17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



July 25, 2021

SURRENDER IN

GOSPEL MEDITATION:ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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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."

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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SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

June Assistance Report

During the month of June 2021, St. Vincent de Paul Conference at St. Louis provided assistance to our neighbors in need in the following ways:

Food: Provided for 57 families, consisting of 133 people Hygiene/Household 38 families- 90 people

Shelter/Utilities: 3 Work Shoes: 1 Transportation: 4 Mattress/Beds: 0

Other: Clothing: 0; Rx- 0; State ID/Licenses-0

Total Assistance Provided: 65 families **Total Expenditures in June:** \$ 779.37

St. Vincent de Paul is blessed to have the outstanding support of our generous parishioners, benefactors and our Parish Staff. Without you and our dedicated St. Vincent Volunteers, we would not have been able to continue to provide this level of assistance to our neighbors in need.

THANK YOU ALL !!!!

Need Food Assistance?

If you or someone you know needs our assistance with food, please visit our St. Vincent de Paul crisis-compliant drive-thru food pantry line Mon-Fri 2:30-3:30 pm. Any questions, please call our Voice Mail at (586) 468-8734 x106 and a volunteer will return your call.



Could You Spare?

We always accept donations of nonperishable food items for our SVDP Pantry.

ITEM NEEDED THIS WEEK: Liquid Dish Soap Canned Beef Stew

Items can be brought to church on the weekend or placed in the bed of the black, SVDP truck in the rear parking lot.

Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

It's All in the Basket

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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 © Liturgical Publications Inc



Reflection

On July 31, we celebrate a spiritual master! Not only is St. Ignatius Loyola the founder of the Jesuits, but the legacy of his life of prayer -- now called Ignatian spiritualty -- inspired believers the world over. Injured as a young soldier, Ignatius spent his time in recovery reading the lives of the saints. They inspired his soul to holy heroism, changing his life forever. Ignatius gathered a group of friends who also desired to be "contemplatives in action," finding God in all circumstances. This became the Jesuits -- a great missionary and teaching order. Ignatius himself was constantly attuned to his own inner promptings. This self-knowledge -open to the movements of the Holy Spirit -- led him to be an incredibly astute spiritual director. For Ignatius, recognizing God as the first principle of one's life determined everything. How has God changed you?



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If you currently give online, you will soon be receiving an email with instructions on how to log into the new system. Best of all, your existing payment and donation information will be migrated over so <u>you will not have</u> to set up your gifts again! Keep an eye on your email for more information coming very soon.



For July 4, 2021

 Budgeted Amount
 \$9,500.00

 Envelopes
 \$8,170.00

 Online Giving
 \$3,835.00

 Loose Monies
 \$337.00

 Total
 \$12,342.00

 Overage for week
 \$2,842.00

 % of Budget
 67%

Year to Date + \$2,842.00 Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 —June 30, 2022

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God shows up in unexpected ways! Just when we think we have God's agenda figured out, another surprise comes. Expecting to find God only in some places hinders us from finding Him everywhere. Who would have thought that a young boy's few loaves and fishes would feed thousands of people? The disciples were probably just as amazed as everyone else when this feast appeared before them. Sometimes, we find it difficult to believe that God can do amazing things with something small and simple. Yet, grasping this truth is really at the heart of understanding the power of the Eucharist. Having the Body and Blood of Christ made present for us is one amazing wonder. Actually being fed and nourished by that gift is another. Now being able to become what we have eaten, God can do tremendous things with the simple, humble gifts of our lives. All we have to do is realize that God dwells within us. When we do, then everyone we encounter and everything we do has the power to become a sacramental moment. When done with great love even the smallest gesture can be multiplied exponentially. Now, that's amazing!. ©LPi



Weekly, during the General Intercessions, we will begin praying again for those written in the Book of Health. You may wonder: What is it? Where is it? The Book of Health offers everyone a monthly opportunity to write in friends and family who are sick and need the prayers of the community. It is located in church, hanging on the wall, near the Crocker Entrance.

