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MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Spirit-filled community of welcoming believers, helping each other spiritually, financially and practically. We show compassion, gratitude and appreciation toward God and one another as we dream big, spread joy, and share our tears and laughter.

To all who are tired and need rest; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are friendless and need friendship; to all who are discouraged and need hope; to all who are homeless and need sheltering love; to all who sin and need a Savior; and to whomsoever will, the Parish of St. Vincent de Paul opens wide its doors in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

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August 1, 2021

When will we realize that stewardship requires as much of our actions as it does of our beliefs?

John 6: 24-35

MASS INTENTIONS & PASTOR'S CORNER

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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, August 1, 2021
8:30 a.m. - **JUANITA HAUSAN/ Ramona Hall**

11:15 a.m. - **LARRY COVAR / Don Board**

MONDAY, August 2, 2021
9:00 a.m. - **JEREMY McKENNA/ Karen & Ed Pasciullo**

TUESDAY, August 3, 2021
9:00 a.m. - **PAUL OSWALD / Don Board**

WEDNESDAY, August 4, 2021
9:00 a.m. - **JOHN FILONE / St. V de Paul Stitchers & Crafters**

THURSDAY, August 5, 2021 **NO MASS**

FRIDAY, August 6, 2021
9:00 a.m. - **HAROLD WAGNER/ The Willson Family**

SATURDAY, August 7, 2021
4:00 p.m. **FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**

SUNDAY, August 8, 2021
8:30 a.m. - **MARY BETH PAGE & PETER FLEMING/ Kathleen & Richard Page**

11:15 a.m. - **JOSEPH NAJARIAN/ Gerry Najarian**

18th Sunday – B

Pastor's Corner: Some Food for Thought on JUSTICE

All ate the bread of angels, food God sent them in abundance.

Psalm 78:25

Today's Responsorial Psalm declares that God sent the Israelites food "in abundance." God's "enough" is true abundance. It is an abundance of just the right amount. As we see in the first reading, if the Israelites took more manna than they needed for the day, they would find it had spoiled the next day. There is a simplicity at work in God's plan here. God will provide our needs and we are to trust this will happen. Simplicity--what a concept!

Appreciation of simplicity is in short supply in our commercialized world where we are thrust into a plethora of bigger and better and more and more. Yet, for those seeking a spiritual path, simplicity, in the shedding of the superfluous, is perhaps, one of the very first steps. Richard J. Foster, a Christian theologian in the Quaker tradition, writes in his book, Celebration of Discipline (Harper, 1990), "To experience the liberating spirit of simplicity will affect how we live. "He goes to offer ten principles for the outward expressions of simplicity (90-95):

- 1. Buy things for their usefulness rather than their status.*
- 2. Reject anything that is producing an addiction in you.*
- 3. Develop a habit of giving things away. De-accumulate!*
- 4. Refuse to be propagandized by the custodians of modern gadgetry.*
- 5. Learn to enjoy things without owning them.*
- 6. Develop a deeper appreciation for the creation.*
- 7. Look with a healthy skepticism at all "buy now, pay later" schemes.*
- 8. Obey Jesus' instructions about plain, honest speech (Matt. 5:37) and if you consent to do a task, do it. Make honesty and integrity the distinguishing characteristics of your speech.*
- 9. Reject anything that breeds the oppression of others.*
- 10. Shun anything that distracts you from seeking first the kingdom of*



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUN
8/01

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/
Ps 78:3-4, 23-
24, 25, 54
[24b]/Eph 4:17,

MON
8/02

Nm 11:4b-15/Ps
81:12-13, 14-15,
16-17 [2a]/Mt
14:13-21

TUES
8/03

Nm 12:1-13/Ps
51:3-4, 5-6ab,
6cd-7, 12-13 [cf.
3a]/Mt 14:22-36

WED
8/04

Nm 13:1-2, 25-
14:1, 26-29a, 34-
35/Ps 106:6-
7ab, 13-14, 21

THURS
8/05

Nm 20:1-13/Ps
95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
[8]/Mt 16:13-23

FRI
8/06

Dn 7:9-10, 13-
14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-
6, 9 [1a and
9a]/2 Pt 1:16

SAT
8/07

Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18:
28, 3-4, 47 and
51/Mk 17:14-20

SUN
8/08

1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps
34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7,
8-9 [9a]/Eph
4:30-5:2

Pastor's Corner (continued)

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

God.

