



# I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

THE 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 7/8, 2021

**“If you don’t have anything nice to say, don’t say anything at all.”**

In St. Paul’s letter to the Ephesians this weekend, we hear some profound advice that is as relevant today as it was nearly 2,000 years ago: *‘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...**’*

In our day and age, we have countless ways to communicate with each other. From smart phones to social media, we have the power to make or break someone’s day with the tap of

a screen. However, with great power comes great responsibility. Are we using technology the way Christ would? Are we kind to one another? Do we treat others in a way that shows that we ‘live in love’?

In a world filled with so much hatred, pain, dissention, and darkness, let’s be a radiant beacon of hope that shows there’s still some good out there. Instead of trying to dim someone’s shine, let’s help them be as bright as possible. Instead of projecting our own negativity onto others, let’s absorb someone’s positive energy and kindness. Let’s raise each other up instead of putting each other down.

Let’s be better people.

**Let’s be imitators of God and live in love.**

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## FROM FR. STEVE...

Dear Family,

What is it that you need for this journey of life here on earth? Need, not want! Last weekend we heard from the Book of Exodus that God provided the food they needed, the manna and the quail. He gave clear instructions. Gather only what you need for today, nothing more. They were called to trust that God would provide for their needs. This weekend we read about Elijah in our First Reading. He is running for his life from the evil king Ahab and his wife Jezebel. God is watching over him and sends an angel with food to nourish Elijah for the journey on which God has sent him. So what is it that we really need? What will help us along the journey of faith on which God has set us? The Eucharist! We continue our journey through John's Bread of Life discourse and Jesus continues to remind us what is really important in life. It is not immense wealth. It is not power. It is Jesus Himself. Let us continue to ponder His teaching and how Jesus continues to make Himself present for us!

On a separate note, I want to thank everyone who helped with Summerfest, especially our two chairs Marianne and Patty! They were so wonderful dealing with all the changing rules and regulations! They adjusted as we went from being virtual to being in person and even though it was stressful for them, it turned out amazing! It was a wonderful evening of food, music, friendship and laughter! It was so great to be able to get together as a parish family to celebrate after so many months of being kept apart! May God Bless abundantly all those who helped and those who attended!

Praised Be Jesus Christ...Now and Forever!!!

Father Steve

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Timon Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is having a Silent Auction Fundraiser called Helping Timon on September 10, 2021 via Zoom utilizing PowerPoint to display items available to bid on.

Timon Conference is a consortium conference from 16 suburban and other city conferences that visits our neighbors in need from the inner city where there are no conferences. As you know, non profit organizations are always short on money and the need for appliances, furniture, beds, and household items is great. Our mission charity is to seek and find those in need wherever they may be.

### Helping Timon

September 10, 2021 via ZOOM 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Gift baskets, dinner certificates, sports paraphernalia, and much more!

\$10 donation gets you in the room, and bidding will be done via chat.

Call 882-3360 or visit [www.svdpnny.org](http://www.svdpnny.org) for more information.

# DISCIPLES STAY ACTIVE

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Weekend of July 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

**Collection:** \$6,346.96

**Renovation:** \$1,083.00

**Priest Retirement:** \$545.00

**(-\$7,570.04 needed)**

**(+\$1,313.00 from weekend prior)**

Thank you for financially supporting Our Lady of Charity Parish. Your parish thanks you!

## RCIA

Fr. Steve is in the process of forming a team to pass on our faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, known as RCIA. RCIA is the Church's evangelizing process to bring the Truths of our faith to those who are interested in learning about Catholicism and have a desire to potentially enter our Church family. If you are a faith filled, knowledgeable Catholic who is in good standing with the Church and are interested in being considered for a role on our RCIA team, please contact Fr. Steve at 716-822-5962 or via e-mail at [fr.steve@olcp.org](mailto:fr.steve@olcp.org)

## INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Our Lady of Charity Parish is in the process of planning our RCIA program for the next year. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and journeying toward becoming Catholic, please contact Fr. Steve at 716-822-5962 or via email at [fr.steve@olcp.org](mailto:fr.steve@olcp.org). We are all called to be prophets and to lead people to Jesus. If you know someone who might be interested, please reach out to them and suggest that now is the time to inquire! Sessions will begin late summer 2021 and continue through and past the Easter Vigil 2022.

## SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

There will be a social action meeting on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 7:00pm in the Parish Center. We will be planning the events for the upcoming year. All are welcome.

## NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK

The five parishes of South Buffalo are hosting a Novena to Our Lady of Knock beginning on August 13 ending with 7pm Mass at the Buffalo Irish Center on August 21, 2021.

The 3-foot pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Knock will be present at each parish as follows:

**Fri., Aug 13:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help 8:30am

**Sat., Aug 14:** St. Teresa 9:30am

**Sun., August 15:** Our Lady of Charity- Holy Family Site 8:30am/St. Ambrose Site 10am/ Holy Family Site 11:30am

**Mon., August 16:** St. Martin of Tours 8:30am

**Tues., August 17:** St. Thomas Aquinas 8:15am

**Wed., August 18:** St. Martin of Tours 8:30am

**Thurs., August 19:** Our Lady of Charity- St. Ambrose Site 8:00am

**Fri., August 20:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help 8:30am

**Sat., August 21:** St. Teresa 9:30am/ Buffalo Irish Center 7pm (within STA bounds)

All are welcome to attend each day of the novena and offer a yellow rose in her honor.

## AUGUST 21/22

Holy Land Gifts will have a display of handmade articles for sale, such as Nativity Scenes, Crucifixes, Rosaries, and other beautiful religious items. Because of conflict in the region, many Christian families in Bethlehem are struggling to make ends meet. Holy Land Gifts represents over 150 Christian Families who make a living by selling traditional olivewood handcrafts and religious articles. Thank you for supporting this project to keep the Christians present in the Holy Land.



## SAVE THE DATE



• Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM •

Saturday, August 14th, 4:00pm (SA)

Sunday, August 15th, 8:30am (HF), 10:00am (SA), 11:30am (HF)

Come honor the Blessed Mother with this very important feast dedicated to her.

# DISCIPLES STAY IN THE KNOW

## 2021 POT OF GOLD WINNERS

- \$10, 000 – Joanne Roach
- \$2,500 – Pat Eusanio
- \$1,000 – Jean Doetterl
- \$500 – Anne Kmack
- \$500 – Mike McGuire
- \$500 – Steve Terrell
- \$100 – Mark Geary
- \$100 – Regina Doherty
- \$100 – Chris Buchnowski
- \$100 – Alison Mazurkiewicz
- \$100 – Thomas Robinson
- \$50 – Laura Terrell
- \$50 – Maryann Csicsay
- \$50 – Jimmy Robinson
- \$50 – Frank Rachuna
- \$50 – Wendy Jaworski
- \$50 – Audrey DiMaria
- \$50 – Corine Simon
- \$50 – Ed Eckert
- \$50 – Pat Rozmus
- \$50 – Joe Manning

Thank you to all who supported our parish fundraiser and volunteered their time! It couldn't be successful without all of you! Congratulations to the winners!

## SUMMERFEST SPONSORS

A very big thank you to these additional sponsors for SummerFest 2021. We couldn't do it without you!  
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## COMMUNITY DINNERS

If you are interested or would like some more information please contact the parish office at 822-5962 or Mary Anne at 822-1837. Thank you!

**Sponsors for the coming weeks include:**

- August 13: St. Vincent de Paul
- August 20: Liturgy Committee
- August 27: MAK & Friends

**September 3: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

## ATTIC TREASURES

**Wanted:** Small pieces of furniture, baby items, CDs, DVDs, Books, working electronics and small appliances, florals, frames, artwork, games and puzzles that have ALL the pieces, gardening items, home décor, housewares, jewelry, religious items, school & craft supplies, sports equipment, tools, gently used toys, Christmas and holiday items, purses, luggage, backpacks.

**What we cannot accept:** Reference books (encyclopedias), blankets, pillows, clothing, shoes, cosmetics, personal care items, curtains, drapes, stuffed animals, music on tapes, VHS tapes, and dolls.

**Drop off dates for donations are:**

- Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm – 8:00pm
  - Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm – 8:00pm
  - Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00am – 2:00pm
- Please drop off the following items to the Parish Center at the above times. Also, we would love if you had any bags to donate too!!

