and I can say, "Our ancestors ate manna in the desert."

This Sunday I would like to say something about the 'Sign of Peace.' The COVID pandemic has caused us to feel awkward when it comes to giving the sign of peace. Last Sunday while on vacation me and Fr. Eliud attended mass at Our Lady of Cove parish in Kimberling City just west of Branson, MO. At the time to give the sign of peace the priest didn't invite people to do that; you know the part of mass when the priest invites all to offer the sign of peace. Everybody was left not knowing what to do, few people offered the universal peace sign with their hands. A couple in front of our pew with a two or three year old defiantly kissed each other and their kid. As a priest I was observing all this from a different angle. Not many times do I get the privilege of sitting in the pew and "watch mass".

There has been a misunderstanding: We've gotten the idea that we create community. No, Jesus creates community. He does it by making us part of his people. We express community by affection, care, support - and above all, by forgiveness and reconciliation. The Sign of Peace expresses

our desire to allow God to make us into a community. We cannot do it on our own power. The sign of peace should be a simple, reverent gesture: "The peace of Christ be with you." Or, "the peace of Christ." Or simply, "Peace." Then offer a handshake - or a kiss if you are on more intimate terms. St. Paul speaks about greeting each other with a "holy kiss." I wouldn't try it here in our parish, unless the person is your wife or sister.

Once again, I want to emphasize that we do not create community. Jesus does. What we do is express the union that Jesus has already achieved by making us part of his people. Our ancestors ate manna in the desert. In Jesus we are part of the chosen people. As part of that people, Jesus satisfies our hunger. He initiates his great self-revelation by saying, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger."

Have a Blessed Week. Fr. Lazarus Kirigia.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Ongoing commitments to the Annual Diocesan Appeal work in quiet, unheralded ways to sustain the Catholic Church in southwest Iowa. We empower others to encounter Christ; we help parish leaders to shepherd the faithful, support local communities of faith, and help people in need as one diocesan family committed to serve and protect one another and bring each other to Christ.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2021

Parish ADA Goal	\$ 26,573.00
Amount Paid	\$ 15,510.00
Outstanding pledges	(\$1,717.00)
Balance	\$ 8,665.00

WELCOME TO ALL

If you're looking for resources for the disabled, go to dmdiocease.org/disabilityministry. For more information on resources or joining a support group, email Patty Origer at poriger@dmdiocease.org.

READY FOR GOLF?

Join Catholic Charities Golf Outing at Tournament Club of Iowa in Pol City on Aug. 30. Registration and box lunch at 11:30 a.m., 12:45 p.m. shotgun start. Space is limited so sign up early at: www.catholiccharitiesdm.org/2021-golf/

MINNA DIOCESE MISSION PRIEST

Last week you learned more about the missionary work of the Church in the Diocese of Minna, Nigeria. Fr. Kizito Okhuoya preached in all the Masses and asked for a gift for the people of the Diocese of Minna, Nigeria. Fr. Kizito is deeply grateful to the pastor, Fr. Lazarus Kirigia and each of you for your hospitality, prayers and donation. May God bless you.

RACIAL JUSTICE

As part of the Diocese of Des Moines' engagement on issues related to racial justice a webpage has been created with multiple resources that can be used by families or on one's own to develop knowledge, aid in conversion of heart, and inspire action to address systemic and interpersonal racisms. Go to our website at dmdiocease.org/racism to learn more.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS

Wishing a very Happy 50th Anniversary on August 6th to Cindee and Steve Hays. Congratulations from your family and your friends!



FAITH FORMATION 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Thank you to the Confirmation students for the help in the garden and the grounds. We will continue working thru the summer to furnish produce to the food pantry. If anyone else is interested in helping, please call Alan. This is a great service project for those needing service hours. Many hands make light work.

Please continue through the summer to enjoy the videos that are available at www.formed.org. Join us at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/stmarysfaith> if you have not done so for any updates or information that may be of interest to you.

The 2021-2022 Faith Formation schedule has been tentatively set. It will kick off with the Parish Picnic Sunday, August 15, following the 10:30 a.m. Mass.



There will be a Catechist Meeting for grades k-6 August 25th. There will be an Ice Cream Social Kickoff on September 1. Following the Ice Cream Social YDisciple, grades 7-12 leaders will having a meeting from 7-8:15 p.m. Please see the schedules in the back of the church for both YDisciple and Faith Formation.

CAREERS: JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES TEAM

Catholic Charities has an array of job openings! Executive assistant, refugee case manager, therapist and more in Des Moines. In Council Bluffs: Program manager, shelter and housing coordinator, Domestic Violence coordinator and more. Several part-time openings are available as well. Visit <https://catholiccharitiesdm.bamboohr.com/jobs/> and apply today!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Domestic violence (also referred to as intimate partner violence (IPV), dating abuse or relationship abuse) is a pattern of behaviors used by one partner to maintain power and control over another partner in an intimate relationship. Domestic violence doesn't discriminate. People of any race, age, gender, sexuality, religion, education level or economic status can be a victim — or person who harms — of domestic violence. That includes behaviors that physically harm, intimidate, manipulate or control a partner or otherwise force them to behave in ways they don't want to, including through physical violence, threats, emotional abuse or financial control.