Pope Francis reinforces Foster's thoughts, "It is good to inspire an art of living together in simplicity, benevolence, fraternity, as well as to educate in the culture of respect and encounter. . ." (4/6/18).

A just world will be a simplified one.

TRIP TO SIGHT & SOUND ON JUNE 9, 2022, to see DAVID.

Currently all seats have been reserved for this trip. In order to maintain your reservation, a deposit of \$75.00 for each person is due prior to August 16, 2021. If there are difficulties making this payment, please contact Fr. John at your first opportunity.

PART TIME MAINTENANCE & GROUNDS PERSON NEEDED:

We are actively looking for a person with basic carpentry, plumbing, and electrical skills to fill a position here at St. Vincent's as Maintenance & Grounds Superintendent. Responsibilities include: Minor repairs and maintenance of parish grounds and buildings, also snow removal of parish walkways and stairs. Please contact Father John if interested. Experience preferred.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

In person Faith Formation classes will resume in September and it has been a long time since the RESOURCE CENTER has been open for regular use. The entire space is in need of a deep cleaning before that happens. We are seeking parishioners to volunteer their time and energy to help get the RESOURCE CENTER clean on the morning of August 18th at 9a.m. Please bring gloves, a bucket, cleaner and rags. The more people we have, the lighter the workload will be! Additionally, we are seeking volunteer handymen and plumbers to help replace ceiling tiles and bathroom fixtures before mid-September. Please contact Laura at the parish office if you can help with this project.



LITURGICAL LIFE & STEWARDSHIP LIFE

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PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Mass Schedule -

Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am & 11:15am

**Daily Mass: Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri
9:00am in Chapel**

Parish Office Hours:

Parish office hours are:

Monday - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Sacramental Information:

Reconciliation

Mondays—7:00 p.m. Held in Chapel each week with parishioners to wait outside Parish Office door until it is your turn.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents/legal guardians are to call Parish Office to schedule preparation. Baptism preparatory classes are held in the Resource Center the second Thursday of each month. Baptisms will be private ceremonies and need to be scheduled.

Sacrament of Marriage

If you are thinking about marriage in the next 6 months, it is time to contact the Parish Office. After speaking with the Office, you need to register for a Diocesan Pre-Cana session. Visit the diocesan website to find more details: <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/community/marriage/marriage-preparation>

Anointing of the Sick

As an aid to comfort and strengthen the sick, the sacrament is administered to those advanced in years, those preparing for surgery, and those in danger of death. Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.



GIVE SERVE LIVE

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K of C Council #9832 will be starting Breakfast again in our parish hall on **September 12, 9a.m. - 1p.m.** The next Food For Families will be on **Sept. 19.**



FAITH FORMATION: We will be having in person classes starting in September on Sunday mornings from 9:45a.m. - 11:00a.m. Registration is open and can be done via website or by calling PARISH OFFICE. All classes will be meeting on Sundays in Sept.



St. Vincent de Paul Stitchers & Crafters - are welcoming new members to their group. They meet in the Parish Hall on Mondays at 10 a.m. If you enjoy knitting, crocheting, crafting, etc. come and check out this ministry!



Liturgy of the Word for Children - Will resume IN PERSON on Sunday, September 12. The Mass time for this ministry will be forthcoming in the upcoming weeks.



The Blooming Grove Food Pantry's "foods of the month" for August include: Juice, toilet paper and laundry detergent pods. Please consider including these items with your food donations. Thank you!



VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR - Reconnect with Fellow Parishioners - St. Vincent's is offering a weekly virtual coffee hour on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Learn more on our web site: Www.stvdepaulchurch.org



LOAVES and FISHES GIFT CARDS - will be available to purchase after masses again but only cash and checks will be accepted. Updated list is on our website of cards available.

August 1, 2021

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15 | Eph 4:17, 20-24 | Jn 6:24-35

Written by
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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

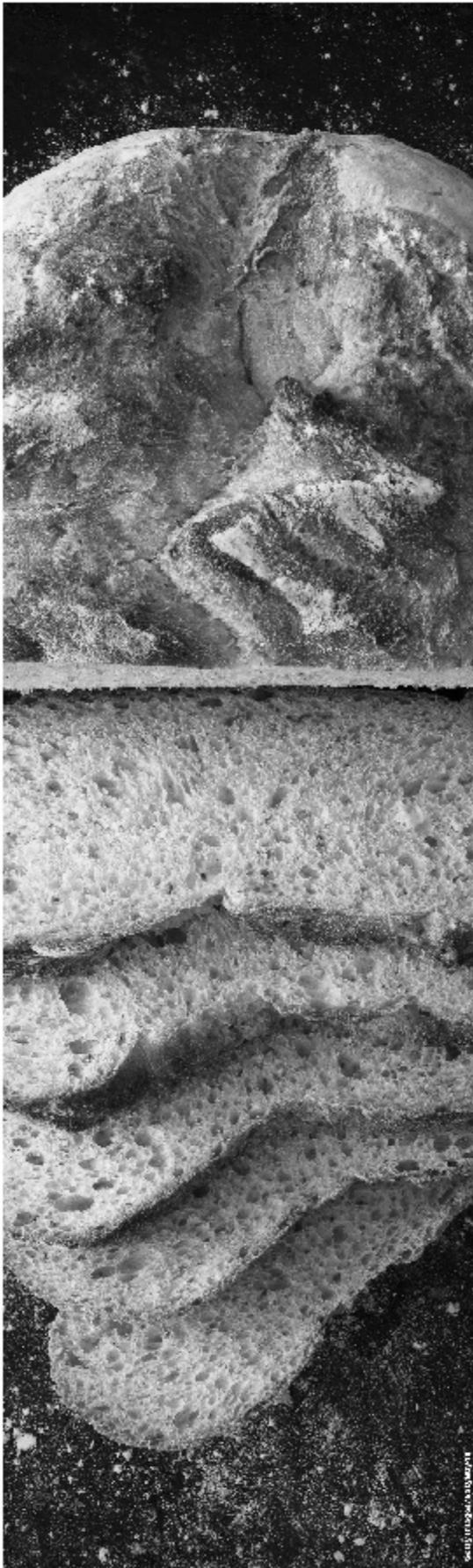
In our house, we know we've got a situation when we run out of bread. It's the staff of life, yes, but also the stuff that makes toast, goes with soup or salad, and smells so good when we bake it ourselves. So perhaps some of us can relate to the Israelites in the first reading as they "grumbled against Moses and Aaron," before the Lord promised to "rain down bread from heaven for [them]." On a deeper level, perhaps we also truly understand the importance of what Jesus tells his disciples in today's Gospel: that the bread from heaven which the Father gives will not only satisfy their physical hunger, but give life to the world. Jesus says, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." Just as the disciples heartily responded "give us this bread always," today's readings encourage us to long not only for all good gifts from the Father, but specifically for that one, unique gift of the Son whose nourishment to us in the Eucharist transforms us and "gives life to the world."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Like many Catholics, I attended Mass online for much of 2020 and the first half of 2021. Initially, it seemed like enough, and I was immensely grateful for the opportunity to hear the Word of God, see the Lord in the Eucharist, and to receive him spiritually. However, as we began to return to church this past spring, I truly felt the enormity of what I had been missing: receiving the Eucharist, and doing so within a community. As we hear Christ's words in the bread of life discourse over the next few Sundays, the magnitude of God's gracious gift should become ever more apparent. When we receive the Eucharist at Mass, we partake in the body and blood of Jesus, sharing in the divine banquet that leads us to everlasting life, and drawing closer to Jesus and to one another in the process. Nourished by his presence within us, we can then go out and share the bread of life with others. What that looks like will differ for each of us, but ultimately it is all for the purpose of accomplishing the works of God: believing in the One he sent and giving witness to that belief in all we say and do.

