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**MASSES**

**WEEKEND:** SATURDAYS: 4:00 PM SUNDAYS: 10:00 AM  
**DAILY MASSES:** MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS AT 8:30AM  
AT ST. JOSEPH’S, NORTH BROOKFIELD  
MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS:  
8 AM OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART, W. BROOKFIELD  
**DAILY MASSES:** THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS AT 8:30AM  
AT ST. JOHN’S, EAST BROOKFIELD  
HOLY DAY MASSES: 8:30AM ST. JOSEPH’S  
7:00PM ST. JOHN’S

**FOOD PANTRY**

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ADDRESS: 296 MAIN ST., NORTH BROOKFIELD  
**HOURS:** FIRST THURS. OF THE MONTH: 5:00-6:30 PM  
THIRD THURS. OF THE MONTH: 12:00 NOON-1:15PM.  
PLEASE COME TO ST. JOSEPH’S CHURCH DURING  
THESE HOURS FOR REQUESTS FOR FOOD ASSISTANCE.



***REGISTRATION OR  
CHANGE OF ADDRESS***

**Welcome to Saint John the Baptist Parish !**  
If you would like to register or you have changed  
your address, please fill out the following information  
and submit it to the parish office.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_



# St. John the Baptist Parish

**SACRAMENTS**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
SATURDAYS AT 3:00 PM OR BY APPOINTMENT

**BAPTISM**  
BAPTISMS ARE USUALLY HELD  
AFTER THE SUNDAY 10:00 AM MASS

**MARRIAGE**  
PLEASE CONTACT EITHER PRIEST AT THE RECTORY  
AT LEAST 12 MONTHS BEFORE THE DESIRED DATE  
OF THE WEDDING SO AS TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.

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## 17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the  
fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." - Jn 6:12



**Sacraments and other events**

**Sat., July 24, 2021**

4:00pm for Arthur E. Graves Jr. (7th anniv.)  
req. by his sons

**Sun., July 25, 2021**

10:00am for Albert and Irene Ouellette (deceased)  
Wedding anniv. 7.25.1950, requested by Fr. Don

**Mon. and Tues. July 26-27, 2021**

8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's, N. Brookfield  
8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart in W. Brookfield

**Wed. July 28, 2021**

8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart in W. Brookfield

**Thurs., July 29, 2021**

8:30am for Phillip Harrington for his recovery  
req. by Kristy Riendeau

8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart in W. Brookfield

**Fri., July 30, 2021**

8:30am for parishes in our Diocese  
req. by the parish

**Sat., July 31, 2021**

4:00pm for George Rusiecki  
req. by Mel Fish

**Sun., Aug. 1, 2021**

10:00am for Rita Jaquith (16th anniv.)  
req. by the family

*Parish Support*

July 17-18

Weekly	\$ 1,255.00
Monthly	\$ 90.00

*Thank you for your continued support !*

**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

**Small Things Done Well**

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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New eMissalette Apps



Here are two new options to follow the Mass on your smart phone or tablet.

1. The new Oregon Catholic Press Breaking Bread 2021 eMissal app. This one is only \$5.00 ! It contains readings, prayers, and music. Either: Google PlayStore link: <https://bit.ly/2LrX4xZ> (Android phones) Mac app store link: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/breaking-bread-2021-emissal/id1547640381> (iPhones)
2. The free Apple app called Laudate. (iPad users) This has the weekend readings and prayers only. There is no music available on this app. <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/laudate-1-catholic-app/id499428207>

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, MTS

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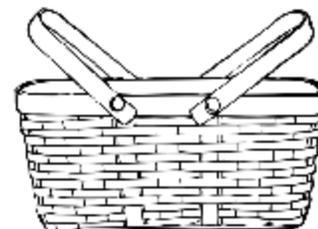
DRIVE THRU

Drive Thru BBQ

St. Joseph's Parish Drive Thru Chicken BBQ will be held on Sunday, August 29, 2021, from 1 PM to 3 PM in the church parking lot on Grove Street in North Brookfield. Dinner tickets can be picked up at the rectory offices at St. Joseph's and St. John's on Mondays through Fridays between 9 AM and 1 PM or after all weekend Masses at St. Joseph's. The cost is \$12.00 (\$ 5.00 for children 12 and under), and must be purchased by August 24, 2021.

There will be two raffles. The first one is a lottery raffle. Chances are \$20.00. The grand prize is a book of 50 - \$30.00 scratch tickets. Cash prizes of \$200.00, \$100.00, \$50.00, and \$50.00 will also be awarded. Chances will also be sold on the day of the BBQ. The lucky winners will be drawn that day.

A second raffle is one with a gift card plant, containing many gift cards. Chances are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. These tickets will only be available the day of the BBQ.



*When the people saw the sign  
Jesus had done,  
they said, "This is truly the Prophet,  
the one who is to come into the world."*





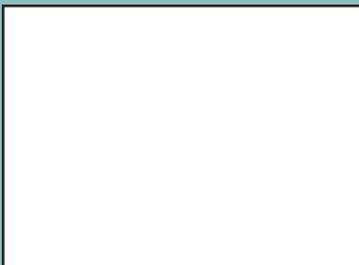
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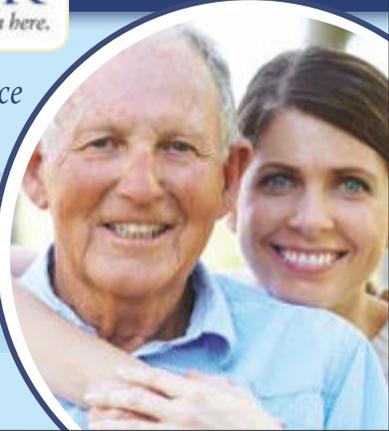
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