LITURGICAL LIFE

First Reading:

The prophet Elisha was able to feed a crowd of a hundred people with only twenty barley loaves and some fresh grain. Why do you think God empowered Elisha to perform this feeding miracle?

Second Reading:

Paul taught the Ephesians that as believers we are called to live by the moral imperatives of humility, gentleness, patience, love, and peace. Which of these virtues do you think you do well?

Gospel:

The people mistakenly thought of Jesus as "the Prophet who is to come into world" after the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. What are some times when you have seen others misuse or misrepresent Jesus?

Readings for the Week

Sunday 7/25:

2 Kgs 4:42-44 Ps 145:10-11, 15-18 Eph 4:1-6 Jn 6:1-15

Monday 7/26:

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 Ps 106:19-23 Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday 7/27:

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5-9, 28 Ps 103:6-13 Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday 7/28:

Ex 34:29-35 Ps 99:5-7, 9 Mt 13:44-46

Thursday 7/29:

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Ps 84:3-6, 8, 11 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Friday 7/30:

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37 Ps 81:3-6, 10-11 Mt 13:54-58

Saturday 7/31:

Lv 25:1, 8-17 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 Mt 14:1-12

Sunday 8/1:

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15 Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54 Eph 4:17, 20-24 Jn 6:24-35





Arleta Byks Returned to the Fullness of God

Fullness of God on June 29, 2021



Marguerite Buchman

Resurrection Liturgy was Tuesday, July 20, 2021



Next Early Bird Drawing is August 10

Registered Parishioners who turn in 100% of their sold tickets are entered in the Early Bird Drawing

Stop by the Parish Office carry out window during the week to pick up your packet.



Catholic Questions

Question:

July 26 is the feast of Joachim and Anna. Who are they and what do we know about them?



Answer:

Joachim and Anna are the parents of Mary, the mother of Jesus, yet there is absolutely no biblical reference to them whatsoever. So where do we get their names, and what is their story?

Their names are found in an apocryphal (hidden) gospel known as "The Infancy Gospel of James." Apocryphal, or hidden gospels, consist of accounts of Jesus' life that were ultimately not accepted as inspired works, and thus were not included in the Bible. However, they sometimes captured the Christian imagination, spilling into the devotional dimension of the community.

James' infancy gospel begins with the parents of Mary and their desire for a child. In their prayer and petitions to God, they are heard and given the blessings of a child, whom they named Mary. While we have no idea who Mary's parents really were, the fact that we celebrate the feast of Joachim and Anna indicates that the bond of family love is important in the Christian life.

Long before Grandparents' Day was established, the church had a feast that honored the presumed grandparents of Jesus. While their names are part of non-inspired apocryphal legends, the fact of the Savior's human ancestry is not. Christ, the incarnate Word, dwelt among us in the flesh in a human family. In honoring the grandparents of Jesus we really proclaim our faith in the Incarnation--God becoming human! ©LPi



Over the past year we've found gloves, hats, jewelry, etc. which were left behind in church or found out in the parking lots. We've set these items out on a table in the Crocker vestibule this weekend for you to take a peek at and see if any of them might belong to *you*. Take a look after liturgy before Fr. Bill takes all the good stuff!



Parish Office Hours

Monday- Friday 9 am—5 pm Closed for Lunch noon—1 pm ish

Livestream Liturgy

Can't come to Liturgy in person? Join the Parish Family on Facebook Live

Saturday, July 24, 2021 — 4:30 pm Sunday, August 1, 2021—10:30 am

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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Saturday, July 24, 2021 4:30pm Liturgy Larry Pettke, Mike LePage

Sunday, July 25, 2021 8:30am Liturgy Larry Pettke

10:30am LiturgyJoe St. John, Bill Waters,
Larry Pettke

Monday, July 26, 2021
No 9:00am Liturgy or Service
Tuesday, July 27, 2021
No 9:00am Liturgy or Service
Wednesday, July 28, 2021
No 9:00am Liturgy or Service
Thursday, July 29, 2021
No 9:00am Liturgy or Service

