

The Catholic Community of Sts. James, Cornelius & Cyprian



Saturday, July 24th 4:00pm Shirley Grieve

Sunday, July 25th 8:30am Heeney & Ahlbaum Families

10:30am Patricia Morrison

Tuesday, July 27th 12:10pm Mary Lou Greenhoe

Wed, July 28th 12:10am Special Intention

Thursday, **July 29th** 11:00am For Young Families of Our Parish

Saturday, July 31st 4:00pm Louis Lee

Sunday, Aug 1st

8:30am Betty Bodell
10:30am Fr Francis Faraci

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND



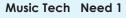
Saturday, July 31st 4:00 P.M. Sacristan Theresa Seman

Comm. Need 1 Lector Need 1 EM Need 2

Greeters Norman & Ann Puma,

Sara Goodmen, **Need 1 Ushers** Margaret Weyer, Pauline Bowyer,

Norman & Ann Puma





Sunday, August 1st 8:30 A.M.

Sacristan Need 1

Lector Connie Schaerer

EM Need 1
Greeters Need 4
Ushers Need 4



Sunday, August 1st 10:30 A.M.

Sacristan Margaret Weyer

Comm. Need 1
Lector Need 1
EM Need 2
Greeters Need 4

Ushers Paul Schnipke, Pauline Bowyer

Need 2

Music Tech Need 1



World Day for Grandparents

Sunday, 25 July 2021, has been designated by Pope Francis, as the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly (Ord Time 17). It coincides with the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus, on July 26.

Occurring in the Year of Amoris Laetitia Family 2021-22 with the theme, 'I am with you always', the day draws attention to the vital role grandparents and the elderly play in our communities and in the mission of the Church.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Jeanne Angevine, Brigette Babin, Jerry Baldwin,
Lou Bartolacci, Kaye Batdorff, Jim & Linda Brayton,
Dorothy Burch, Ray Butler, Bill Butler, Evelyn Cade,
Robert Christman Jr., Rebecca Clinton, Bonnie Combs,
Tim Coppernoll, Andrew David, Don & Joyce Deaver,
Florence Eifert, Deacon Tom Feiten, Stephanie Foreman,
Kym Hall, Dan & Donna Hancock, Andrea Hartman,
Marian Herbst, Pat & Christine Hesch, Debra Jansen,
Jay Jensen, Nancy Klco, Pat Marshall, Fr. Ken McDonald,
Nancy Moffatt, Constance Monday, Irene Morrison,
John Oakley, Kari Olney, Scott Olson, Dail Patterson Jr.,
Larry Poxson, Marilyn Reilly, Nicole Retz, Ron Reynolds, Arnulfo
Rodriguez, Cam Schaub, Joyce Schulien, Tim Schulien,
Ron Sinke, Susan Siska, Ayden Weyer, Les Willams,
Anna Williams, Martha Williams, Dail Patterson Jr.

Please email heather@saintsjcc.org if you have a seriously ill relative or friend, prayer need, or deceased to be added to our prayer list. Also please email any updates needed to the current list.

RECONCILIATION

3:00PM SATURDAY (MASON)
7:45AM SUNDAY (BUNKERHILL)
OR
BY APPOINTMENT
CONTACT FATHER KUSI
KUSI@SAINTSJCC.ORG

^{**}Please note that Father still does Mass intentions in a private Mass. when no public Mass is held.

LITURGICAL LIFE

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

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 Reading

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?



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 25TH



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:42-44 Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 Eph 4:1-6 Jn 6:1-15

Monday

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday

Ex 34:29-35 Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 Mt 13:44-46

Thursday

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 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 Mt 13:54-58

Saturday

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

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



Stay

Anne M. Schmidt

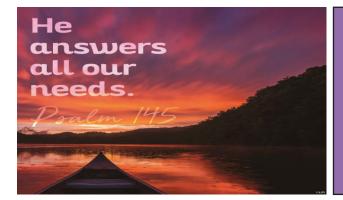
I really like going to a Saturday afternoon football game. I like dressing in my team's colors. I like the pre-game excitement as the band and the cheerleaders prepare us for the team to take the field. I like the few seconds just before kickoff when both teams are equals and the entire stadium applauds in unison. I like the camaraderie of the fans in our section as we anticipate and then cheer each play before quickly turning our heads to the big screen to watch the replay.

Inevitably, however, there comes a time in most games when my interest starts to wane, when one team has demonstrated its dominance over the other and the outcome is all but finalized. It's part way through the fourth quarter. Our food and our sodas are gone. We are feeling exhausted from the weather, be it the sun, rain or cold. The commercial timeouts are more frequent and noticeably longer, slowing down the game time. We are thinking of the long walk to the car, and the traffic upon leaving the parking lot. At some time before the end of the game, we get up to leave. We are not alone.

I've been thinking of this tendency to leave early while reflecting on the story of the loaves and fishes in today's Gospel reading. John tells us that a large crowd has followed Jesus, witnessing the signs he was performing on the sick. The crowd continues to follow Jesus up the mountain, at which point Jesus asks his disciple where they can get enough food for everyone to eat. "He said this to test him," John writes, 'because he himself knew what he was going to do." I have always thought that Jesus wanted to test his disciples but now, I wonder if he really wants to test me - the follower who has already witnessed many miracles; the tired person, feeling hungry and anxious about the long walk home and the many things at home left undone; the introvert who longs for solitude so that the full breadth of the day's events can be internalized and realized. There would be many reasons to leave and not recline on that mountain. Jesus knows that if we stay, we will experience the fullness of God's glory.

