



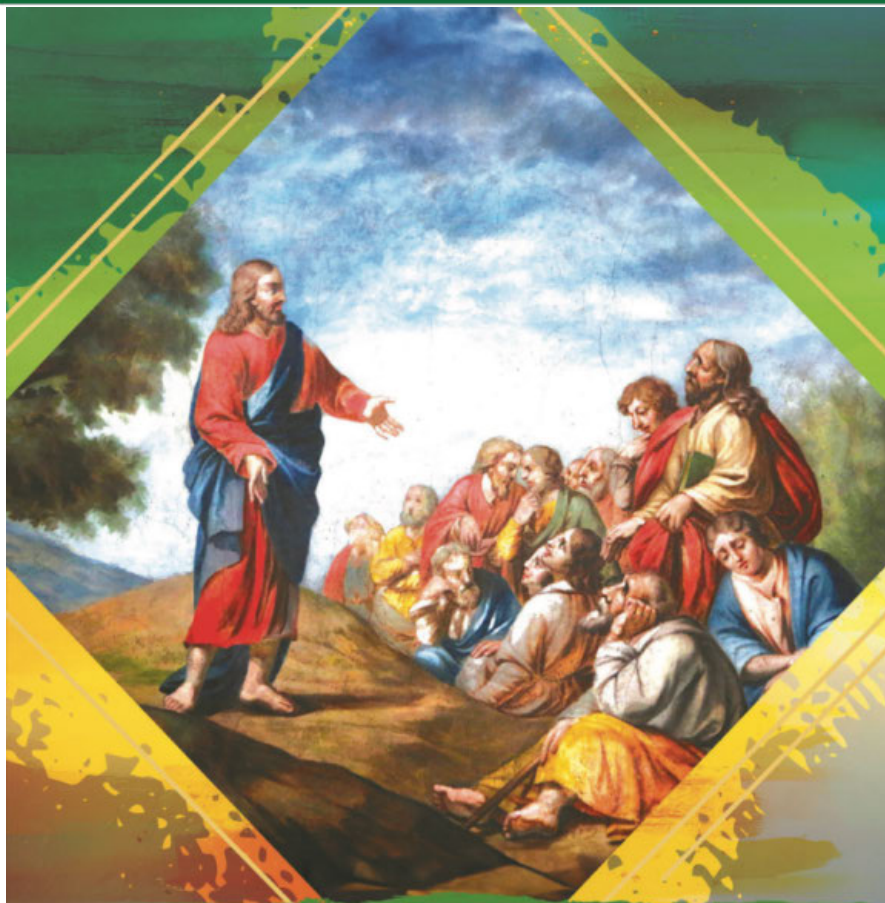
# SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

The members of St. Joan of Arc Parish are disciples of Jesus Christ, who recognize God's love for the world & are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to all people through joyful worship, life-long education, compassionate service, responsible stewardship, & active community living.

~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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## 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"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." - Jn 6:32

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### LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am  
Wednesday: 6:00 pm

#### Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am,  
12:00 pm

#### Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm  
7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

#### Reconciliation

Wednesdays: 5:00 pm  
Saturdays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
in the Sister Carol Center

#### Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

#### Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7am Mass

### PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

**The Parish Center is open:**  
**Monday - Thursday from 9:00 am - 5:00pm**  
**Friday: Closed During the Month of July**

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: 586-777-1342.

**Baptisms:** Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further arrangements based on submission of that form.

**Marriages:** Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series required.

**Registration:** It is very important that every family and independent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to register at your earliest opportunity: 586-777-3670.

**OCIA:** Please call the Parish Center: 586-777-3670.

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, please register at [stjoan.church](http://stjoan.church) and we will contact you by phone. Or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during office hours.

### Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has increased our mass participation at daily and weekend masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

**Go to: [livestream.stjoan.church](http://livestream.stjoan.church) to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.**

#### Weekday Masses

Monday thru Friday @ 7am  
Wednesday @ 6pm

#### Weekend Masses

Saturdays @ 4pm & 6pm  
Sundays @ 8am, 10am, 12pm

#### Holy Hour

Thursdays @ 7pm





**Drivin' Ms. Daisy to the UP (Part 2):** From what I can remember, this is only my third time traveling in or through the UP. I must say, from the moment

you pass over the bridge, it's like you're in another world. Immediately, there is a sense of peace and tranquility. There is beauty everywhere you turn. The pace of life is so much slower. It's just different and beautiful; it's hard to describe. The drive along US 2 is absolutely picturesque. The two times I've traveled along US 2 upon arriving in the UP have been with the sun setting or soon to set. It's just so beautiful. There are so many scenic roadside lookouts that you could stop every 10 minutes or so to take in the incredible beauty. And, even if you stopped at EVERY scenic lookout or roadside park, you would NEVER be bored or say, "This was a waste of time." And, what's also cool about the drive along US 2, especially along the long stretch from the Mackinac Bridge to the Garlyn Zoo Wildlife Park, which is a span of about 40 miles, you see people parked on the side of the road just sitting down at the sandy shores of Lake Michigan, enjoying the sunset, a swim or a canoe or paddleboard ride. It's just peaceful and beautiful. One of my new "bucket list" items would be to travel through the UP during peak fall color season. That would be even more incredible!

Yes, life is much different in the UP. Other than the busyness you'll experience in the bigger cities like Sault Ste Marie, Marquette, and Houghton, you won't find a lot of "rush hour traffic" anywhere else in the UP. You could travel sometimes 3 hours before running into a town that "might" even have a gas station. We were even warned before going, and it was a wise tip that you should never let your gas tank go down below the halfway mark because of the lack of gas stations in the remote areas of the UP. AND, you need to carry some cash. Because cell service is so spotty, you can't always be guaranteed that you can use a credit card. While we carried cash just for this purpose, we were always able to use our credit card; however, finding gas stations in the remote areas that sold diesel was often difficult.

AND, then (remember I'm a newbie at all of this), you had to be careful whether you were getting regular efficient diesel

(for on-the-road vehicles) or recreational diesel (for off-the-road vehicles). Most gas stations selling diesel had both at the pumps; it was confusing at first. I also had to get used to two different diesel pumps. I'm not used to these things "downstate," as people in the UP say. There was the regular diesel pump (like I'm used to) and a wider nozzled high-pressure pump. I quickly learned the wider nozzled pump was for semis. Even getting diesel became a learning experience that took a few days to grasp.

On our way back from Copper Harbor, the most northern tip of the UP, we stopped in the quaint little town of Hancock, a little hill at one end of the Portage Canal Lift Bridge just outside Houghton on US 41 to get some fuel. We pulled into this gas station just before the bridge. I pulled up to a pump and noticed a young kid, maybe a late teenager, just standing near the pump. I didn't think anything of it at first. The gas station reminded me of something straight out of the Andy Griffith Show. It was just a quaint little gas station. As I was getting out of the RV, I noticed there was another kid talking to another car on the other side. The two boys looked like they could have been twins. Again, I didn't think anything of it. As I reached for my wallet to pull out my credit card, I finally asked the guy, "Can I help you?" I didn't know if he was standing there for a reason or needed something. He piped up proudly and said, "No, we're a FULL-SERVICE gas station. I'm here to help you!" WOW! You've got to be kidding. Immediately, I thought I MUST be in Mayberry! A FULL-SERVICE gas station? When was the last time you ever heard of such a thing? So, I gave him my credit card, watched as he tapped it on the card reader, and then pumped my diesel. He gave me my receipt, and I returned to the van and told my mom the story. Oh my, this confirmed my feeling that life in the UP ... IS different!

**Getting to Know Bishop Baraga (Part 2):** Since being introduced to Bishop Baraga last year, I quickly learned on this trip that I've been saying his name wrong. I was saying Bishop BAR-a-ga. It's really said Bishop BEAR-a-ga. The Baraga name is found all over the UP.

