Saint Christina Parish of Turner County PO Box 610 Parker, South Dakota 57053 Sunday, August 1, 2021

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This is my final weekend away from you all. I will finally get to be with you in person the weekend of August 7th and 8th. My 30-Day long silent retreat ends on August 2nd. It will be good to finally be able to talk, listen to music and catch up on some Netflix! But mostly, it will be good to start my work as pastor in Parker and Tea. My favorite part of being a priest is celebrating the Sunday Eucharist with the people of God each week. I'm looking forward to being with you all each Sunday.

What makes Sunday so great? The biggest reason is what Jesus tells us today in the Gospel, "I am the Bread of Life; whoever comes to me will never hunger and whoever believes in me will never thirst." Sunday is the time when we get to gather as a community of believers around our common faith in Jesus as Lord. On Sunday, we get to worship God in the most perfect way possible by offering the Sacrifice of the Mass. On Sunday, we get to receive the Bread of Life by partaking of Jesus in Holy Communion. In other words, Sunday is the day when we can come to Jesus and never hunger, when we can believe in Jesus and never thirst. How amazing is that!

To be honest, I've never really understood the question of, "Why do I have to go to Mass every Sunday?" To me, that is like asking, "Why do I have to eat delicious meals?" or "Why do I have to be with the people I love?" or "Why do I have to be joyful?". It seems like the answer to all these is obvious. We do the things that make us happy. It is our nature. And true happiness is only found in relationship with God which grows the most by celebrating the Mass together.

This Sunday, as you gather for Mass and receive Jesus in the Eucharist, do not be afraid to bring all your hungers and thirsts to Jesus. We all have places in our lives where we feel like we are lacking what we need. The Bread of Life that we encounter on Sunday is meant to feed us with all that we need. This Sunday, I will be receiving the same Jesus in the same Eucharist. Let's stay united in the Bread of Life!

God bless,

Fr. Tyler

Liturgical Team:

++Sunday, August 8th, 11:00AM

Lector: Dick Luke
Eucharist Minister: Mary Miller
Servers: Ashlin & Jayden Jacobsen
Ushers: Mark Kasten, Rich Leber
Greeters/Gift Bearers: Fred Gullikson Family

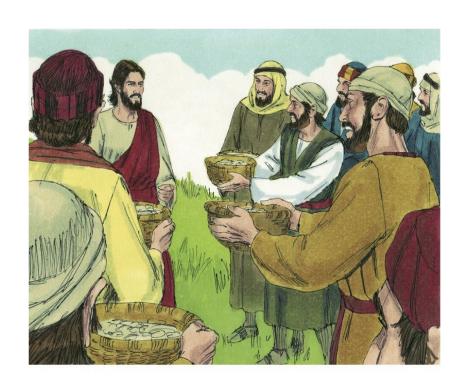
WEEKLY MASSES ---- St. Christina

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, August 1st: Mass 11:00AM

Holy Mass: Tuesday, August 3rd — 6:00PM Intention: Priests of the Diocese

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, August 8th: Mass 11:00AM

"For the bread from God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."



Sympathy and Prayers from St. Christina Parish to the family and friends of Randy Garry; sisters Mary Garry and Linda Kasten and sister-in-law Joyce Garry, brother-in-law and uncle to many family members. "Eternal Rest Unto Him, O Lord, May He Rest In Peace"

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Bud Ozar

In today's gospel Jesus tells us: "Do not work for what perishes." Give your life to what endures such as the family history you are creating, the love and mutual respect which bonds you together, the memories you share and the forgiveness generously given. These are the true treasures that are worth working and dying for. ++++++++

St. Christina Church Support: Deposited

Monday, July 26th, 2021:

30 Env. Reg. Giving \$2040.00; 1 Env. Fuel Fund \$100.00; Loose \$60.00; Candles \$3.00; 1 Env. Stipend \$10.00.

Wednesday, July 28th, 2021:

1 Env. Reg. Giving \$100.00 2 Masses \$20.00.

Thank You for your Generous Treasure.

New Liturgical Team Sign-Up Sheets: back table

Please Pray and think about signing up to assist at Mass and/or Religious Education classes for the coming year(s). The sheets request your Name and Phone Number and Email address.

Liturgical Team: Weekly: 1 Lector; 2 or 3 Ushers; 3 Servers; 4 Eucharistic Ministers; Greeters for each Entrance/Gift Bearers.

Religious Education: Kelly would like to have 1 or 2 Co-Directors assist her this year. Maybe Music — A Youth Choir Teachers possibly 2 for each Class.

Preschool Teachers and Helpers

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