Much has been written on the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Today, for the first time, I hear Jesus saying, "Stay. Open your heart to the infinite possibilities of God's presence in your life."

I pray that I don't leave early.



Knights of Columbus Corner

Upcoming Events for Mason Council #9182



July 25 - After 8:30 AM Mass will be the Installation of Knights of Columbus Officers for Mason and Leslie Councils.

July 25 - 5:00 PM Mason Council K of C Officer's Meeting.

July 25 - 6:00 PM Knights Angles Meeting.

July 25 - 6:00 PM Regular Mason Council K of C meeting.

In the month of July there will be the Divine Mercy Chaplet prayers being said at 10:10 AM each Sunday morning before Mass.

Family Vocation Night at the Ballpark will be on August 13, with a 7:00 PM game at the Jackson National Ballpark. Tickets will be coming available. So mark your calendar!

The deadline for free membership has been extended to December 31, 2021. Join the Mason Knights of Columbus by going to kofc.org/joinus, and enter the password of MCGIVNEY2020. Once you are a member, we will get you into our council. If you sign up before December 31st, your dues will be free for all of 2021.

To learn more about Mason #9182 Knights of Columbus Council visit www.masonknights.org, or contact any council member at Church.



A portion of our 4% Christian Service Tithe has been sent to:

> Cardboard Prophets





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Last Week's Collections

July 18th \$6,896.00

Last Year \$7,036.00

(85 EFTs, 49 envelopes from 860 registered households)

517-676-9111

Fiscal Year to Date (since July 1st) \$2

since July 1st) \$27,096.12

Year to Date Last Year

\$31,423.76



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

We are considering homeschooling our children. Does this present a problem when it is time for them to receive the sacraments? What must we do?

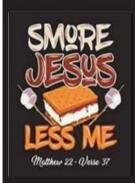
Answer:

Homeschooling is legal in all fifty states and like other types of education, has its advantages and its drawbacks. There are many factors to consider, and each family has to decide what the best way to educate its children is. With religious education, many dioceses have a formal policy that outlines procedures and expectations, some of which include more than just academic information. Call the religious education office to find out what they are for your area.

In general, though, an appointment with your parish priest to discuss your situation is the best first step. An opportunity to discuss what is available, what the expectations are for each sacrament, and how you can best prepare your child helps make your time of preparation more effective. The priest can direct you to good catechetical materials, parent information classes, and other choices and possibilities for your child. All parents need to be part of their child's religious education, taking a lead in instilling the values and beliefs of their faith.

Communication and information helps us all to teach and preach the Gospel as Jesus did.





ROCK & Encounter Youth Group Bonfire

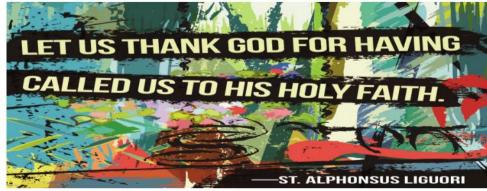
Mark your calendars, August 20th at C&C campus, starting at 7 pm

Bring a chair or a blanket to sit on, if you have a favorite roasting stick that too. S'more supplies provided

Let's all come together for S'more of Jesus







Smart Loving Fertility

An online course for learning how to manage fertility naturally in context of the Catholic faith. Based on the Sympto-Thermal method, the course incorporates a unique blend of scientific insights, relationship frameworks and Catholic Theology. From 16 July - 31 August you can register for the course at 50% off to celebrate Natural Fertility Awareness Week.



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READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!



SHARING THE GOSPEL

Jesus seemed to be surrounded by crowds a lot, didn't he? That's because no matter where he went, he helped people, he healed them, and he taught them about God. In today's Gospel reading, one crowd was following Jesus all day, and now they were getting hungry for dinner. Instead of sending them back home, Jesus showed everybody's God's amazing power. Jesus took a boy's lunch and made more than enough food for everybody to eat.

PRAYER

Dear God, help me always to remember that you have the power to give us more than we need. Amen.

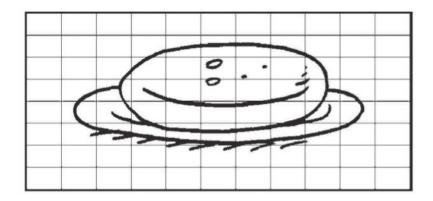
MISSION FOR THE WEEK

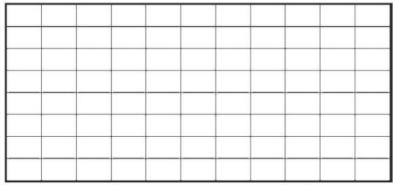
The boy in today's Gospel shared his lunch. You can share food, too. Bring boxed and canned food to a food pantry in your neighborhood, and ask God to bless the people who eat it.

KIDS CORNER



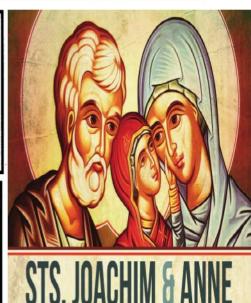
Try to draw the same bread by following the grid.













Women's Club Meeting Monday, July 26th at 6:00pm Keating Hall

All ladies of the parish are invited to attend!

The church gardens are in need of weeding. If you would like to help spruce up our grounds, there is a small group meeting in the gazebo garden on no-rain Mondays from 11:00-12:30. Bring rake, shovel, knee pads... whatever you think you will need. We have a wheelbarrow available to us.



Many hands make light work. Thank you! Please contact Paulette Fox at 517-676-1807 for more info.

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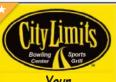
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