**Attic Treasures is taking place on:**

- Friday, Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> Preview Night: Get first look for \$5/person from 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- Saturday, Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 2:00pm
- Sunday, Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> 11:00am – 2:00pm

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday**

4:00pm (St. Ambrose Site)

**Sunday**

8:30am (Holy Family Site)  
 10:00am (St. Ambrose Site)  
 11:30am (Holy Family Site)

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Thursday, 8:30am - 4:30pm  
 (Office will be closed 12:00pm - 12:30pm for lunch)  
 Friday, closed

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Please consider remembering our parish community in your will.

# ROAD TO RENEWAL

Dear Parish Leaders,

I have received several questions and comments that it is not clear why the Renewal is needed now, and that the fullness of what the Renewal entails is not clear. This is a summary of both and I hope this helps explain some things further. Please feel free to use any/all of the information with your parishes and staffs, on your website and/or in your bulletin. In August of 2020, then Administrator, Bishop Scharfenberger saw the need for the Diocese of Buffalo to plan for moving forward from many factors that were all impacting the Diocese and parish life within the Diocese itself. The Road to Renewal is a way for our Diocese to respond to several things:

1. The abuse crisis in the church, the attorney general lawsuit – how do we bring healing to those who have been abused and marginalized, as well as bring transparency and accountability to the church and her leadership.
2. Bankruptcy – with the financial challenges facing the Diocese, how do we ensure a continuation of the mission of the church with a renewed sense of fiscal responsibility.
3. Declining resources and viability of parishes: Parishes have seen a decline in resources and people over the past few years that has been exacerbated by the COVID pandemic. Parishes need to respond now for their viability in the future.
4. Priestly planning for the future – with the declining number of priests in the Diocese of Buffalo, a strategic planning process to meet the needs of the parishes in our diocese with the priestly talent pool is extremely important.

The Road to Renewal therefore is focusing on the following pillars:

1. Spirituality: For any renewal to take place it needs to begin with Jesus. Jesus constantly calls all of us to renew our commitment to Him, and that message needs to be central to our Diocesan Renewal. On August 29, 2021 at 3 pm, our Diocese will kickoff this next phase of the Renewal with a Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Lewiston in which parish representatives will be commissioned to be renewal advocates in their parishes. Any and all are welcome to join.
2. Catholic Education: Our Catholic schools and Faith Formation programs need reimagining to embrace the needs of our children and help them receive a firm foundation for the future. A vitality and viability index for Catholic schools that includes an evaluation of the Catholicity of our schools is being developed. The faith formation programs need to include the entire family and educating all people on their journey of faith.
3. Priestly Life and Ministry: Our Priests need love and support. A retreat for all priests is being developed to acknowledge the difficult path that priests are walking as well as fostering a spirit of healing. The Renewal also needs to assess the talents and skills that our priests bring to our Diocese and work on development opportunities for priests to continue to grow and develop their priestly skills to lead our parishes and Diocese into the future.
4. The Catholic Center: The leadership of our Diocese and the departments that assist the operations and functioning of parishes needs renewal in how they can provide the best services possible to help our Diocese flourish. This will call for additional training and formation for them as they work to empower the church, parish leaders, and the people of God throughout our Diocese.
5. Family of Parishes: Our parishes have an opportunity to collaborate and work together, supporting one another in building up the church. Parishes across the Diocese are experiencing diminished resources available to keep our parishes strong and vibrant. The Family of Parishes model brings together parishes in a geographic proximity that will work together, sharing resources, personnel and priests to make our parishes stronger. When parishes bring their best together, and work together, greater efficiencies can be realized. The Family of Parishes model also responds to the declining number of priests in our Diocese by creating families where priestly ministry is shared and more responsibility of the day to day operations of the parish can be carried by lay leaders

As a reminder, we are currently in the collaborative phase of the Renewal, in which our parish leadership is discussing this family structure and deciding if the proposed families are the best fit. There will be an opportunity for all parishes to make suggestions and potentially change their family if they deem necessary. It is important to note that ALL parishes in the Diocese will be a part of a family of parishes model, because all of us have something to offer one another. The Family of Parishes model will take the 160 parishes in our Diocese and group them into 36 families. As we move forward, please pray for the work of the Renewal. You can always find the most up to date information at [www.roadtorenewal.org](http://www.roadtorenewal.org). Thank you for all that you do for the people of God, and my hope is that you are taking time for yourselves to renew and refresh during these summer months.