Everyone has the capacity to change, but doing so requires meaningful commitment to all aspects of change. Unfortunately, most people with abusive behaviors are unwilling to make these changes. Many factors behind abusive behaviors are learned attitudes and feelings of entitlement, which can be difficult to unlearn. A person who harms is/was often a survivor of intimate partner violence themselves. Everyone deserves a healthy relationship free from abuse – both a survivor and a person who harms – but the choice to change unsafe behaviors has to be the decision of the individual who is perpetrating power and control onto their partner.

Some content repurposed from resources/materials provided by the National Domestic Violence Hotline

Readings for the week of August 1, 2021

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; St. Alphonsus Liguori

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21; St. Eusebius of Vercelli

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14; St. Peter Julian Eymard

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28; St. John Vianney

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23; Dedication of St. Mary Major Basilica

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10; Transfiguration of the Lord

Saturday: Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4, 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20; St. Cajetan

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

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LIFE LINE SCREENING IS AT ST. MARY'S AUGUST 18th

There is a simple, convenient way for you to get preventive health screenings and learn your risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions.

These painless screenings go beyond your regular check-up to identify dangerous plaque buildup or blockage, a major risk factor for stroke and heart disease. The screenings are accurate, affordable and will give you valuable information about your health that you can share with your doctor.

We are pleased to host Life Line Screening, who will be on site on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at St Marys Catholic Church of Red Oak to conduct these valuable screenings.

These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a \$10 discount.

Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441 or text the word "circle" to 797979. See the pink fliers on the table at the back of the church. And share with your friends.

COLLECTION FOR FR. ELIUD AUG. 7-8

We will have a special collection next weekend to help Fr. Eliud continue his work with his parishes in Kenya. He would like to continue to get water to his parishes, and continue to help them become self-sufficient in their living. Thank you for your continued support. Fr. Eliud will be with us until Aug. 12.

FLOCKNOTE

Please remember to sign up for flocknote so that you may stay informed of all the changes in our masses, our meetings, and any pertinent information we need to pass along at this time. This has been a busy winter already, and we pray all of you and your families stay safe. If you need any help please call the office.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Saturday-August 7

Lector: Mike Connolly
Altar Servers: Xavier & Brie Ross
Min. of Communion: Hank Latus
Greeter/Usher: Joe & Nancy Nealon / Matt Ross / Kevin Naser
Musician/Singers: Charla Schmid / Ann Ross & Jim Kearney
Sacristan: Nancy Nealon

Sunday-August 8

Lector: Mike Portz
Altar Servers: Cate Horn / Liah Wemhoff
Min. of Communion: Richard Sampers
Homebound: Richard & Connie Sampers
Greeter/Usher: Mike Portz / Tim Schmid
Musician/Singers: Charla Schmid / Kerry & Elaine Carlson
Sacristan: Joan Smith
Money Counters: Kim Robinson / Connie Sampers

**We are now streaming Mass from St. Mary's on Facebook.
You do NOT need to have an account to watch.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:



Dan Bruning	Josh Watson
Homebound Parishioners	Patricia Menendez
Len & Fran Ross	Teresa Navarro Bueno
Arlene Lao	Teresa Williams
Maggie Abbuhl	Carlos Palafox Hernandez
Easton Koelker	Lorenzo Hernandez Garcia

If you or someone you know would like to be on the prayer list, please call the office so that we may add their name in the bulletin

RESOURCES FOR HISPANIC COMMUNITY

If you have families that have lost their employment and their source of income and they need some assistance, they can call the 211 hotline, text your zip code to 898211, or visit www.211iowa.org

IOWA LEGAL AID'S FARMWORKER POLICY

There is Free Legal Services for Eligible Individuals/Servicios Legales Gratuitos Para Personas Elegibles. Call 1-800-532-1275 if interested.

HISPANIC MINISTRY-IOWA PBS

Get health and safety news in Spanish during the COVID-19 crisis through Iowa PBS. Iowa PBS to offer Spanish language safety information amidst COVID-19 pandemic.

BAPTISM: Please call the office to schedule the Baptism. A class is required for first-time parents.

RCIA: Each Fall the parish forms a group of adults who are interested in becoming Catholic, or in learning about the faith. Contact the Parish Office or Fr. Lazarus.

CARE OF THE SICK: Please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Lazarus to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, or if you would like a visit while in the hospital or Communion brought to your home.

MARRIAGE: Couples planning a wedding at St. Mary's should contact Fr. Lazarus at least 6 months prior to the wedding to begin the preparation process.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Saturday-July 31

- 5:00 p.m. Mass in Red Oak-Ernest Mutschler+

Sunday-August 1

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Imogene
- 10:30 a.m. Mass in Red Oak-Members of the Parish
- 1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Monday-August 2-Office Closed

- 7:00 p.m. Holy Grounds-Church Hall

Tuesday- August 3

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Imogene
- Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday-August 4

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Red Oak
- Pastoral Council

Thursday-August 5

- 6:00 a.m. Adoration Begins
- 5:15 p.m. Rosary
- 6:00 p.m. Mass in Imogene
- 8:00 p.m. Spanish Rosary

Friday-August 6

- 6:00 a.m. Adoration Ends
- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Red Oak

Saturday-August 7-Fr. Eliud-Special Collection

- 5:00 p.m. Mass in Red Oak-Angel Melendez, Sr.+

Sunday-August 8-Fr. Eliud-Special Collection

- 8:30 a.m. Mass in Imogene
- 10:30 a.m. Mass in Red Oak-Members of the Parish



Thank you to the musicians we had for our bilingual mass July 18th. We look forward to more beautiful music at future masses. The music was enjoyed by all! Thank you!



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