ACTION Paul's Letter to the Ephesians admonishes his listeners to "put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth." As we begin each day this week, we can pray for the grace to "put on a new self" and let go of those things that get in the way of our own holiness.



Practicing Faith**Question:**

I'd like to make some new resolutions about practicing the faith in our family during the new year. Do you have any suggestions?

Answer:

The family is the most essential space for the formation of values and character. Practicing your faith as a family can happen both internally and externally. Consistent prayer together builds habits that can last a lifetime. With younger children, praying together as a family in the evening or at dinnertime could be fairly doable most nights. In the evening, select a few common prayers such as the Our Father, Hail Mary, or Guardian Angel prayer. Ask each of your children to thank God for three things that day and include a time for children and adults alike to pray out loud for special needs in your family. This practice could be done with older children, committed to intentional efforts in the midst of increasingly busy schedules.

Look for other opportunities to practice the faith outside the home as well. Sunday Mass should already be part of your family's weekly routine. Consider setting other monthly goals as well. This could be a family service project in your city, attending the sacrament of Confession together, or hosting a hospitality night in your home. Get your children involved in the planning process. Ask them where they'd like to volunteer or who they think is having a hard time and might need a special night just for them. Rather than simply imposing new practices, your whole family can have a dynamic role understanding and integrating faith and life.

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Looking for Catholic community?

Don't know where all the single Catholics are hanging out? Come find them in Denver, CO August 20-22, 2021, and get the in-person experience with hundreds of other attendees, OR attend virtually with people from around the globe (registration for virtual option coming soon)! This is your chance to connect with like-minded singles from all over. Join us for dynamic presentations by Fr. Nathan Cromly, Fr. Thomas Loya, Mary Beth Bonacci and others, as well as music, socials, prayer, fellowship and more! If joining us in-person, be sure to register BEFORE AUGUST 6th to save \$30 AND use our special discount code: NCSC21 to get \$20 more off.

For more information and to register, visit

Www.NationalCatholicSingles.com

(Can't find your question answered on the website? Call 512-766-5798.)

BIRTHDAYS**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR PARISHIONERS:**

August 1 - August 7

Edward Brown, Michael Duncan, Michael Brummett, Tony Turner, Francesca Daws, Brendan Galeano, John Herron, Lindsey Herron, Kazimierz Koziol, Abel J. Peltro, Robert Crawford, Rebecca Apostol, Cheryl Heidelberger, Edward Liska

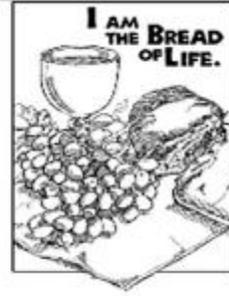
If you see any of these people, wish them a very Happy Birthday!



CHILDREN'S CORNER - August 1

Looking for a Sign

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. John 6:35 (NIV)
Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
U	J	D	P	S	T	V	W	M	L	F	Y	C	Q	X	O	Z	G	H	I	K	E	A	R	B	N

- 22-6-22-24-26-23-10 _____
- 25-22-10-20-22-7-22 _____
- 19-22-23-7-22-26 _____
- 10-20-11-22 _____
- 5-20-18-26 _____
- 6-19-20-24-5-6-12 _____
- 19-1-26-18-24-12 _____
- 25-24-22-23-3 _____

SIGN	BREAD	BELIEVE	HEAVEN
ETERNAL	LIFE	HUNGRY	THIRSTY

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Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse Hotline (Childline) at 1- 800- 932- 0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenet of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator MaryBeth Pacuska at (570 862-7551) or the Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570- 207-2269).



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