After the death of his parents, the young Frederick Baraga caught the attention of Dr. George Dolinar, who, though a layman, was a professor of Canon Law in the seminary in Ljubljana. Dr. Dolinar "adopted" the young Frederick as his protégé. With the advent of the Napoleonic Wars, the young Frederick was introduced

to the French language, which would become essential later in his missionary life. When he was 19, he entered the University of Vienna to study civil law. One of the biographies I read said, "As an unusually bright and obedient scholar, he acquitted himself well in all his studies, but was especially apt in languages. He was always neat in appearance, took good care of his health and shunned alcoholic liquors. Although his chief diversion was painting, he enjoyed also long recreational walks, particularly during vacation time. Among these were some long hiking trips by which he unknowingly prepared himself for the many fatiguing journeys that awaited him in the fulfillment of his life's work (The Apostle of the Chippewas: The Life Story of The Most Rev. Frederick Baraga, DD, by Joseph Gregorich, pub. 1932, p. 14).

While in Vienna, the young Baraga got to know the noted confessor and preacher, Saint Clement Maria Hofbauer, a Redemptorist priest, teacher, and reformer. The young Frederick started to imbue his own life with St. Clement's zeal and holiness. At about the same time, Frederick was engaged to be married to the daughter of his friend and now guardian, Dr. Dolinar. However, as Frederick continued to study, his conviction in a religious life began to grow. "He became more reserved, more serious-minded. One of his comrades, in fact, noticing this change in Frederick's interest, remarked in jest that Anna, his fiancée, would never be his wife. Frederick vowed that, after a year, he would marry her. However, a short time later, God's call began to assert itself, and during his last year at the university, he made a sudden but firm decision to espouse Holy Orders. His decision was the product only of much deliberation. Nonetheless, it surprised his relatives and friends, since Baraga had confided his secret to no one until he felt satisfied that he was fitted for the vocation that he was about to choose. The fact that he loved and respected his benefactor, Dr. Dolinar, to whom he felt much indebted, made his decision difficult indeed (The Apostle of the Chippewas, p. 16)." In the autumn of 1821, after graduating from law school, Frederick Baraga entered the diocesan seminary in Ljubljana.

More to come.

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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# THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of August 04, 2024



## A Bible Study on the Luminous Mysteries: The Transfiguration (Part 4)

Have you ever wanted to grow in your understanding and devotion to the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary? Join Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein as they walk through the mystery of the Transfiguration, helping you to enter more deeply into its richness.



## Our Mother Mary

What is Mariology? Learn about this fascinating topic in this interview with Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville.



## St. Dominic | Catholic Saints

During times of corruption and heresy in the world, great saints arise to bring renewal. Learn about the life of St. Dominic, who founded the Dominican Order and lived to promote the integration of the intellectual life and the life of poverty.

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As Catholics, we desire to live good lives and be good people. We want to be able to say that we are proud of ourselves as moral individuals. Understandably, we most likely are never thoroughly satisfied with our moral standing before God. We know that we continually struggle with our weaknesses and imperfections. We cave in to desires that then prick our consciences. We are bothered by inclinations that we know aren't fitting for someone who calls himself or herself Christian. So, we continuously evaluate our behavior. We try to decide if we go enough for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Or do we readily seek forgiveness from God for our sins at the various opportunities offered at each Mass we attend? Are we doing a good job or not?

Seeking forgiveness for our sins, and trying to live an upstanding moral life, comes through a good examination of conscience. First, we must figure out what we feel sorry for and, even further, what we *should* be sorry for. Interestingly, doing a good moral checkup is more of an art than a science – at least, it is in certain respects. Not every moral judgment is cut-and-dried – prepackaged for easy consumption. This complicates our moral stability . . . and we don't like such complications. We much prefer moral judgments to be clearly black and white, thumbs up or thumbs down, right or wrong. Such rigid simplicity is especially evident in how we treat other sinners. Folks are particularly quick to convict others of *their* wrongdoing. People will tell **others** all about **their** lives, and how **they've** messed it up. But they often don't truly know the person they convict, or their hearts, their minds, or their spirits. Understanding righteousness and sinfulness can be tricky at times.