Keep smiling :)

Rev. Bryan Zielenieski

Vicar for Renewal and Development

# DISCIPLES PRAY TOGETHER

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

Let us remember all those who have gone before us:  
**+Jane Sanders, +Janet Molloy.**  
 May they rest in peace.

## The 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time + Order of Mass +

- **Processional Hymn:** I Am the Bread of Life (#945)
- **Gloria:** German Mass
- **Readings and Responsorial Psalm:** #1147
- **Offertory:** Take, O Take Me As I Am (#795)
- **Mass Parts:** Mass of Creation (#198, #199, #202)
- **Agnus Dei:** Holy Cross Mass (#391)
- **Communion:** Eat This Bread (#941)
- **Recessional:** Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! (#929)

## SANCTUARY LAMPS

Holy Family Site (August 8 - 14)  
 Loretta & George Glavey (req. by family)

## NEWLY BAPTIZED

A warm welcome to **James Thomas Livsey**, baptized in our parish this weekend. May the Lord grant him and his family every grace and blessing as he begins his faith journey. Congratulations!

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

“MASTER, THE ONE YOU LOVE IS ILL.” (JOHN 11:1-2)

Edna Albert, Irene Andrzejewski, Irene Barrett, Louise Beamish, Teresa Beamish, Lillian Beyers, Ann Alvira-Buchnowski, Patricia Cajak, Maureen Canney, Cheryl Clontz, Patricia Colern, Caroline Dominesey, Dottie Eberle, Vara Jones, Linda Kurcz, Madisyn Ledder, Janet Murray, Karen O’Neill, Mary Pilon, Maryann Rigby, Sandy Riley, Jane Rozek, Mary Sands, June Stebbins, Ruth White

Daniel Barry, Michael Beyers, Leon Bolick, Owen Chase, Eric Crawford, Vincent Crawford, Frank Czapezyk, Francis Davis, Larry Deskiewicz, Richard Dinnocenzo, Paul Fitzpatrick, Jason Florea, Eric G., Emmett Jakubowski, Rob Karr, Pat Kuhn, Andrew Kuper, Robert Maggio, George Rodriguez, Josean Rodriguez, The family of Coach Frank Rossi, Jeremiah Smith, Jim Sweeney, Tom Walsh

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sat./Sun., Aug. 7/8 - 19<sup>th</sup> Sun. in Ord. Time

- SA • 4:00pm  
**People of the Parish** (req. by Fr. Steve)
- HF • 8:30am  
**Loretta & George Glavey** (req. by their family)
- SA • 10:00am  
**James P. McCartan** (100th Birth. Rem., req. by the Banko family)
- HF • 11:30am  
**Jim Enright** (Anniv. Rem., req. by Barbara & Family)

### Mon., Aug. 9 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- SA • 8:00am - **People of the Parish** (req. by Fr. Steve)

### Tues., Aug. 10 - St. Lawrence, Deacon

- SA • 8:00am - **Ronald Wech** (req. by Eileen Charleton)

### Wed., Aug. 11 - St. Clare, Virgin

- SA • 8:00am - **Msgr. Kevin O’Neill** (1st Anniv. Rem., req. by Fr. Bryan Zielenieski)

### Thurs., Aug. 12 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- SA • 8:00am - **Jack Driscoll II** (Birth. Rem., req. by Jack Driscoll)

### Fri., Aug. 13 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- SA • 8:00am - **Alice Walz** (Anniv. Rem., req. by family)

### Sat./Sun., Aug. 14/15 - Sol. of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- SA • 4:00pm  
**Patricia Sarach** (Birth. Rem., req. by her mom & siblings)
- HF • 8:30am  
**James A. Coughlin & James Coughlin Sr.** (req. by their family)
- SA • 10:00am  
**Sr. Elaine Franz** (req. by Dennis Talty)
- HF • 11:30am  
**O’Neill & Huthmacher Families** (req. by family)

## CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday (St. Ambrose Site)  
 3:15pm - 3:45pm

(Or by request. Call the Parish Office at 822-5962)

## SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

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