Friday, July 30, 2021 No 9:00am Liturgy or Service

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 31, 2021 4:30pm Liturgy

Jeffrey Prusik by Barbara & Steve Mumich

Sunday, August 1, 2021 8:30am Liturgy

Walter Kachel by Theresa Kachel Albert Fredrick (33rd Ann) by Alice Rabine

10:30am Liturgy

Brian Hunter

by Chuck Wollborg Hugo Spinozzi by Family Maryann Jamorski

by brother, Joe Jaworski



Plans have begun being made for our regular Parish Picnic. Let's pray everything works out so that we can celebrate another year of enjoying each other's fellowship! Scheduled for September 12, 2021.

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

JULY 24

Irene Ruthenberg—age 81 (1990) Michael J. Eckhout—age 35 (1994) Louis Krall—age 92 (1999) Victoria Dyer—age 50 (2006) Arnold Dudek—age 81 (2006) Martha Ciaravino—age 96 (2007) JULY 25

Janice Hibbert—age 10 (1969) Steve Hansinger—age 76 (1971) Thomas G. Wines—age 56 (1973) Stanley Dubay—age 70 (1974) Albert S. Wagner—age 81 (1977) Frank Dion—age 61 (1982) August Zendt—age 84 (1984) Theresa Cattanach—age 73 (1985) Margaret Barnes—age 13 (1991) Bronislaw Cichonski—age 90 (2005) Henry Zdanowicz—age 86 (2005) MaryAnn Pierce—age 83 (2010) Madelaine Brock—age 71 (2013) Michael Petitpren—age 70 (2013) Joann Marshall—age 82 (2018)

JULY 26

Alvin Vollmer—age 45 (1974) JULY 27

Calvin Yennor—age 36 (1974) Antonina Barbaro—age 92 (1991) Josephine Francis Colpaert—age 68 (2000)

Patricia A. Siedlak—age 52 (2002) Patricia Vomfell—age 74 (2018) Gloria Adelsbach Mary &

Robert Agius Catherine Allar

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Jeanette Portuesi **Dolores Powrozek Gail Press** JoAnn Prusik Stephen Prusik Jack Rahn Mark Rau Jim Ray Agnes Reschka Norma Rigby Karen Rothenhauser Bob Ruedisueli Kathleen Rusinosk Josh Sajor Janice Sahr **David Schaff** Denise Schebil Pat Schlutow Marilyn Semrau **Darlene Setters Albert Shamaly** Lorraine Sikorski Derek Skrupski Jeanne Spicuzza Kelly Stroup-Garceau Joe Szabelski Lou Thumm Joshua Todd **Bob Traver** Dorothy VanBaalen Jackson VanCamp Diane Verras **Barh Veith** Alice Waters **Denise Walters** Meghan White Gary Whitehead **Bob Willaert** Kathy Wilson **Chuck Wollborg** Wesley Wykowski Crystal Yaeger

JULY 28

Michael R. Hafer—age 17 (1970) Patricia Hyde—age 17 (1979) Douglas Pavlick—age 17 (1979) Anna Karwacki—age 77 (1981) Shirley Martin—age 57 (1981) Louise Meldrum—age 93 (1991) JoAnne LaFountain—age 32 (2005)

Case Hoonhout

JULY 29

Steven Kotzian—age 86 (1975) John Buchs—age 82 (1990) Thomas Zienkiewicz—age 46 (1995) Robert E. Brighton—age 74 (1999) Fay Roosen—age 52 (2005) Lance Kollmorgen—age 59 (2006) JULY 30

Frank Szynkowski—age 61 (1971)
Patricia Jung—age 32 (1972)
Mary Pohl—age 78 (1976)
Joseph Schultz—age 63 (1978)
Albert C. Frederick—age 76 (1988)
Glenn Asselin—age 48 (1991)
Fredrick Charles Schultz—age 65 (2002)

William Patrick—age 67 (2003) Elizabeth Kusmierz—age 84 (2005) Robert Sullivan—age 69 (2018)



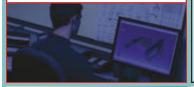
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