Establishing legitimate culpability for certain sins requires some serious thought and commitment. We need a

deep desire to know *the truth*. We need to think about how the Lord sees our behavior. Then, how do we see ourselves when we are in the midst of sinning or not sinning? What is going on in our hearts? We can be overly harsh on ourselves for no good reason, or we can let ourselves off the hook for serious offenses. Neither extreme is good. What we should truly seek is the central reality – the truth – of our motivations.

One sin that can be tricky to solidly nail down is *coveting*. Coveting is a big deal. Two of the Ten Commandments specifically mention it: #9 – *Don't covet your neighbor's spouse*, and #10 – *Don't covet your neighbor's goods*. Coveting underlies a lot of sin. But what does this rather strange word really mean? Coveting involves an inordinate or extreme desire to possess something, to control it, to master it, to make it your own. (If you are familiar with *The Lord of the Rings*, think of "My Precious!" – possession of the power of the Ring!) Coveting involves the deep desire to possess something that *I have no right to have*.

Understanding covetousness is where some grayness can cloud our ability to clearly see the black and white distinction between right and wrong that we prefer. The murkiness comes when we realize that just because someone or something is attractive to us does not automatically mean that we crave it for our own. We can recognize that the next-door neighbor is really good-looking, but if we check ourselves **there**, at that realization, we're safe. It is when we step over the line of moral correctness and think to ourselves, "I *want* her" or "I *want* him," then we have lost it, and fallen into sin. The same goes for the neighbor's Lamborghini. Nice car . . . but it's not mine.

Where the inclination to covet can be exceptionally strong is when what we covet doesn't really seem like much. If a couple is struggling in a marriage where husband and wife are either at each other's throats all the time, or maybe barely acknowledge each other's existence, the attention of someone who is just willing to listen and be civil can be understandably tempting. Or, when it feels like torture going to work endless hours at a miserable job, for a miserable boss, just to barely feed the kids, all those vacations that the people across the street take all the time feel like a crown of thorns. Many people bear real crosses.

The combination of the crosses we bear and the generous bounties we sometimes find heaped upon us leaves us in a delicate position. We are always in flux. Yet, regardless of our life circumstances at any one time, we are *always* obligated to do the right thing. We must live according to God's law of love for him and our neighbor. Love plays out in a fine balance between justice and mercy. Being just and merciful isn't easy, though – especially in a world that is all about ME. We are obligated as Catholics to care about God and others, while we care about ourselves, as well. Spending time contemplating the fine line between *appreciating* something and *coveting* it can help us develop a sense of moral balance.

Perspective is everything in the moral life. Seeing with eyes of Faith and the heart of Christ keeps us on the true path. We become more consistently thankful, not only for the things *we* have, but for the things *other* people have, too. This leads us to treat ourselves better and, at the same time, to show others how to be more thankful themselves. God is good! Praise the Lord!

Fr. Bob

# Liturgical Life

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### Food That Perishes

It's so easy to do the right thing because we want to tick all the right boxes. We want to live by the law. We want to accomplish the work of God.

Or, at least, we say that we do.

But Jesus tells us that in order to accomplish the work of God, we have to believe in the one he sent. And to believe in Christ is to be filled with the spirit of truth — to do what is right because it is right, not because we want to be filled with good feelings.

What is the difference between doing what is right because you want to be a good Christian, and doing what is right because you believe in Christ?

It's the difference between eating manna and the Eucharist. One fills your stomach and keeps you alive, and nothing more. The other satisfies a hunger you might not have even known you had, or if you did know, you called it by another name — sadness, unfulfillment, fear. One achieves a corporeal goal, and that's the end of it. The other accomplishes something invisibly, secretly, silently, and though there is physical evidence of its work all around us, you have to be shrewd to recognize it.

It's the difference between making a social media post condemning sin and enveloping a sinner (the one at our dinner table, the one on the street, the one staring back at us in the mirror) with love and concern. It's the difference between simply going to Mass and living the Gospel. It's the difference between speaking to God and saying a prayer. It's the difference between telling someone they're wrong and telling them about the truth.

There's nothing wrong doing what is right because we long for heaven, and there's nothing wrong with eating manna if you're starving. But that alone isn't enough. We must also long for the bread of heaven, the bread that gives life to the world.

*"Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.'" — John 6:35*

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Why do we do that?

#### Catholic Life Explained

##### Question:

If God knows everything we do, why do we need to go to Confession?

##### Answer:

Another term for the Sacrament of Confession is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We go to this sacrament not only to confess our sins, but to be reconciled with God. Of course, this begs the question, "If I can pray to God on my own, why can't I be reconciled to God on my own?" In the seven sacraments, we recognize the importance of community. Sacraments like baptism or matrimony happen in the context of the wider church to remind us of the communal impact of our lives. We are not alone in our walk of faith!

We don't need to confess our sins in front of the whole community – thank God! But going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a tangible reminder that our sins affect not only ourselves and our relationship with God, but others as well. Jesus gave his Apostles authority to forgive sins in his name. Through this sacrament, we are really, truly forgiven by God Himself. We receive an outpouring of grace and strength to sin no more and our relationship with Christ and his Body, the Church, are restored.



# Readings for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 11 B

### Reading One – 1 Kgs 19:4-8

Elijah went a day's journey into the desert, until he came to a broom tree and sat beneath it. He prayed for death saying: "This is enough, O LORD! Take my life, for I am no better than my fathers." He lay down and fell asleep under the broom tree, but then an angel touched him and ordered him to get up and eat. Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water. After he ate and drank, he lay down again, but the angel of the LORD came back a second time, touched him, and ordered, "Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!" He got up, ate, and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb.

### Responsorial – Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

Glorify the LORD with me, Let us together extol his name. I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy. And your faces may not blush with shame. When the afflicted man called out, the LORD heard, and from all his distress he saved him.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him and delivers them. Taste and see how good the LORD is; blessed the man who takes refuge in him.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

### Reading Two – Eph 4:30—5:2

Brothers and sisters: Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were sealed for the day of redemption. All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice. And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.

So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma.

### Alleluia – Jn 6:51

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel – Jn 6:41-51

The Jews murmured about Jesus because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven," and they said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother? Then how can he say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Stop murmuring among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him on the last day. It is written in the prophets: *They shall all be taught by God.* Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."





August 4, 2024

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15 | Eph 4:17, 20-24 | Jn 6:24-25

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

### **GROW AS A DISCIPLE** | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

When have you grumbled against God instead of consenting, trusting, and believing he would see you through to a brighter future? In this first reading from Exodus, the whole Israelite community laments over their wanderings in the desert; their earthly focus on hunger and thirst leads them to believe slavery in Egypt would have been better than God's freedom for them. When we are struggling for whatever reason, it's easy to forget all that God has done for us in the past and all he desires to do for us in the future. We may not even recognize the very life-giving and life-sustaining "bread" that lays before us, much as the Israelites did not recognize the bread that lay before them in the desert. In spite of our hard-heartedness at times, however, God is truly patient; he loves us beyond measure. Just as he did not condemn the Israelites, he does not condemn us but rather, calls us back to him time and again with love and mercy.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

As we heard, God sends the people quail and manna – bread from heaven – to satisfy their frustrated longings while preparing them for an even greater "bread from heaven" that is still to come. In the Gospel, Jesus references this Scripture passage and clarifies that it was not Moses, but his Father who provided the bread from heaven. Jesus tells his disciples to "work for food that endures for eternal life" because he wants them to see the bigger picture. He wants them (and us!) to understand that we should not toil only for physical bread, but for the truest food that is life-giving to our souls – the food found in accomplishing the works of God by believing and following the one he sent: Jesus. We do this by following Paul's advice from the second reading and seek to "be renewed in the spirit of [our] minds," following God's way of holiness. Only in and through this conformity to Christ will we be prepared to go forth and witness to the mystery of our faith.

**REFLECT** This week, in thinking about how you can "accomplish the works of God," turn to Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. He tells them to put away their old self and "put on the new self, created in God's way." Examine where you might not be seeing your own manna from heaven, and refocus your efforts to give praise and thanksgiving to God for his never-ending mercy and care.





## WAYS TO GIVE

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CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL  
2024





August 7th - 6:30-8pm  
Pickle Ball\* and Game Night



*\*NO prior Pickleball experience necessary!*

Check in after 6 pm Mass in  
the Emmaus Fellowship Hall

Register online at [sjascs.org/youth](https://sjascs.org/youth) and bring a friend



### Weekly Calendar of Events

#### **Monday, August 5th**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

**School Office Opens**

#### **Tuesday, August 6th**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Wednesday, August 7th**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

5:00 PM Reconciliation

6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Thursday, August 8th**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Friday, August 9th**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Saturday, August 10th**

10:00 AM Memorial Mass for Bob Scarfone

11:00 AM Reconciliation

12:30 PM Baptism of Michael A. Morrow

1:30 PM Baptism of Henry S. Mastay

4:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Sunday, August 11th**

8:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

12:00 PM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

### Words on the Word

#### ***August 4, 2024 – On Guard***

Sometimes, even when it seems like a “no brainer” that something is being done with the right intentions, it’s prudent to consider the ways in which it might backfire.

Consider the headlines a few weeks ago in Florida, where, according to some recent headlines, a new law has been passed encouraging volunteer chaplains to work in schools to offer what one story said was “additional counseling and support to students.”

On its face, that probably sounds like a promising idea.

The law, however, which many media reports said was most likely intended to bring elements of Christianity into the schools, does not limit or specify the religious affiliation the chaplain must have. And that, in turn, has left the door open to a “religion” that recognizes and honors the evil one as its inspiration.

It’s not the first episode of its kind in the United States, and it almost certainly won’t be the last. How this ultimately plays out, of course, remains to be seen, but it’s worth using this set of circumstances as a reminder that each of us is confronted with lies and deceit in our lives.

And we’re called to be mindful of those challenges and to vigorously orient our hearts and minds to Christ.

“I declare and testify in the Lord that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds,” St. Paul writes to the Ephesians in today’s second reading. “That is not how you learned Christ, assuming that you have heard of him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus, that you should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God’s way in righteousness and holiness of truth.”

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## Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

### Mass Intentions

<b>Monday</b>	<b>August 5, 2024 Weekday, Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Margaret Mary Major (Green/White)</b>
7:00 am	Leonard Mastay
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>August 6, 2024 The Transfiguration of the Lord (White)</b>
7:00 am	Mary Ann Ryntz
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 7, 2024 Saint Sixtus II, Pope and Companion Martyrs, Saint Cajetan, Priest (Green/Red/White)</b>
7:00 am	A special Intention for the Family of Tina Calisi
6:00 pm	Dorothy & Leon Potwardski
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 8, 2024 Saint Dominic, Priest (White)</b>
7:00 am	Agnes & Jack Hubbard
<b>Friday</b>	<b>August 9, 2024 Weekday, Saint Teresa of the Cross, Virgin &amp; Martyr (Green/Red)</b>
7:00 am	Special Intention for Tom & Diana Ziolkowski on their 50th Wedding Anniversary
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 10, 2024 Vigil for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green/Red)</b>
4:00 pm	Mary Ann Ryntz, Bonnie Batche, Jack Catalano, Charlotte Miller, Mary Lou Racine, Roseann Coules, Thomas J. Pollack, Martin Krall and Special Intentions for Thomas Sloan, the J. Champine Family, the Thomas Family and Alison Reslow
6:00 pm	Michael & James Forrester
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 11, 2024 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)</b>
8:00 am	The Intentions of SJA Parishioners
10:00 am	Agnes Bousho
12:00 pm	Dennis Venuto, Joseph Paluzzi Jr., Jose' P. Bernardo & a Special Intention for Alison Reslow

### Daily Readings

#### Monday, August 5

Jerimiah 28:1-17  
Matthew 14:13-21

#### Tuesday, August 6

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14  
2 Peter 1:16-19  
Mark 9:2-10

#### Wednesday, August 7

Jerimiah 31:1-7  
Matthew 15:21-28

#### Thursday, August 8

Jerimiah 31:31-34  
Matthew 16:13-23

#### Friday, August 9

Nahum 2:1, 3:1-3, 6-7  
Matthew 16:24-28

#### Saturday, August 10

2 Corinthians 9:6-10  
John 12:24-26

#### Sunday, August 11

1 Kings 19:4-8  
Ephesians 4:30-5:2  
John 6:41-51



### I Am The Resurrection & The Life

“Heavenly Father, welcome home those who you have called from this world and grant peace and consolation to their families.”

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**Shaunta Haggerty-Edwards**  
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“I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. and he replied: Go out into the



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Kristen Benedict	Taylor Fisher	Shirley Kraemer	Fe Reyes	Kim Thomas
Edna Burton	Jeanne Fleming	Laurie Krim	Sr. Alice Riegel	Bernadette Thompson
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Tom Collins	Larry Graham	Concetta Leone	Lily Saith	Elaine Walters
Toni Glaeser-Collins	Peter Grantz	Mila Lictawa	Barbara R. Scharneck	Tom Ward
Joan Combellack	Chris Gretchen	David Lott	Dianne Schelosky	Larry Weber
Maura Corrigan	Geoffrey Greve	Dave Lucas	Thomas Sloan	Adrienne Weidenbach
John Crawford	Helen Waltz-Gutowski	Dominik Mackowski	Terri Smigels	Joan Weitz, O.P.
Olivia Crimando	Pam Haisenleder	Ilene Manning	Kathleen Smith	Robert Werthman
Jerry Dedene	Judith Hasten	Joan Mannino	Cathy Spindler	Joseph Whalen
Joan DeDene	Leland Helzer	Cyndy McMahon	Wendy Stevens	Marilyn Wicker
Diane DeSantis	Ilona Higgins	Heather A. Miller	Patty Stevenson	Joyce Wiekrykas
Grace Dickerson	Joan Ireland	Mark Moffitt	Palma Strussione	Loretta Williams
George Dickerson	Chris Janutol	Nina Mondalek	Raymond Strussione	Jenny Wojcik
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Jane Doucet	Rosemary Jonas	Michelle Pierson	Cathy Sullens	
Kainoa Dunn	Zayne D. Kapinski	Vicky Pranger	Mary Surmont	
Jean Edwards	Lorraine Kilroy	Carol S. Provencal	Edward Swartz	

**Pray for the Sick List:** Please note that we regularly clear the “Pray for the Sick List” because the list grows beyond our space allocation and we don’t always hear from people when they’ve gotten better. If you would like to add a person please call the Parish Center front desk at 586.777.3670 or send an email to our general inbox at [info@sjascs.org](mailto:info@sjascs.org).

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# Bringing Home the Word

*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)*  
**August 4, 2024**

## Bread of Life

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

Last week's stories about bread take a very different turn this week. In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the bread theme as a metaphor. Here, bread symbolizes the teachings of Jesus that will nourish us, that will satisfy our deepest needs. Jesus employs a method of interpretation favored by the rabbis of his day. He refers to a passage from the religious tradition (the passage that happens to be the first reading for today), and then, step by step, explains its meaning for the people of his day. His "homily" is really a response to the challenge from those who demanded

a sign that would give evidence of the authority with which he spoke.

Those who challenged Jesus did so after they had been filled by the bread that he earlier miraculously provided. Jesus knew they weren't looking for signs of the presence of God in their midst. They simply wanted more food.

Jesus pointed out that the people of Moses' time had been called to trust that, day by day, God would provide them with food—as impossible as that might have seemed. Likewise, Jesus' hearers were called to trust his claims about his unique relationship with God, whom he called Father—as impossible as that might have seemed. This really isn't a story just about bread—the edible kind or the eucharistic kind. It is a story about believing in Jesus and accepting his teaching about the bread from heaven that promises eternal life. †

*Here, bread symbolizes  
the teachings of Jesus that  
will nourish us, that will  
satisfy our deepest needs.*



## A Word from Pope Francis

The Gospel's invitation is this: rather than being concerned only with the material bread that feeds us, let us welcome Jesus as the bread of life and, starting out from our friendship with Him, learn to love each other.... Love given freely and without calculation, without using people, freely, with generosity, with magnanimity.

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 1, 2021



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

### ONE QUESTION REFLECTION

- Do I give thanks to God every day for the blessings in my life?
- Do I trust that God will provide what I need even when life is difficult?

## Sunday Readings

### **Exodus 16:2–4, 12–15**

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain down bread from heaven for you."

### **Ephesians 4:17, 20–24**

Put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth.

### **John 6:24–35**

[Jesus said to them,] "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."



# The Value of Self-Control

Elizabeth A. Herzing-Gebhart

There is an obvious power struggle taking place in my household. It's not between my husband and me, and none of our children are involved. It's between our dogs. Envision an eleven-pound, longhaired Chihuahua/Papillion mix with giant brown eyes. He's Chester, affectionately referred to as Chestnut by the younger kids. Now picture a forty-five-pound boxer with a stubby tail, floppy ears, and gray, senior citizen-markings. Her name is Lucy, in honor of one of my favorites, Lucille Ball. Chester is clearly in charge.

Chester has Little Dog Syndrome (LDS), a term used to identify a set of traits commonly found in smaller breeds, most of which are annoying: barking, growling, biting. These behaviors are a



response to perceived threats as a way of overcoming any deficits due to their small stature. People often perpetuate and even encourage this problem. Owners may feel the need to protect small dogs, so they remove them from

certain situations, which detaches them from the chance to gain social skills. Also, bad behavior, like jumping on guests or begging for food can be seen as cute from a little dog but annoying or threatening from a big one. As a result, we might overlook the misdeeds of smaller pooches and respond more assertively with bigger breeds.

Sometimes we might display a human form of LDS. We might make excuses for our bad behavior, engage in backbiting, “growl” at people when we are tired or overwhelmed. Admitting our faults may make us feel vulnerable, but God gives us the tools to be emotionally competent. We can admit our wrongs to one another, ask for forgiveness, and feel better for having done so. Consider St. Paul's words to Timothy: “For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control” (2 Timothy 1:7). †

## Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From “Holy Communion: Who Is Invited?” by Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

All who are not receiving holy Communion—for whatever reason—are strongly encouraged to offer in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another. “Spiritual Communion” is the practice of desiring union with Christ in the Eucharist by those who cannot receive holy Communion for valid cause, such as an infirmity or an irregular marriage. According to St. Thomas Aquinas, Spiritual Communion is “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him.” †

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God of all people, remind us when we are anxious that you provide for us, and inspire us to care for others in your name. Amen.

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## WEEKDAY READINGS

August 5–10

**Monday, Weekday:**

Jer 28:1–17 / Mt 14:13–21

**Tuesday, Transfiguration of the Lord:**

Dn 7:9–10, 13–14 / 2 Pt 1:16–19 / Mk 9:2–10

**Wednesday, Weekday:**

Jer 31:1–7 / Mt 15:21–28

**Thursday, St. Dominic:**

Jer 31:31–34 / Mt 16:13–23

**Friday, Weekday:**

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1–3, 6–7 / Mt 16:24–28

**Saturday, St. Lawrence:**

2 Cor 9:6–10 / Jn 12:24–26

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